

Table 105-0462<sup>1</sup>

Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months, by age group and sex, household population aged 12 and over, Canada, provinces, territories, health regions (June 2005 boundaries) and peer groups, every 2 years

Survey or program details:

Canadian Community Health Survey - 3226

Geography <sup>2,3</sup>	Age group	Sex	Contact with alternative health care providers <sup>10,11</sup>	Characteristics <sup>12,13,14,15</sup>	2005
	Total, 12 years and over	Both sexes	Total population for the variable contact with alternative health care providers	Number of persons	27,188
				Percent	100.0
			Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	5,486
				Percent	20.2
			No contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	21,702
				Percent	79.8
		Males	Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months, not stated	Number of persons	F
				Percent	F
			Total population for the variable contact with alternative health care providers	Number of persons	13,664
				Percent	100.0
			Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	1,760 <sup>E</sup>
				Percent	12.9 <sup>E</sup>
			No contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	11,904
				Percent	87.1
			Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months, not stated	Number of persons	F
				Percent	F
		Females	Total population for the variable contact with alternative health care providers	Number of persons	13,524
				Percent	100.0
			Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	3,726
				Percent	27.6
			No contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	9,798
				Percent	72.4
			Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months, not stated	Number of persons	F
				Percent	F
	12 to 19 years	Both sexes	Total population for the variable contact with alternative health care providers	Number of persons	3,854
				Percent	100.0
			Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	350 <sup>E</sup>
				Percent	9.1 <sup>E</sup>
			No contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	3,504
				Percent	90.9
		Males	Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months, not stated	Number of persons	F
				Percent	F
			Total population for the variable contact with alternative health care providers	Number of persons	2,016
				Percent	100.0
			Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	F
				Percent	F
			No contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	1,937
				Percent	96.1
			Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months, not stated	Number of persons	F
				Percent	F
		Females	Total population for the variable contact with alternative health care providers	Number of persons	1,838
				Percent	100.0
			Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	F
				Percent	F
			No contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	1,567
				Percent	85.3
			Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months, not stated	Number of persons	F
				Percent	F
	20 to 34 years	Both sexes	Total population for the variable contact with alternative health care providers	Number of persons	6,422
				Percent	100.0
			Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	1,401 <sup>E</sup>
				Percent	21.8 <sup>E</sup>
			No contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	5,021
				Percent	78.2
		Males	Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months, not stated	Number of persons	F
				Percent	F
			Total population for the variable contact with alternative health care providers	Number of persons	2,921
				Percent	100.0
			Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	571 <sup>E</sup>
				Percent	19.5 <sup>E</sup>
			No contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	2,351
				Percent	80.5
			Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months, not stated	Number of persons	F
				Percent	F
			Total population for the variable contact with alternative health care providers	Number of persons	3,501
				Percent	100.0

