

Students in grades 6 to 12 who reported that they have tried cigarette smoking, even just a few puffs

Unit : %

	Academic Year 2025-2026	Academic Year 2023-2024	Academic Year 2021-2022	Academic Year 2018-2019
Province				
New Brunswick	14.4	16.0	15.7	21.6
Health zones				
Zone 1 - Moncton and South-East Area	11.6	13.7	13.0	18.5
Zone 2 - Fundy Shore and Saint John Area	15.2	16.6	16.0	22.3
Zone 3 - Fredericton and River Valley Area	15.3	16.6	16.4	22.7
Zone 4 - Madawaska and North-West Area	S	16.8	17.3	22.5
Zone 5 - Restigouche Area	19.7	20.6	20.7	26.5
Zone 6 - Bathurst and Acadian Peninsula Area	15.3	16.6	16.8	21.5
Zone 7 - Miramichi Area	19.9	19.6	20.5	25.6
Communities				
Bathurst, Beresford, Petit-Rocher Area	14.8	14.2	15.7	21.7
Bouctouche, Richibucto, Saint-Antoine Area	16.8	20.2	20.3	26.7
Campbellton, Atholville, Tide Head Area	19.6	20.3	18.6	28.0
Caraquet, Paquetville, Bertrand Area	16.4	18.4	19.1	23.6
Dalhousie, Balmoral, Belledune Area	19.9	21.1	23.8	24.4
Dieppe and Memramcook	7.0	8.6	6.9	12.1
Douglas, Saint Marys, Doaktown Area	23.2	20.9	20.2	25.9
Edmundston, Rivière-Verte, Lac Baker Area	S	14.0	14.4	21.8
Florenceville-Bristol, Woodstock, Wakefield Area	16.9	17.3	21.7	25.0
Fredericton	11.7	13.6	12.2	18.4
Grand Bay-Westfield, Westfield, Greenwich Area	n/a	n/a	4.8	3.8

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Grand Falls, Saint-Léonard, Drummond Area	15.9	18.4	18.1	16.0
Hillsborough, Riverside-Albert, Alma Area	29.6	26.6	24.9	26.1
Kedgwick, Saint-Quentin and Grimmer	S	24.4	29.7	32.6
Minto, Chipman, Cambridge-Narrows Area	28.9	27.6	22.4	25.0
Miramichi, Rogersville, Blackville Area	19.8	19.9	20.8	27.1
Moncton	10.1	12.4	11.5	16.2
Nackawic, McAdam, Canterbury Area	26.4	25.4	26.9	33.6
Neguac, Alnwick, Esgenoopetitj Area	20.7	17.2	18.2	12.2
New Maryland, Kingsclear, Lincoln Area	7.0	10.4	14.0	24.0
Oromocto, Gagetown, Fredericton Junction Area	16.7	17.2	15.9	25.7
Perth-Andover, Plaster Rock, Tobique Area	28.0	30.0	30.5	30.2
Quispamsis, Rothesay, Hampton Area	15.2	15.6	14.4	17.5
Riverview and Coverdale	12.3	12.3	13.0	20.4
Sackville, Dorchester, Port Elgin Area	16.1	18.7	14.9	18.2
Saint John, Simonds and Musquash	14.4	16.8	17.1	25.3
Salisbury and Petitcodiac	19.5	21.8	20.0	29.2
Shediac, Beaubassin East and Cap-Pelé	9.9	11.5	12.4	17.9
Shippagan, Lamèque, Inkerman Area	18.4	22.5	19.8	25.3
St. George, Grand Manan, Blacks Harbour Area	19.9	21.0	17.2	23.1
St. Stephen, Saint Andrews, Campobello Island Area	17.1	15.9	16.6	24.0
Sussex, Norton, Sussex Corner Area	16.8	18.9	16.9	25.2
Tracadie and Saint-Isidore	13.4	16.0	15.5	17.7
School districts				
Anglophone East School District	13.2	15.3	14.3	20.1

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Anglophone North School District	21.3	23.3	23.8	31.3
Anglophone South School District	15.6	16.9	16.2	22.8
Anglophone West School District	16.0	17.5	17.1	23.2
Anglophone sector	15.8	17.4	16.9	23.3
District scolaire francophone Nord-Est	15.2	16.3	16.0	19.4
District scolaire francophone Nord-Ouest	S	16.4	17.3	23.0
District scolaire francophone Sud	7.5	8.6	9.0	13.5
Francophone sector	11.0	12.3	12.7	17.2
Grades				
Grades 6 to 8	5.9	6.9	6.6	7.3
Grades 9 to 12	20.2	22.4	22.5	31.3
Gender				
Female	14.4	16.3	15.4	n/a
Male	13.9	15.2	15.0	n/a
Non-binary	25.5	25.3	22.0	n/a
Sex at birth				
Female	14.7	16.8	16.1	20.8
Male	13.9	15.0	15.1	22.4
2SLGBTQIA+ status				
2SLGBTQIA+	22.5	23.9	20.5	n/a
Indigenous identity				
Indigenous	26.9	30.9	29.2	32.1
Immigrant				

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Immigrants	11.5	13.4	13.7	19.6
Disability or special need				
Disability or special need	20.6	21.8	n/a	n/a
Racialized groups				
Racialized groups	11.1	13.7	n/a	n/a
Socioeconomic status				
High socioeconomic status	11.7	n/a	n/a	n/a
Low socioeconomic status	20.3	n/a	n/a	n/a

About

This indicator is the percentage of students in grades 6 to 12 who reported that they have tried cigarette smoking, even just a few puffs.

Source

Student Wellness and Education Survey, Grades 6-12

Calculations

This indicator is calculated by dividing the number of respondents who answered "yes" by the number of respondents who answered "yes or no" to the question: Have you ever tried cigarette smoking, even just a few puffs?

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_SMO01_1

Caption

n/a = Not applicable / not available

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