

Table 105-0431<sup>1</sup>

Frequency of drinking in the past 12 months, by age group and sex,  
household population aged 12 and over who are current drinkers,  
Canada, provinces, territories, health regions (June 2005 boundaries)  
and peer groups, every 2 years

Survey or program details:

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Geography<sup>2,3</sup>=Northwest Territories [61]

Age group	Sex	Frequency of having 5 or more drinks on one occasion <sup>10</sup>	Characteristics <sup>11,12,13,14</sup>	2005
Total, 12 years and over	Both sexes	Total population for the variable population reporting drinking	Number of persons	24,487
			Percent	100.0
		Never 5 or more drinks on one occasion	Number of persons	10,047
			Percent	41.0
		5 or more drinks on one occasion, less than 12 times a year	Number of persons	5,685
			Percent	23.2
		5 or more drinks on one occasion, 12 or more times a year	Number of persons	8,716
			Percent	35.6
		Drinking frequency, not stated	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
	Males	Total population for the variable population reporting drinking	Number of persons	12,725
			Percent	100.0
		Never 5 or more drinks on one occasion	Number of persons	4,189
			Percent	32.9
		5 or more drinks on one occasion, less than 12 times a year	Number of persons	3,194
			Percent	25.1
		5 or more drinks on one occasion, 12 or more times a year	Number of persons	5,342
			Percent	42.0
		Drinking frequency, not stated	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
	Females	Total population for the variable population reporting drinking	Number of persons	11,763
			Percent	100.0
		Never 5 or more drinks on one occasion	Number of persons	5,858
			Percent	49.8
		5 or more drinks on one occasion, less than 12 times a year	Number of persons	2,491
			Percent	21.2
		5 or more drinks on one occasion, 12 or more times a year	Number of persons	3,374
			Percent	28.7
		Drinking frequency, not stated	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
	Both sexes	Total population for the variable population reporting drinking	Number of persons	2,239 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	100.0
		Never 5 or more drinks on one occasion	Number of persons	920 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	41.1
		5 or more drinks on one occasion, less than 12 times a year	Number of persons	501 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	22.4 <sup>E</sup>
		5 or more drinks on one occasion, 12 or more times a year	Number of persons	F
			Percent	36.6 <sup>E</sup>
		Drinking frequency, not stated	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
		Total population for the variable population reporting drinking	Number of persons	1,072 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	100.0
		Never 5 or more drinks on one occasion	Number of persons	395 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	36.8 <sup>E</sup>

12 to 19 years	Males	5 or more drinks on one occasion, less than 12 times a year	Number of persons	F
			Percent	30.3 <sup>E</sup>
		5 or more drinks on one occasion, 12 or more times a year	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
		Drinking frequency, not stated	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
	Females	Total population for the variable population reporting drinking	Number of persons	1,167 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	100.0
		Never 5 or more drinks on one occasion	Number of persons	F
			Percent	45.0 <sup>E</sup>
		5 or more drinks on one occasion, less than 12 times a year	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
		5 or more drinks on one occasion, 12 or more times a year	Number of persons	467 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	40.0 <sup>E</sup>
		Drinking frequency, not stated	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
20 to 34 years	Both sexes	Total population for the variable population reporting drinking	Number of persons	9,580
			Percent	100.0
		Never 5 or more drinks on one occasion	Number of persons	3,302
			Percent	34.5
		5 or more drinks on one occasion, less than 12 times a year	Number of persons	2,210
			Percent	23.1
		5 or more drinks on one occasion, 12 or more times a year	Number of persons	4,027
			Percent	42.0
		Drinking frequency, not stated	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
	Males	Total population for the variable population reporting drinking	Number of persons	4,998
			Percent	100.0
		Never 5 or more drinks on one occasion	Number of persons	1,285 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	25.7 <sup>E</sup>
		5 or more drinks on one occasion, less than 12 times a year	Number of persons	1,192 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	23.9
		5 or more drinks on one occasion, 12 or more times a year	Number of persons	2,521
			Percent	50.4
		Drinking frequency, not stated	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
	Females	Total population for the variable population reporting drinking	Number of persons	4,582
			Percent	100.0
		Never 5 or more drinks on one occasion	Number of persons	2,018
			Percent	44.0
		5 or more drinks on one occasion, less than 12 times a year	Number of persons	1,018 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	22.2 <sup>E</sup>
		5 or more drinks on one occasion, 12 or more times a year	Number of persons	1,506
			Percent	32.9
		Drinking frequency, not stated	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
	Both sexes	Total population for the variable population reporting drinking	Number of persons	5,408
			Percent	100.0
		Never 5 or more drinks on one occasion	Number of persons	2,165
			Percent	40.0
		5 or more drinks on one occasion, less than 12 times a year	Number of persons	1,229 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	22.7
		5 or more drinks on one occasion, 12 or more times a year	Number of persons	2,013
			Percent	37.2
		Drinking frequency, not stated	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
		Total population for the variable population reporting drinking	Number of persons	2,640

