

Average age at which students in grade 12 reported they 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
Province				
New Brunswick	14.1	14.1	14.5	13.3
Health zones				
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
Communities				
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 Falls, Saint-Léonard, Drummond Area	14.1	13.8	S	13.4

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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
School districts				
Anglophone East School District	14.3	13.9	14.4	13.4
Anglophone North School District	13.9	14.2	14.4	13.2

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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

Grades

Grades 6 to 8	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Grades 9 to 12	14.1	14.1	14.5	13.3

Gender

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

Sex at birth

Female	14.2	14.3	14.8	n/a
Male	13.9	13.9	14.2	n/a

2SLGBTQIA+ status

2SLGBTQIA+	14.0	14.1	n/a	n/a
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Indigenous identity

Indigenous	13.4	13.7	14.3	13.0
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Immigrant

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

About

This indicator is the average age at which students in grade 12 reported they 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