

Students in grades 6 to 12 who reported smoking cigarettes, in any amount, at present (smoking daily or occasionally)

Unit : %

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| Province | | | | |
| New Brunswick | 6.3 | 6.2 | 6.6 | 6.7 |
| Health zones | | | | |
| Zone 1 - Moncton and South-East Area | 4.5 | 4.9 | 5.6 | 5.8 |
| Zone 2 - Fundy Shore and Saint John Area | 6.9 | 6.9 | 6.8 | 7.0 |
| Zone 3 - Fredericton and River Valley Area | 7.1 | 7.2 | 7.1 | 7.4 |
| Zone 4 - Madawaska and North-West Area | S | 5.4 | 6.8 | 5.7 |
| Zone 5 - Restigouche Area | 9.8 | 7.9 | 9.0 | 9.0 |
| Zone 6 - Bathurst and Acadian Peninsula Area | 6.1 | 5.4 | 6.6 | 5.8 |
| Zone 7 - Miramichi Area | 8.9 | 7.1 | 8.7 | 8.4 |
| Communities | | | | |
| Bathurst, Beresford, Petit-Rocher Area | 5.8 | 5.0 | 5.4 | 5.4 |
| Bouctouche, Richibucto, Saint-Antoine Area | 7.3 | 7.4 | 8.2 | 8.0 |
| Campbellton, Atholville, Tide Head Area | 9.6 | 7.8 | 7.5 | 10.4 |
| Caraquet, Paquetville, Bertrand Area | 8.1 | 3.6 | 7.1 | 5.2 |
| Dalhousie, Balmoral, Belledune Area | 10.2 | 8.1 | 11.1 | 7.1 |
| Dieppe and Memramcook | 3.1 | 3.2 | 3.4 | 3.5 |
| Douglas, Saint Marys, Doaktown Area | 11.3 | 12.6 | 9.2 | 11.6 |
| Edmundston, Rivière-Verte, Lac Baker Area | S | 4.5 | 5.6 | 4.6 |
| Florenceville-Bristol, Woodstock, Wakefield Area | 8.5 | 7.1 | 7.5 | 8.8 |
| Fredericton | 5.4 | 5.6 | 5.7 | 5.9 |
| Grand Bay-Westfield, Westfield, Greenwich Area | n/a | n/a | n/a | n/a |

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| Grand Falls, Saint-Léonard, Drummond Area | 8.1 | 6.3 | 8.0 | 6.4 |
| Hillsborough, Riverside-Albert, Alma Area | 10.8 | 6.7 | 11.5 | 20.9 |
| Kedgwick, Saint-Quentin and Grimmer | S | 7.1 | 8.5 | 8.6 |
| Minto, Chipman, Cambridge-Narrows Area | 15.0 | 13.0 | 13.6 | 13.6 |
| Miramichi, Rogersville, Blackville Area | 8.8 | 7.1 | 8.8 | 8.6 |
| Moncton | 3.7 | 3.9 | 4.8 | 5.1 |
| Nackawic, McAdam, Canterbury Area | 13.7 | 11.8 | 12.1 | 9.3 |
| Neguac, Alnwick, Esgenoopetitj Area | 10.0 | 6.9 | 8.5 | 6.8 |
| New Maryland, Kingsclear, Lincoln Area | 2.3 | 4.4 | 4.2 | 5.6 |
| Oromocto, Gagetown, Fredericton Junction Area | 6.9 | 6.5 | 7.0 | 6.6 |
| Perth-Andover, Plaster Rock, Tobique Area | 13.6 | 14.3 | 13.0 | 11.7 |
| Quispamsis, Rothesay, Hampton Area | 7.6 | 6.5 | 6.8 | 5.4 |
| Riverview and Coverdale | 4.6 | 4.3 | 4.9 | 5.7 |
| Sackville, Dorchester, Port Elgin Area | 6.1 | 7.5 | 9.0 | 6.3 |
| Saint John, Simonds and Musquash | 6.2 | 6.3 | 6.6 | 7.1 |
| Salisbury and Petitcodiac | 8.2 | 10.4 | 11.2 | 9.8 |
| Shediac, Beaubassin East and Cap-Pelé | 3.8 | 6.0 | 4.8 | 4.6 |
| Shippagan, Lamèque, Inkerman Area | 7.3 | 6.8 | 9.2 | 8.0 |
| St. George, Grand Manan, Blacks Harbour Area | 10.5 | 8.2 | 8.5 | 7.0 |
| St. Stephen, Saint Andrews, Campobello Island Area | 7.4 | 10.0 | 6.3 | 10.1 |
| Sussex, Norton, Sussex Corner Area | 7.5 | 7.7 | 7.8 | 9.1 |
| Tracadie and Saint-Isidore | 4.8 | 6.4 | 6.6 | 5.5 |
| School districts | | | | |
| Anglophone East School District | 5.0 | 4.9 | 6.3 | 6.8 |

