

Average age at which students in grade 12 reported that they smoked a cigarette (more than a puff) for the first time

Unit : Number

Province	Academic Year 2023-2024	Academic Year 2021-2022	Academic Year 2018-2019	Academic Year 2015-2016
	14.1	14.2	14.7	13.4
Health zones				
Zone 1 - Moncton and South-East Area	14.5	14.3	14.8	13.7
Zone 2 - Fundy Shore and Saint John Area	13.7	14.3	14.7	13.6
Zone 3 - Fredericton and River Valley Area	14.0	13.8	14.6	13.2
Zone 4 - Madawaska and North-West Area	14.6	14.1	15.3	13.4
Zone 5 - Restigouche Area	13.6	13.6	13.8	13.0
Zone 6 - Bathurst and Acadian Peninsula Area	14.3	14.7	15.0	13.5
Zone 7 - Miramichi Area	14.0	13.9	14.9	13.0
Communities				
Bathurst, Beresford, Petit-Rocher Area	14.2	14.8	15.3	13.6
Bouctouche, Richibucto, Saint-Antoine Area	14.0	14.5	14.8	13.6
Campbellton, Atholville, Tide Head Area	S	S	13.7	S
Caraquet, Paquetville, Bertrand Area	S	14.4	S	S
Dalhousie, Balmoral, Belledune Area	S	S	S	S
Dieppe and Memramcook	14.9	S	15.5	14.1
Douglas, Saint Marys, Doaktown Area	S	S	S	S
Edmundston, Rivière-Verte, Lac Baker Area	14.7	14.0	15.5	13.9
Florenceville-Bristol, Woodstock, Wakefield Area	13.2	13.6	14.7	13.3
Fredericton	14.4	14.3	15.0	13.7
Grand Falls, Saint-Léonard, Drummond Area	S	S	S	13.1

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Hillsborough, Riverside-Albert, Alma Area	S	S	S	S
Kedgwick, Saint-Quentin and Grimmer	S	S	S	S
Minto, Chipman, Cambridge-Narrows Area	S	S	S	12.8
Miramichi, Rogersville, Blackville Area	14.0	13.9	14.9	13.0
Moncton	14.7	14.4	14.9	13.6
Nackawic, McAdam, Canterbury Area	S	S	S	12.7
Neguac, Alnwick, Esgenoopetitj Area	S	S	S	S
New Maryland, Kingsclear, Lincoln Area	S	S	S	S
Oromocto, Gagetown, Fredericton Junction Area	14.1	13.9	14.0	13.2
Perth-Andover, Plaster Rock, Tobique Area	S	14.2	S	12.9
Quispamsis, Rothesay, Hampton Area	13.8	14.3	15.2	13.7
Riverview and Coverdale	S	14.4	14.9	13.7
Sackville, Dorchester, Port Elgin Area	S	S	S	S
Saint John, Simonds and Musquash	13.8	14.0	14.7	13.5
Salisbury and Petitcodiac	S	14.3	13.9	13.6
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	S	13.1
St. Stephen, Saint Andrews, Campobello Island Area	S	S	14.5	13.6
Sussex, Norton, Sussex Corner Area	S	S	13.9	13.8
Tracadie and Saint-Isidore	14.2	14.5	S	S

School districts

Anglophone East School District	14.5	14.2	14.7	13.6
Anglophone North School District	13.9	13.7	14.7	13.1

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Anglophone South School District	13.7	14.3	14.7	13.6
Anglophone West School District	13.9	13.9	14.6	13.2
Anglophone sector	13.9	14.0	14.7	13.4
District scolaire francophone Nord-Est	14.1	14.8	14.9	13.4
District scolaire francophone Nord-Ouest	14.7	14.0	15.3	13.5
District scolaire francophone Sud	14.6	14.6	15.0	14.0
Francophone sector	14.4	14.5	15.0	13.6
Grades				
Grades 6 to 8	n/a	n/a	n/a	n/a
Grades 9 to 12	14.1	14.2	14.7	13.4
Gender				
Female	14.5	14.5	n/a	n/a
Male	13.8	13.9	n/a	n/a
Non-binary	13.0	14.3	n/a	n/a
Sex at birth				
Female	14.4	14.4	15.0	n/a
Male	13.8	13.9	14.5	n/a
2SLGBTQIA+ status				
2SLGBTQIA+	14.1	14.2	n/a	n/a
Indigenous identity				
Indigenous	13.4	13.1	14.1	12.9
Immigrant				
Immigrants	14.1	14.4	14.5	n/a

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Disability or special need

Disability or special need	13.4	n/a	n/a	n/a
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Racialized groups

Racialized groups	14.0	n/a	n/a	n/a
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About

This indicator is the average age at which students in grade 12 reported that they smoked a cigarette (more than a puff) for the first time. This indicator includes tobacco cigarettes that are bought ready-made and cigarettes that students make themselves. It does not include e-cigarettes, vaping devices and other tobacco products.

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. c) Smoke a cigarette (more than a puff)

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_SMO05_1

Caption

n/a = Not applicable / not available

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