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