

Students in grades 7 to 12 who reported having ever used alcohol

Unit : %

	Academic Year 2025-2026	Academic Year 2024-2025	Academic Year 2023-2024	Academic Year 2022-2023
Province				
New Brunswick	37.4	38.3	43.3	43.6
Health zones				
Zone 1 - Moncton and South-East Area	33.3	33.7	39.5	39.8
Zone 2 - Fundy Shore and Saint John Area	35.2	35.7	41.9	42.3
Zone 3 - Fredericton and River Valley Area	35.5	37.7	42.1	41.0
Zone 4 - Madawaska and North-West Area	S	52.2	54.3	56.0
Zone 5 - Restigouche Area	45.7	45.3	51.2	52.9
Zone 6 - Bathurst and Acadian Peninsula Area	49.1	48.6	53.4	54.6
Zone 7 - Miramichi Area	43.7	43.8	44.9	47.1
Communities				
Bathurst, Beresford, Petit-Rocher Area	44.1	43.6	48.4	50.5
Bouctouche, Richibucto, Saint-Antoine Area	48.0	44.8	49.9	52.4
Campbellton, Atholville, Tide Head Area	44.3	45.8	52.1	52.3
Caraquet, Paquetville, Bertrand Area	56.9	46.8	56.3	57.1
Dalhousie, Balmoral, Belledune Area	47.7	44.7	49.7	53.8
Dieppe and Memramcook	33.5	35.0	39.0	39.2
Douglas, Saint Marys, Doaktown Area	46.6	51.4	50.6	43.9
Edmundston, Rivière-Verte, Lac Baker Area	S	51.7	54.2	55.7
Florenceville-Bristol, Woodstock, Wakefield Area	40.8	42.4	46.1	43.1
Fredericton	29.7	31.4	38.3	38.0
Grand Bay-Westfield, Westfield, Greenwich Area	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Grand Falls, Saint-Léonard, Drummond Area	54.8	47.3	51.0	51.5

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Hillsborough, Riverside-Albert, Alma Area	50.3	45.1	57.8	52.7
Kedgwick, Saint-Quentin and Grimmer	S	66.8	64.1	70.3
Minto, Chipman, Cambridge-Narrows Area	51.3	46.5	50.1	48.4
Miramichi, Rogersville, Blackville Area	43.5	43.4	45.3	47.5
Moncton	26.4	25.8	34.9	33.9
Nackawic, McAdam, Canterbury Area	47.4	48.3	51.1	50.4
Neguac, Alnwick, Esgenoopetitj Area	45.4	46.8	42.0	43.6
New Maryland, Kingsclear, Lincoln Area	24.9	30.4	35.5	33.4
Oromocto, Gagetown, Fredericton Junction Area	40.1	40.6	41.8	40.9
Perth-Andover, Plaster Rock, Tobique Area	49.0	54.2	58.6	51.9
Quispamsis, Rothesay, Hampton Area	38.3	39.3	44.3	41.4
Riverview and Coverdale	35.2	36.7	36.9	43.2
Sackville, Dorchester, Port Elgin Area	41.2	45.3	47.7	40.5
Saint John, Simonds and Musquash	32.6	32.0	40.3	42.0
Salisbury and Petitcodiac	47.4	48.5	50.6	50.0
Shediac, Beaubassin East and Cap-Pelé	40.2	39.3	41.8	44.8
Shippagan, Lamèque, Inkerman Area	49.7	56.1	58.9	58.1
St. George, Grand Manan, Blacks Harbour Area	39.4	37.4	43.8	42.5
St. Stephen, Saint Andrews, Campobello Island Area	35.6	37.4	39.0	45.5
Sussex, Norton, Sussex Corner Area	39.9	39.8	46.4	47.0
Tracadie and Saint-Isidore	53.0	54.3	57.4	58.5
School districts				
Anglophone East School District	32.3	32.4	39.9	39.4
Anglophone North School District	43.6	44.4	48.2	50.2

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Anglophone South School District	35.8	36.4	42.5	42.7
Anglophone West School District	36.4	38.3	43.2	41.6
Anglophone sector	36.0	37.0	42.7	42.4
District scolaire francophone Nord-Est	50.6	49.6	53.3	54.2
District scolaire francophone Nord-Ouest	S	54.3	56.2	57.6
District scolaire francophone Sud	31.7	32.3	35.8	38.2
Francophone sector	40.8	41.7	44.6	46.7
Grades				
Grades 6 to 8	16.7	17.6	20.6	20.2
Grades 9 to 12	47.2	48.9	54.1	54.9
Gender				
Female	38.7	40.0	46.5	45.8
Male	36.0	36.5	40.4	41.3
Non-binary	45.0	44.7	47.9	46.4
Sex at birth				
Female	38.7	40.0	46.3	45.5
Male	35.8	36.4	40.0	41.5
2SLGBTQIA+ status				
2SLGBTQIA+	44.4	44.3	51.2	46.2
Indigenous identity				
Indigenous	47.7	47.7	53.7	53.8
Immigrant				
Immigrants	24.0	24.9	31.8	33.7

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Disability or special need				
Disability or special need	39.0	39.5	43.4	n/a
Racialized groups				
Racialized groups	24.4	25.1	31.7	n/a
Socioeconomic status				
High socioeconomic status	37.7	n/a	n/a	n/a
Low socioeconomic status	37.8	n/a	n/a	n/a

About

This indicator is the percentage of students in grades 7 to 12 who reported having ever used alcohol.

Source

Student Wellness and Education Survey, Grades 6-12

Calculations

This indicator is calculated by dividing the number of respondents who answered "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" 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_3

Caption

n/a = Not applicable / not available

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