

**Table 105-0442<sup>1</sup>**

**Pap smear, by age group, females aged 18 to 69 years, 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>	Age group	Pap smear <sup>10,11</sup>	Characteristics <sup>12,13,14,15</sup>	2005
Total, 18 to 69 years		Total population for the variable Pap smear	Number of persons	11,520
			Percent	100.0
		Pap smear, within the last 3 years	Number of persons	9,127
			Percent	79.2
		Pap smear, less than one year ago	Number of persons	6,960
			Percent	60.4
		Pap smear, 1 year to less than 3 years ago	Number of persons	2,167
			Percent	18.8
		Pap smear, 3 or more years ago	Number of persons	1,247 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	10.8 <sup>E</sup>
18 to 19 years		Never had a Pap smear	Number of persons	972 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	8.4 <sup>E</sup>
		Pap smear, not stated	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
		Total population for the variable Pap smear	Number of persons	475 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	100.0
		Pap smear, within the last 3 years	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
		Pap smear, less than one year ago	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
20 to 34 years		Pap smear, 1 year to less than 3 years ago	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
		Pap smear, 3 or more years ago	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
		Never had a Pap smear	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
		Pap smear, not stated	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
		Total population for the variable Pap smear	Number of persons	3,501
			Percent	100.0
25 to 29 years		Pap smear, within the last 3 years	Number of persons	2,727
			Percent	77.9
		Pap smear, less than one year ago	Number of persons	2,094
			Percent	59.8
		Pap smear, 1 year to less than 3 years ago	Number of persons	633 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	18.1 <sup>E</sup>
		Pap smear, 3 or more years ago	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
		Total population for the variable Pap smear	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F

Yukon Territory [60]	35 to 44 years	Never had a Pap smear	Percent	F
		Pap smear, not stated	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
		Total population for the variable Pap smear	Number of persons	2,773
			Percent	100.0
		Pap smear, within the last 3 years	Number of persons	2,466
			Percent	88.9
		Pap smear, less than one year ago	Number of persons	2,020
			Percent	72.9
		Pap smear, 1 year to less than 3 years ago	Number of persons	446 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	16.1 <sup>E</sup>
	45 to 64 years	Pap smear, 3 or more years ago	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
		Never had a Pap smear	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
		Pap smear, not stated	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
		Total population for the variable Pap smear	Number of persons	4,412
			Percent	100.0
		Pap smear, within the last 3 years	Number of persons	3,499
			Percent	79.3
	65 to 69 years	Pap smear, less than one year ago	Number of persons	2,619
			Percent	59.4
		Pap smear, 1 year to less than 3 years ago	Number of persons	880 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	19.9 <sup>E</sup>
		Pap smear, 3 or more years ago	Number of persons	765 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	17.3 <sup>E</sup>
		Never had a Pap smear	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
		Pap smear, not stated	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
		Total population for the variable Pap smear	Number of persons	359 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	100.0
		Pap smear, within the last 3 years	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
		Pap smear, less than one year ago	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
		Pap smear, 1 year to less than 3 years ago	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
		Pap smear, 3 or more years ago	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
		Never had a Pap smear	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
		Pap smear, not stated	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
		Total population for the variable Pap smear	Number of persons	13,817
			Percent	100.0
		Pap smear, within the last 3 years	Number of persons	11,537
			Percent	83.5
		Pap smear, less than one year ago	Number of persons	9,210
			Percent	66.7

		Pap smear, 1 year to less than 3 years ago	Number of persons	2,327
		Percent	Percent	16.8
		Pap smear, 3 or more years ago	Number of persons	1,108 <sup>E</sup>
		Percent	Percent	8.0 <sup>E</sup>
	Total, 18 to 69 years	Never had a Pap smear	Number of persons	1,104 <sup>E</sup>
		Percent	Percent	8.0 <sup>E</sup>
		Pap smear, not stated	Number of persons	F
		Percent	Percent	F
		Total population for the variable Pap smear	Number of persons	494 <sup>E</sup>
		Percent	Percent	100.0
		Pap smear, within the last 3 years	Number of persons	222 <sup>E</sup>
		Percent	Percent	45.0 <sup>E</sup>
		Pap smear, less than one year ago	Number of persons	F
		Percent	Percent	42.3 <sup>E</sup>
	18 to 19 years	Pap smear, 1 year to less than 3 years ago	Number of persons	F
		Percent	Percent	F
		Pap smear, 3 or more years ago	Number of persons	F
		Percent	Percent	F
		Never had a Pap smear	Number of persons	F
		Percent	Percent	F
		Pap smear, not stated	Number of persons	F
		Percent	Percent	F
Northwest Territories [61]	20 to 34 years	Total population for the variable Pap smear	Number of persons	5,352
		Percent	Percent	100.0
		Pap smear, within the last 3 years	Number of persons	4,799
		Percent	Percent	89.7
		Pap smear, less than one year ago	Number of persons	3,985
		Percent	Percent	74.5
		Pap smear, 1 year to less than 3 years ago	Number of persons	814 <sup>E</sup>
		Percent	Percent	15.2 <sup>E</sup>
		Pap smear, 3 or more years ago	Number of persons	F
		Percent	Percent	F
	35 to 44 years	Never had a Pap smear	Number of persons	F
		Percent	Percent	F
		Pap smear, not stated	Number of persons	F
		Percent	Percent	F
		Total population for the variable Pap smear	Number of persons	3,459
		Percent	Percent	100.0
		Pap smear, within the last 3 years	Number of persons	3,189
		Percent	Percent	92.2
		Pap smear, less than one year ago	Number of persons	2,312
		Percent	Percent	66.8
	45 to 69 years	Pap smear, 1 year to less than 3 years ago	Number of persons	876 <sup>E</sup>
		Percent	Percent	25.3 <sup>E</sup>
		Pap smear, 3 or more years ago	Number of persons	F
		Percent	Percent	F
		Never had a Pap smear	Number of persons	F
		Percent	Percent	F
		Pap smear, not stated	Number of persons	F
		Percent	Percent	F

