

## Average age at which students in grade 12 drank alcohol (more than a sip) for the first time

Unit : Number

	Academic Year 2023-2024	Academic Year 2021-2022	Academic Year 2018-2019	Academic Year 2015-2016
<b>Province</b>				
New Brunswick	14.1	14.1	14.5	13.3
<b>Health zones</b>				
Zone 1 - Moncton and South-East Area	14.3	14.2	14.5	13.5
Zone 2 - Fundy Shore and Saint John Area	14.1	14.1	14.6	13.5
Zone 3 - Fredericton and River Valley Area	14.0	14.0	14.4	13.2
Zone 4 - Madawaska and North-West Area	14.0	13.8	14.8	13.2
Zone 5 - Restigouche Area	13.6	14.2	14.0	13.3
Zone 6 - Bathurst and Acadian Peninsula Area	14.0	14.3	14.7	13.1
Zone 7 - Miramichi Area	13.9	14.1	14.4	13.1
<b>Communities</b>				
Bathurst, Beresford, Petit-Rocher Area	14.1	14.5	14.9	13.6
Bouctouche, Richibucto, Saint-Antoine Area	14.1	14.2	14.6	13.4
Campbellton, Atholville, Tide Head Area	13.9	14.1	13.8	13.2
Caraquet, Paquetville, Bertrand Area	14.5	14.0	14.3	S
Dalhousie, Balmoral, Belledune Area	13.3	14.2	14.4	13.4
Dieppe and Memramcook	14.4	14.4	14.7	13.6
Douglas, Saint Marys, Doaktown Area	S	S	14.4	S
Edmundston, Rivière-Verte, Lac Baker Area	14.1	14.1	14.7	13.3
Florenceville-Bristol, Woodstock, Wakefield Area	13.9	14.0	14.0	13.3
Fredericton	14.1	14.4	14.7	13.5
Grand Bay-Westfield, Westfield, Greenwich Area	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Grand Falls, Saint-Léonard, Drummond Area	14.1	13.8	S	13.4
Hillsborough, Riverside-Albert, Alma Area	S	14.1	13.7	12.6
Kedgwick, Saint-Quentin and Grimmer	13.2	12.6	S	12.3
Minto, Chipman, Cambridge-Narrows Area	14.1	S	13.4	13.0
Miramichi, Rogersville, Blackville Area	13.9	14.1	14.4	13.1
Moncton	14.3	14.2	14.5	13.7
Nackawic, McAdam, Canterbury Area	13.5	13.6	14.3	13.3
Neguac, Alnwick, Esgenoopetitj Area	S	13.9	S	S
New Maryland, Kingsclear, Lincoln Area	S	S	S	12.8
Oromocto, Gagetown, Fredericton Junction Area	13.8	13.3	14.4	12.9
Perth-Andover, Plaster Rock, Tobique Area	13.5	13.9	13.8	12.8
Quispamsis, Rothesay, Hampton Area	14.0	14.3	14.6	13.5
Riverview and Coverdale	14.6	14.2	14.5	13.4
Sackville, Dorchester, Port Elgin Area	14.5	13.4	14.5	13.3
Saint John, Simonds and Musquash	14.2	14.0	14.7	13.5
Salisbury and Petitcodiac	13.9	13.4	14.2	13.1
Shediac, Beaubassin East and Cap-Pelé	14.4	14.7	14.3	13.9
Shippagan, Lamèque, Inkerman Area	13.5	14.2	13.7	12.8
St. George, Grand Manan, Blacks Harbour Area	13.8	13.6	14.4	13.5
St. Stephen, Saint Andrews, Campobello Island Area	14.3	14.7	14.5	13.3
Sussex, Norton, Sussex Corner Area	13.6	14.2	13.9	13.4
Tracadie and Saint-Isidore	14.0	14.3	15.0	13.1
<b>School districts</b>				
Anglophone East School District	14.3	13.9	14.4	13.4

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Anglophone North School District	13.9	14.2	14.4	13.2
Anglophone South School District	14.1	14.1	14.5	13.4
Anglophone West School District	14.0	13.9	14.4	13.2
Anglophone sector	14.0	14.0	14.5	13.3
District scolaire francophone Nord-Est	13.9	14.3	14.5	13.1
District scolaire francophone Nord-Ouest	13.9	13.8	14.8	13.2
District scolaire francophone Sud	14.3	14.6	14.7	13.7
Francophone sector	14.1	14.3	14.6	13.3
<b>Grades</b>				
Grades 6 to 8	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Grades 9 to 12	14.1	14.1	14.5	13.3
<b>Gender</b>				
Female	14.2	14.3	n/a	n/a
Male	13.9	13.9	n/a	n/a
Non-binary	13.5	13.9	n/a	n/a
<b>Sex at birth</b>				
Female	14.2	14.3	14.8	n/a
Male	13.9	13.9	14.2	n/a
<b>2SLGBTQIA+ status</b>				
2SLGBTQIA+	14.0	14.1	n/a	n/a
<b>Indigenous identity</b>				
Indigenous	13.4	13.7	14.3	13.0
<b>Immigrant</b>				

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Immigrants	13.8	14.2	14.4	n/a
<b>Disability or special need</b>				
Disability or special need	13.6	n/a	n/a	n/a
<b>Racialized groups</b>				
Racialized groups	13.9	n/a	n/a	n/a

**About**

This indicator is the average age at which students in grade 12 drank alcohol (more than a sip) for the first time.

**Source**

Student Wellness and Education Survey - Grades 6-12

**Calculations**

This indicator is based on respondents who are in grade 12. This indicator is calculated by doing the "sum of the values" divided by "number of values" to the question: At what age did you first do the following things? If there is something you have not done, choose the 'never' category: a) Drink alcohol (more than a sip)

**Notes**

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	Interpretation	NBHC code
Number	Higher is better	SH_ALC01_1

**Caption**

n/a = Not applicable / not available  
S = Data suppressed due to confidentiality requirements and/or small sample size