Yukon Territory [60]	35 to 44 years	Females	Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	830 <sup>E</sup>	
				Percent	23.7 <sup>E</sup>	
			No contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	2,670	
				Percent	76.3	
			Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months, not stated	Number of persons	F	
			Percent	F		
		Both sexes	Total population for the variable contact with alternative health care providers	Number of persons	5,580	
				Percent	100.0	
			Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	1,177 <sup>E</sup>	
				Percent	21.1 <sup>E</sup>	
	No contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months		Number of persons	4,403		
			Percent	78.9		
	Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months, not stated		Number of persons	F		
			Percent	F		
	Males		Total population for the variable contact with alternative health care providers	Number of persons	2,807	
				Percent	100.0	
			Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	F	
				Percent	F	
			No contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	2,412	
				Percent	85.9	
			Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months, not stated	Number of persons	F	
				Percent	F	
			Females	Total population for the variable contact with alternative health care providers	Number of persons	2,773
					Percent	100.0
	Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months			Number of persons	782 <sup>E</sup>	
				Percent	28.2 <sup>E</sup>	
	No contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months			Number of persons	1,991	
				Percent	71.8	
	Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months, not stated			Number of persons	F	
				Percent	F	
	45 to 64 years			Both sexes	Total population for the variable contact with alternative health care providers	Number of persons
					Percent	100.0
		Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons		2,361	
			Percent		25.6	
		No contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons		6,867	
			Percent		74.4	
		Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months, not stated	Number of persons		F	
			Percent		F	
		Males	Total population for the variable contact with alternative health care providers		Number of persons	4,816
					Percent	100.0
			Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	547 <sup>E</sup>	
				Percent	11.4 <sup>E</sup>	
			No contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	4,269	
				Percent	88.6	
			Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months, not stated	Number of persons	F	
				Percent	F	
			Females	Total population for the variable contact with alternative health care providers	Number of persons	4,412
					Percent	100.0
		Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months		Number of persons	1,814	
				Percent	41.1	
		No contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months		Number of persons	2,599	
			Percent	58.9		
			Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months, not stated	Number of persons	F	
			Percent	F		
		65 years and over	Both sexes	Total population for the variable contact with alternative health care providers	Number of persons	2,103
				Percent	100.0	
	Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months			Number of persons	F	
				Percent	F	
	No contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months			Number of persons	1,907	
				Percent	90.7	
	Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months, not stated			Number of persons	F	
				Percent	F	
	Males			Total population for the variable contact with alternative health care providers	Number of persons	1,103
					Percent	100.0
			Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	F	
				Percent	F	
			No contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	936	
				Percent	84.8	
			Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months, not stated	Number of persons	F	
				Percent	F	
			Females	Total population for the variable contact with alternative health care providers	Number of persons	1,000
					Percent	100.0
	Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months			Number of persons	F	
				Percent	F	
	No contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months			Number of persons	971	
			Percent	97.1		
			Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months, not stated	Number of persons	F	
			Percent	F		
			Total population for the variable contact with alternative health care providers	Number of persons	34,664	

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Total, 12 years and over	Both sexes		Percent	100.0
		Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	5,230
			Percent	15.1
		No contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	29,435
			Percent	84.9
	Males	Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months, not stated	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
		Total population for the variable contact with alternative health care providers	Number of persons	18,070
			Percent	100.0
		Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	2,224 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	12.3 <sup>E</sup>
	Females	No contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	15,846
			Percent	87.7
		Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months, not stated	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
		Total population for the variable contact with alternative health care providers	Number of persons	16,594
			Percent	100.0
	Females	Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	3,006
			Percent	18.1
		No contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	13,588
			Percent	81.9
		Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months, not stated	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
12 to 19 years	Both sexes	Total population for the variable contact with alternative health care providers	Number of persons	5,716
			Percent	100.0
		Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
		No contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	5,434
	Males		Percent	95.1
		Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months, not stated	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
		Total population for the variable contact with alternative health care providers	Number of persons	2,987
			Percent	100.0
		Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
	Females	No contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	2,844
			Percent	95.2
		Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months, not stated	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
		Total population for the variable contact with alternative health care providers	Number of persons	2,730
	Females		Percent	100.0
		Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
		No contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	2,590
			Percent	94.9
		Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months, not stated	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
20 to 34 years	Both sexes	Total population for the variable contact with alternative health care providers	Number of persons	10,944
			Percent	100.0
		Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	1,752 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	16.0 <sup>E</sup>
		No contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	9,191
	Males		Percent	84.0
		Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months, not stated	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
		Total population for the variable contact with alternative health care providers	Number of persons	5,591
			Percent	100.0
		Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	897 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	16.0 <sup>E</sup>
	Females	No contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	4,695
			Percent	84.0
		Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months, not stated	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
		Total population for the variable contact with alternative health care providers	Number of persons	5,352
	Females		Percent	100.0
		Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	855 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	16.0 <sup>E</sup>
		No contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	4,497
			Percent	84.0
		Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months, not stated	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
	Both sexes	Total population for the variable contact with alternative health care providers	Number of persons	7,169
			Percent	100.0
		Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	1,792
			Percent	25.0 <sup>E</sup>
		No contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	5,377
	Females		Percent	75.0
		Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months, not stated	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
		Total population for the variable contact with alternative health care providers	Number of persons	7,169
			Percent	100.0