45 to 64 years	Total population for the variable Pap smear	Number of persons	4,164
	Percent	Percent	100.0
	Pap smear, within the last 3 years	Number of persons	3,151
		Percent	75.7
	Pap smear, less than one year ago	Number of persons	2,571
		Percent	61.7
	Pap smear, 1 year to less than 3 years ago	Number of persons	580 <sup>E</sup>
		Percent	13.9 <sup>E</sup>
	Pap smear, 3 or more years ago	Number of persons	772 <sup>E</sup>
		Percent	18.5 <sup>E</sup>
65 to 69 years	Never had a Pap smear	Number of persons	F
	Percent	Percent	F
	Pap smear, not stated	Number of persons	F
		Percent	F
	Total population for the variable Pap smear	Number of persons	347 <sup>E</sup>
		Percent	100.0
	Pap smear, within the last 3 years	Number of persons	F
		Percent	F
	Pap smear, less than one year ago	Number of persons	F
		Percent	F
Total, 18 to 69 years	Pap smear, 1 year to less than 3 years ago	Number of persons	F
		Percent	F
	Pap smear, 3 or more years ago	Number of persons	F
		Percent	F
	Never had a Pap smear	Number of persons	F
	Percent	Percent	F
	Pap smear, not stated	Number of persons	F
		Percent	F
18 to 19 years	Total population for the variable Pap smear	Number of persons	5,897
		Percent	100.0
	Pap smear, within the last 3 years	Number of persons	4,675
		Percent	79.3
	Pap smear, less than one year ago	Number of persons	3,141
		Percent	53.3
	Pap smear, 1 year to less than 3 years ago	Number of persons	1,533
		Percent	26.0
	Pap smear, 3 or more years ago	Number of persons	390 <sup>E</sup>
		Percent	6.6 <sup>E</sup>
	Never had a Pap smear	Number of persons	741 <sup>E</sup>
		Percent	12.6 <sup>E</sup>
	Pap smear, not stated	Number of persons	F
		Percent	F

Nunavut [62]	20 to 34 years	Pap smear, 3 or more years ago	Percent	F
		Never had a Pap smear	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
		Pap smear, not stated	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
		Total population for the variable Pap smear	Number of persons	2,548
			Percent	100.0
		Pap smear, within the last 3 years	Number of persons	2,157
			Percent	84.7
		Pap smear, less than one year ago	Number of persons	1,535
			Percent	60.3
		Pap smear, 1 year to less than 3 years ago	Number of persons	622
			Percent	24.4
		Pap smear, 3 or more years ago	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
		Never had a Pap smear	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
		Pap smear, not stated	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
	35 to 44 years	Total population for the variable Pap smear	Number of persons	1,467
			Percent	100.0
		Pap smear, within the last 3 years	Number of persons	1,162
			Percent	79.2
		Pap smear, less than one year ago	Number of persons	654
			Percent	44.6 <sup>E</sup>
		Pap smear, 1 year to less than 3 years ago	Number of persons	508 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	34.6 <sup>E</sup>
		Pap smear, 3 or more years ago	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
		Never had a Pap smear	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
		Pap smear, not stated	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
	45 to 64 years	Total population for the variable Pap smear	Number of persons	1,465
			Percent	100.0
		Pap smear, within the last 3 years	Number of persons	1,138
			Percent	77.7
		Pap smear, less than one year ago	Number of persons	776 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	52.9 <sup>E</sup>
		Pap smear, 1 year to less than 3 years ago	Number of persons	362 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	24.7 <sup>E</sup>
		Pap smear, 3 or more years ago	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
		Never had a Pap smear	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
		Pap smear, not stated	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
		Total population for the variable Pap smear	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
		Pap smear, within the last 3 years	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F

65 to 69 years	Pap smear, less than one year ago	Number of persons	F
	Percent	Percent	F
	Pap smear, 1 year to less than 3 years ago	Number of persons	F
	Percent	Percent	F
	Pap smear, 3 or more years ago	Number of persons	F
	Percent	Percent	F
	Never had a Pap smear	Number of persons	F
	Percent	Percent	F
	Pap smear, not stated	Number of persons	F
	Percent	Percent	F

### Symbol legend:

- E Use with caution
- F Too unreliable to be published

### Footnotes:

1. Source: Statistics Canada, Canadian Community Health Survey (CCHS 3.1), 2005. The CANSIM table 105-0442 is an update of CANSIM table 105-0242.
2. 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.
3. 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.
10. Females aged 18 to 69 who reported when they had their last Pap smear test.
11. Pap tests (Papanicolaou) detect pre-malignant lesions before cancer of the cervix develops.
12. 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.
13. Bootstrapping techniques were used to produce the coefficient of variation (CV) and 95% confidence intervals (CIs).
14. Data with a coefficient of variation (CV) from 16.6% to 33.3% are identified as follows: (E) use with caution.
15. 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.

**Source:** Statistics Canada. *Table 105-0442 - Pap smear, by age group, females aged 18 to 69 years, Canada, provinces, territories, health regions (June 2005 boundaries) and peer groups, every 2 years, CANSIM (database).*

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