35 to 44 years	Males		Percent	100.0
		Never 5 or more drinks on one occasion	Number of persons	711 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	26.9 <sup>E</sup>
		5 or more drinks on one occasion, less than 12 times a year	Number of persons	658 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	24.9 <sup>E</sup>
		5 or more drinks on one occasion, 12 or more times a year	Number of persons	1,271
			Percent	48.1
	Females	Drinking frequency, not stated	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
		Total population for the variable population reporting drinking	Number of persons	2,767
			Percent	100.0
		Never 5 or more drinks on one occasion	Number of persons	1,454
			Percent	52.5
		5 or more drinks on one occasion, less than 12 times a year	Number of persons	571 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	20.6 <sup>E</sup>
		5 or more drinks on one occasion, 12 or more times a year	Number of persons	742 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	26.8 <sup>E</sup>
		Drinking frequency, not stated	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
45 to 64 years	Both sexes	Total population for the variable population reporting drinking	Number of persons	6,500
			Percent	100.0
		Never 5 or more drinks on one occasion	Number of persons	3,204
			Percent	49.3
		5 or more drinks on one occasion, less than 12 times a year	Number of persons	1,561 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	24.0 <sup>E</sup>
		5 or more drinks on one occasion, 12 or more times a year	Number of persons	1,735
			Percent	26.7
		Drinking frequency, not stated	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
	Males	Total population for the variable population reporting drinking	Number of persons	3,578
			Percent	100.0
		Never 5 or more drinks on one occasion	Number of persons	1,644
			Percent	45.9
		5 or more drinks on one occasion, less than 12 times a year	Number of persons	835 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	23.3 <sup>E</sup>
		5 or more drinks on one occasion, 12 or more times a year	Number of persons	1,099 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	30.7
		Drinking frequency, not stated	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
	Females	Total population for the variable population reporting drinking	Number of persons	2,922
			Percent	100.0
		Never 5 or more drinks on one occasion	Number of persons	1,560
			Percent	53.4
		5 or more drinks on one occasion, less than 12 times a year	Number of persons	F
			Percent	24.8 <sup>E</sup>
		5 or more drinks on one occasion, 12 or more times a year	Number of persons	636 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	21.8 <sup>E</sup>
		Drinking frequency, not stated	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
	Both sexes	Total population for the variable population reporting drinking	Number of persons	761
			Percent	100.0
		Never 5 or more drinks on one occasion	Number of persons	456 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	60.0
		5 or more drinks on one occasion, less than 12 times a year	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
		5 or more drinks on one occasion, 12 or more times a year	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F

65 years and over		Drinking frequency, not stated	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
	Males	Total population for the variable population reporting drinking	Number of persons	436 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	100.0
		Never 5 or more drinks on one occasion	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
		5 or more drinks on one occasion, less than 12 times a year	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
		5 or more drinks on one occasion, 12 or more times a year	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
		Drinking frequency, not stated	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
	Females	Total population for the variable population reporting drinking	Number of persons	324 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	100.0
		Never 5 or more drinks on one occasion	Number of persons	302 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	93.0
		5 or more drinks on one occasion, less than 12 times a year	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
		5 or more drinks on one occasion, 12 or more times a year	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
		Drinking frequency, not stated	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F

#### Symbol legend:

<sup>E</sup> Use with caution

<sup>F</sup> Too unreliable to be published

#### Footnotes:

- Source: Statistics Canada, Canadian Community Health Survey (CCHS 3.1), 2005. The CANSIM table 105-0431 is an update of CANSIM table 105-0231.
- Health regions are defined by the provincial ministries of health. These are legislated administrative areas in all provinces. The health regions presented in this table are based on boundaries and names in effect as of June 2005. For complete Canadian coverage, each of the northern territories also represents a health region.
- A "peer group" is a grouping of health regions that have similar social and economic characteristics. The nine peer groups are identified by the letters A through I, which are appended to the health region 4-digit code.
- Population aged 12 and over who reported having at least 1 drink in the past 12 months.
- When comparing estimates, it is important to use confidence intervals to determine if differences between values are statistically significant. Confidence intervals describe sampling variability and give an indication of the precision of a given estimate.
- Bootstrapping techniques were used to produce the coefficient of variation (CV) and 95% confidence intervals (CIs).
- Data with a coefficient of variation (CV) from 16.6% to 33.3% are identified as follows: (E) use with caution.
- Data with a coefficient of variation (CV) greater than 33.3% were suppressed due to extreme sampling variability and are identified as follows: (F) too unreliable to be published.

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