	35 to 44 years	Males	Total population for the variable contact with alternative health care providers	Number of persons	3,710
				Percent	100.0
			Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	F
				Percent	F
			No contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	2,941
				Percent	79.3
		Females	Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months, not stated	Number of persons	F
				Percent	F
			Total population for the variable contact with alternative health care providers	Number of persons	3,459
				Percent	100.0
			Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	1,024 <sup>E</sup>
				Percent	29.6
	45 to 64 years	Both sexes	No contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	2,436
				Percent	70.4
			Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months, not stated	Number of persons	F
				Percent	F
			Total population for the variable contact with alternative health care providers	Number of persons	9,053
				Percent	100.0
		Males	Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	1,325 <sup>E</sup>
				Percent	14.6 <sup>E</sup>
			No contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	7,728
				Percent	85.4
			Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months, not stated	Number of persons	F
				Percent	F
		Females	Total population for the variable contact with alternative health care providers	Number of persons	4,888
				Percent	100.0
			Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	F
				Percent	F
			No contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	4,473
				Percent	91.5
	65 years and over	Both sexes	Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months, not stated	Number of persons	F
				Percent	F
			Total population for the variable contact with alternative health care providers	Number of persons	4,164
				Percent	100.0
			Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	910 <sup>E</sup>
				Percent	21.9 <sup>E</sup>
		Males	No contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	3,254
				Percent	78.1
			Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months, not stated	Number of persons	F
				Percent	F
			Total population for the variable contact with alternative health care providers	Number of persons	1,782
				Percent	100.0
	Total, 12 years and over	Both sexes	Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	F
				Percent	F
			No contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	1,705
				Percent	95.6
			Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months, not stated	Number of persons	F
				Percent	F
		Males	Total population for the variable contact with alternative health care providers	Number of persons	894
				Percent	100.0
			Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	F
				Percent	F
			No contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	894
				Percent	100.0
		Females	Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months, not stated	Number of persons	F
				Percent	F
			Total population for the variable contact with alternative health care providers	Number of persons	889
				Percent	100.0
			Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	F
				Percent	F
		Both sexes	No contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	811
				Percent	91.2
			Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months, not stated	Number of persons	F
				Percent	F
			Total population for the variable contact with alternative health care providers	Number of persons	14,948
				Percent	100.0
		Males	Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	F
				Percent	F
			No contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	14,043
				Percent	93.9
			Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months, not stated	Number of persons	F
				Percent	F



	45 to 64 years	Both sexes	Total population for the variable contact with alternative health care providers	Number of persons	2,931
				Percent	100.0
			Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	F
				Percent	F
			No contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	2,635
				Percent	89.9
		Males	Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months, not stated	Number of persons	F
				Percent	F
			Total population for the variable contact with alternative health care providers	Number of persons	1,466
				Percent	100.0
			Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	F
				Percent	F
			No contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	1,405
				Percent	95.9
			Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months, not stated	Number of persons	F
				Percent	F
		Females	Total population for the variable contact with alternative health care providers	Number of persons	1,465
				Percent	100.0
			Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	F
				Percent	F
			No contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	1,230
				Percent	84.0
	65 years and over	Both sexes	Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months, not stated	Number of persons	F
				Percent	F
			Total population for the variable contact with alternative health care providers	Number of persons	519
				Percent	100.0
			Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	F
				Percent	F
		Males	No contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	519
				Percent	100.0
			Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months, not stated	Number of persons	F
				Percent	F
			Total population for the variable contact with alternative health care providers	Number of persons	315
				Percent	100.0
			Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	F
				Percent	F
			No contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	315
				Percent	100.0
		Females	Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months, not stated	Number of persons	F
				Percent	F
			Total population for the variable contact with alternative health care providers	Number of persons	204
				Percent	100.0
			Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	F
				Percent	F
			No contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months	Number of persons	204
				Percent	100.0
			Contact with alternative health care providers in the past 12 months, not stated	Number of persons	F
				Percent	F

**Symbol legend:**

- E Use with caution  
F Too unreliable to be published

**Footnotes:**

- Source: Statistics Canada, Canadian Community Health Survey (CCHS 3.1), 2005. The CANSIM table 105-0462 is an update of CANSIM table 105-0262.
- 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 have consulted with an alternative health care provider in the past 12 months.
- Alternative health care providers include massage therapists, acupuncturists, homeopaths or naturopaths, Feldenkrais or Alexander teachers, relaxation therapists, biofeedback teachers, rolfers, herbalists, reflexologists, spiritual healers, religious healers and others.
- 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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