

# Performance Indicators

In 2022, HSNS celebrated 59 years of providing audiology and speech-language pathology services to Nova Scotians.

This year, we saw the return of clinical activity to pre-pandemic levels. Despite ongoing stressors within healthcare and health human resources, HSNS provided services equivalent to those in 2019. Over and above these service levels, of particular note is the 35% increase in the number of children with autism that received services this year compared to last year. The additional resources provided through Provincial Preschool Autism Services helped us to achieve this outcome.

NOVA SCOTIANS WITH COMMUNICATION DISORDERS

100,000+



61%

of patient visits aged 16 years and younger

50%

of patient visits outside of HRM

30%

of visits with hospital inpatients

25,570

NOVA SCOTIANS RECEIVED SERVICES

7,746

infants had their hearing screened

401

clients with cochlear implants in active care

1,303

adults with stroke

935

children with autism in active care



57,906

TOTAL PATIENT VISITS

6,946

NUMBER OF TELEPRACTICE OR VIRTUAL CLIENT VISITS

Hearing and Speech Nova Scotia provides quality audiology services to all Nova Scotians and speech-language pathology services to preschool children, home schooled children and adults. Hearing and Speech Nova Scotia is accredited by Accreditation Canada and provides services from 35 clinics in 25 communities throughout Nova Scotia. Our Audiologists and Speech-Language Pathologists, licensed with the provincial regulatory college, received over 27,000 referrals in the past year from individuals, families, health care providers, educators, and other professionals. Most services are provided at no cost to Nova Scotia residents with a valid health card.