

Average age at which students in grade 12 reported they first used cannabis

Unit : Number

	Academic Year 2023-2024	Academic Year 2021-2022	Academic Year 2018-2019	Academic Year 2015-2016
Province				
New Brunswick	14.5	14.8	15.0	13.7
Health zones				
Zone 1 - Moncton and South-East Area	14.8	14.7	15.2	13.8
Zone 2 - Fundy Shore and Saint John Area	14.4	14.8	15.0	13.6
Zone 3 - Fredericton and River Valley Area	14.5	14.6	14.8	13.6
Zone 4 - Madawaska and North-West Area	14.9	15.0	15.5	13.8
Zone 5 - Restigouche Area	13.9	15.1	14.8	13.6
Zone 6 - Bathurst and Acadian Peninsula Area	14.7	15.2	15.4	13.9
Zone 7 - Miramichi Area	14.3	14.7	14.9	13.4
Communities				
Bathurst, Beresford, Petit-Rocher Area	14.6	14.9	15.4	14.0
Bouctouche, Richibucto, Saint-Antoine Area	14.6	14.5	14.9	13.8
Campbellton, Atholville, Tide Head Area	14.5	S	15.0	S
Caraquet, Paquetville, Bertrand Area	S	15.4	S	S
Dalhousie, Balmoral, Belledune Area	13.0	S	S	S
Dieppe and Memramcook	15.2	14.7	15.6	14.2
Douglas, Saint Marys, Doaktown Area	S	S	S	S
Edmundston, Rivière-Verte, Lac Baker Area	15.1	15.2	15.4	13.9
Florenceville-Bristol, Woodstock, Wakefield Area	14.1	14.5	14.9	13.6
Fredericton	14.8	14.9	15.1	13.8
Grand Falls, Saint-Léonard, Drummond Area	15.1	14.8	S	13.7
Hillsborough, Riverside-Albert, Alma Area	S	S	S	S

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Kedgwick, Saint-Quentin and Grimmer	S	S	S	S
Minto, Chipman, Cambridge-Narrows Area	S	S	14.0	13.4
Miramichi, Rogersville, Blackville Area	14.2	14.6	14.9	13.4
Moncton	15.0	15.0	15.2	13.8
Nackawic, McAdam, Canterbury Area	S	14.1	14.6	13.6
Neguac, Alnwick, Esgenooetitj Area	S	S	S	S
New Maryland, Kingsclear, Lincoln Area	S	S	S	S
Oromocto, Gagetown, Fredericton Junction Area	14.4	14.1	14.5	13.6
Perth-Andover, Plaster Rock, Tobique Area	13.9	14.9	S	13.4
Quispamsis, Rothesay, Hampton Area	14.2	15.0	15.3	13.6
Riverview and Coverdale	S	14.6	14.9	13.5
Sackville, Dorchester, Port Elgin Area	S	14.9	15.3	S
Saint John, Simonds and Musquash	14.5	14.6	15.1	13.6
Salisbury and Petitcodiac	S	14.2	14.8	13.7
Shediac, Beaubassin East and Cap-Pelé	S	S	S	S
Shippagan, Lamèque, Inkerman Area	S	S	S	S
St. George, Grand Manan, Blacks Harbour Area	S	S	14.8	13.4
St. Stephen, Saint Andrews, Campobello Island Area	14.8	S	14.6	13.8
Sussex, Norton, Sussex Corner Area	14.0	14.9	14.3	13.9
Tracadie and Saint-Isidore	15.1	15.3	S	S

School districts

Anglophone East School District	14.7	14.7	15.1	13.6
Anglophone North School District	14.2	14.5	15.0	13.6
Anglophone South School District	14.4	14.8	15.0	13.6

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Anglophone West School District	14.5	14.5	14.8	13.6
Anglophone sector	14.5	14.7	15.0	13.6
District scolaire francophone Nord-Est	14.5	15.4	15.3	13.8
District scolaire francophone Nord-Ouest	14.8	15.1	15.5	13.9
District scolaire francophone Sud	14.9	15.2	15.3	14.0
Francophone sector	14.8	15.2	15.3	13.9

Grades

Grades 6 to 8	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Grades 9 to 12	14.5	14.8	15.0	13.7

Gender

Female	14.7	15.0	n/a	n/a
Male	14.4	14.6	n/a	n/a
Non-binary	13.4	14.6	n/a	n/a

Sex at birth

Female	14.7	15.0	15.3	n/a
Male	14.4	14.6	14.8	n/a

2SLGBTQIA+ status

2SLGBTQIA+	14.7	14.8	n/a	n/a
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Indigenous identity

Indigenous	13.8	14.2	14.4	13.1
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Immigrant

Immigrants	14.7	15.3	15.2	n/a
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Disability or special need

	Academic Year 2023-2024	Academic Year 2021-2022	Academic Year 2018-2019	Academic Year 2015-2016
Disability or special need	14.1	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 first used cannabis. This indicator includes marijuana, any other products made from the cannabis plant such as dry cannabis and cannabis that is mixed or processed into another product.

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. d) Use marijuana

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_MAR01_1

Caption

n/a = Not applicable / not available

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