

Students in grades 7 to 12 who reported having had a drink of alcohol in the last 12 months that was more than a sip

Unit : %

	Academic Year 2025-2026	Academic Year 2024-2025	Academic Year 2023-2024	Academic Year 2022-2023
Province				
New Brunswick	28.1	28.7	33.0	33.0
Health zones				
Zone 1 - Moncton and South-East Area	24.4	25.0	29.9	30.2
Zone 2 - Fundy Shore and Saint John Area	25.8	26.0	31.8	30.9
Zone 3 - Fredericton and River Valley Area	26.3	27.4	31.3	30.2
Zone 4 - Madawaska and North-West Area	S	41.5	42.7	44.0
Zone 5 - Restigouche Area	36.2	35.4	40.0	41.3
Zone 6 - Bathurst and Acadian Peninsula Area	38.9	38.2	42.8	43.1
Zone 7 - Miramichi Area	33.8	34.9	34.9	38.8
Communities				
Bathurst, Beresford, Petit-Rocher Area	34.6	33.9	37.7	40.3
Bouctouche, Richibucto, Saint-Antoine Area	38.6	37.7	40.2	42.4
Campbellton, Atholville, Tide Head Area	33.8	34.9	39.7	40.1
Caraquet, Paquetville, Bertrand Area	46.2	34.7	45.4	42.5
Dalhousie, Balmoral, Belledune Area	40.0	36.2	40.6	43.1
Dieppe and Memramcook	27.8	29.3	33.5	33.8
Douglas, Saint Marys, Doaktown Area	34.9	38.3	38.1	32.8
Edmundston, Rivière-Verte, Lac Baker Area	S	41.5	42.3	42.6
Florenceville-Bristol, Woodstock, Wakefield Area	30.2	31.2	33.8	30.7
Fredericton	21.7	22.3	28.6	28.6
Grand Bay-Westfield, Westfield, Greenwich Area	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a

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Grand Falls, Saint-Léonard, Drummond Area	45.3	36.5	38.8	40.6
Hillsborough, Riverside-Albert, Alma Area	40.8	28.7	45.5	45.1
Kedgwick, Saint-Quentin and Grimmer	S	54.1	54.9	59.1
Minto, Chipman, Cambridge-Narrows Area	38.9	36.2	39.5	35.7
Miramichi, Rogersville, Blackville Area	33.4	34.6	35.0	39.4
Moncton	17.6	17.0	24.6	24.0
Nackawic, McAdam, Canterbury Area	38.4	34.0	41.6	36.1
Neguac, Alnwick, Esgenoopetitj Area	37.5	37.5	34.0	33.9
New Maryland, Kingsclear, Lincoln Area	17.7	24.0	22.6	24.9
Oromocto, Gagetown, Fredericton Junction Area	29.1	28.3	30.0	28.4
Perth-Andover, Plaster Rock, Tobique Area	39.1	44.5	44.3	40.5
Quispamsis, Rothesay, Hampton Area	30.7	30.6	34.5	31.5
Riverview and Coverdale	25.2	27.7	28.1	30.0
Sackville, Dorchester, Port Elgin Area	29.4	33.4	32.6	31.1
Saint John, Simonds and Musquash	23.1	21.8	30.2	30.1
Salisbury and Petitcodiac	37.4	38.3	39.9	37.7
Shediac, Beaubassin East and Cap-Pelé	29.4	28.0	33.2	35.8
Shippagan, Lamèque, Inkerman Area	38.4	44.3	48.5	46.9
St. George, Grand Manan, Blacks Harbour Area	27.9	27.0	33.9	31.9
St. Stephen, Saint Andrews, Campobello Island Area	24.5	28.5	29.2	33.6
Sussex, Norton, Sussex Corner Area	29.1	28.6	35.8	33.4
Tracadie and Saint-Isidore	42.8	44.5	47.0	46.3
School districts				
Anglophone East School District	22.5	22.6	28.7	28.0

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Anglophone North School District	33.5	34.9	36.7	39.9
Anglophone South School District	26.4	26.5	32.3	31.1
Anglophone West School District	26.9	27.8	31.9	30.6
Anglophone sector	26.4	27.0	31.8	31.2
District scolaire francophone Nord-Est	40.4	39.6	43.2	42.8
District scolaire francophone Nord-Ouest	S	44.1	44.9	45.8
District scolaire francophone Sud	24.4	25.1	29.2	31.5
Francophone sector	32.3	33.1	36.1	37.6
Grades				
Grades 6 to 8	7.4	8.4	10.3	9.5
Grades 9 to 12	37.9	39.1	43.9	44.3
Gender				
Female	30.0	30.7	37.1	36.1
Male	26.5	26.9	29.6	30.5
Non-binary	31.9	30.2	33.4	30.9
Sex at birth				
Female	29.5	30.2	36.3	35.1
Male	26.3	26.9	29.4	30.7
2SLGBTQIA+ status				
2SLGBTQIA+	30.0	31.5	36.9	32.9
Indigenous identity				
Indigenous	34.6	35.5	40.3	40.7
Immigrant				

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Immigrants	14.4	16.1	21.2	22.2
Disability or special need				
Disability or special need	27.1	27.5	30.1	n/a
Racialized groups				
Racialized groups	14.7	16.2	21.1	n/a
Socioeconomic status				
High socioeconomic status	30.4	n/a	n/a	n/a
Low socioeconomic status	25.6	n/a	n/a	n/a

About

This indicator is the percentage of students in grades 7 to 12 who reported having had a drink of alcohol in the last 12 months that was more than a sip.

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 month, once a month, 2-3 times a month, once a week, 2-3 times a week, 4-6 times a week or every day" by the number of respondents who answered "I have never had alcohol, I have done this, but not in the last 12 months, less than once a month, once a month, 2-3 times a month, once a week, 2-3 times a week, 4-6 times a week or every day" to the question: In the last 12 months, how often did you drink alcohol (more than a sip)?

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	Interpretation	NBHC code
%	Lower is better	SH_ALC03_2

Caption

n/a = Not applicable / not available

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