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| Anglophone North School District | 9.1 | 8.2 | 10.0 | 9.6 |
| Anglophone South School District | 7.1 | 7.0 | 6.8 | 7.1 |
| Anglophone West School District | 7.5 | 7.2 | 7.5 | 7.5 |
| Anglophone sector | 6.9 | 6.7 | 7.3 | 7.5 |
| District scolaire francophone Nord-Est | 6.7 | 5.6 | 6.6 | 6.2 |
| District scolaire francophone Nord-Ouest | S | 5.5 | 6.7 | 5.6 |
| District scolaire francophone Sud | 3.2 | 4.1 | 3.6 | 3.5 |
| Francophone sector | 4.8 | 4.8 | 5.0 | 4.7 |
| Grades | | | | |
| Grades 6 to 8 | 2.5 | 2.6 | 2.8 | 2.8 |
| Grades 9 to 12 | 8.9 | 8.8 | 9.4 | 9.4 |
| Gender | | | | |
| Female | 5.3 | 5.0 | 6.0 | 5.7 |
| Male | 6.8 | 6.6 | 6.8 | 7.0 |
| Non-binary | 16.5 | 16.4 | 14.1 | 11.0 |
| Sex at birth | | | | |
| Female | 5.4 | 5.3 | 6.4 | 6.0 |
| Male | 6.9 | 6.8 | 6.8 | 7.1 |
| 2SLGBTQIA+ status | | | | |
| 2SLGBTQIA+ | 10.3 | 10.2 | 10.9 | 9.3 |
| Indigenous identity | | | | |
| Indigenous | 13.2 | 13.5 | 15.0 | 15.2 |
| Immigrant | | | | |

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| Immigrants | 4.7 | 4.5 | 5.0 | 4.8 |
| Disability or special need | | | | |
| Disability or special need | 10.4 | 11.4 | 11.4 | n/a |
| Racialized groups | | | | |
| Racialized groups | 5.5 | 5.7 | 6.0 | n/a |
| Socioeconomic status | | | | |
| High socioeconomic status | 5.3 | n/a | n/a | n/a |
| Low socioeconomic status | 9.7 | n/a | n/a | n/a |

About

This indicator is the percentage of students in grades 6 to 12 who reported smoking cigarettes, in any amount, at present (smoking daily or occasionally). This indicator includes tobacco cigarettes that are bought ready-made and cigarettes that students make themselves. It does not include e-cigarettes, vaping devices and other tobacco products.

Source

Student Wellness and Education Survey, Grades 6-12

Calculations

This indicator is calculated by dividing the number of respondents who answered "less than once a week, at least once a week, but not every day or every day" by the number of respondents who answered "less than once a week, at least once a week, but not every day, every day or I do not smoke" to the question: How often do you smoke at present?

Notes

Due to a low school participation rate in some areas of the province for the 2025-2026 edition of this survey, survey results are not available for District scolaire francophone Nord-Ouest (school district), Madawaska and North-West Area (health zone), Kedgwick, Saint-Quentin and Grimmer (community), and Edmundston, Rivière-Verte, Lac Baker Area (community). Users are advised to exercise caution if comparing data from the community of Grand Bay-Westfield, Westfield, Greenwich Area to other New Brunswick communities. The data for the community of Grand Bay-Westfield, Westfield, Greenwich Area is based on students in grades 6 to 8, while data from the other communities are based on students in grades 6 to 12. Survey results are assigned to communities based on the location of the school. The community of Grand Bay-Westfield, Westfield, Greenwich Area does not have any schools with grades 9 to 12.

Unit

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Interpretation

Lower is better

NBHC code

SH_SMO09_1

Caption

n/a = Not applicable / not available

S = Data suppressed due to confidentiality requirements and/or small sample size