

Table 105-0452¹

Smoking initiation, by age group and sex, household population aged 12 and over, smokers and former smokers, Canada, provinces, territories, health regions (June 2005 boundaries) and peer groups, every 2 years

Survey or program details:

Canadian Community Health Survey - [3226](#)

Geography^{2,3}=Northwest Territories [61]

Age group	Sex	Smoking initiation ¹⁰	Characteristics ^{11,12,13,14}	2005
Total, 12 years and over	Both sexes	Total population for the variable smoking initiation	Number of persons	23,752
			Percent	100.0
		Smoking initiation age (5 to 14 years)	Number of persons	10,200
			Percent	42.9
		Smoking initiation age (5 to 11 years)	Number of persons	2,269
			Percent	9.6
		Smoking initiation age (12 to 14 years)	Number of persons	7,931
			Percent	33.4
		Smoking initiation age (15 to 19 years)	Number of persons	10,883
			Percent	45.8
		Smoking initiation age (20 years and over)	Number of persons	2,071
			Percent	8.7
		Age of smoking initiation, not stated	Number of persons	598 ^E
			Percent	2.5 ^E
Total, 12 years and over	Males	Total population for the variable smoking initiation	Number of persons	12,515
			Percent	100.0
		Smoking initiation age (5 to 14 years)	Number of persons	5,438
			Percent	43.5
		Smoking initiation age (5 to 11 years)	Number of persons	1,267 ^E
			Percent	10.1 ^E
		Smoking initiation age (12 to 14 years)	Number of persons	4,171
			Percent	33.3
		Smoking initiation age (15 to 19 years)	Number of persons	5,784
			Percent	46.2
Total, 12 years and over	Females	Smoking initiation age (20 years and over)	Number of persons	960 ^E
			Percent	7.7 ^E
		Age of smoking initiation, not stated	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
		Total population for the variable smoking initiation	Number of persons	11,237
			Percent	100.0
		Smoking initiation age (5 to 14 years)	Number of persons	4,762
			Percent	42.4
		Smoking initiation age (5 to 11 years)	Number of persons	1,002 ^E
			Percent	8.9 ^E

		Smoking initiation age (20 years and over)	Number of persons	1,111 ^E
			Percent	9.9 ^E
		Age of smoking initiation, not stated	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
Both sexes	12 to 19 years	Total population for the variable smoking initiation	Number of persons	1,944
			Percent	100.0
		Smoking initiation age (5 to 14 years)	Number of persons	1,308 ^E
			Percent	67.3
		Smoking initiation age (5 to 11 years)	Number of persons	381 ^E
			Percent	19.6 ^E
		Smoking initiation age (12 to 14 years)	Number of persons	927 ^E
			Percent	47.7
		Smoking initiation age (15 to 19 years)	Number of persons	636 ^E
			Percent	32.7 ^E
Males	12 to 19 years	Smoking initiation age (20 years and over)	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
		Age of smoking initiation, not stated	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
		Total population for the variable smoking initiation	Number of persons	1,014
			Percent	100.0
		Smoking initiation age (5 to 14 years)	Number of persons	650 ^E
			Percent	64.1
		Smoking initiation age (5 to 11 years)	Number of persons	F
			Percent	26.0 ^E
Females	12 to 19 years	Smoking initiation age (12 to 14 years)	Number of persons	F
			Percent	38.1 ^E
		Smoking initiation age (15 to 19 years)	Number of persons	364 ^E
			Percent	35.9 ^E
		Smoking initiation age (20 years and over)	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
		Age of smoking initiation, not stated	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
		Total population for the variable smoking initiation	Number of persons	930 ^E
			Percent	100.0
	20 years and over	Smoking initiation age (5 to 14 years)	Number of persons	658 ^E
			Percent	70.7
		Smoking initiation age (5 to 11 years)	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
		Smoking initiation age (12 to 14 years)	Number of persons	540 ^E
			Percent	58.1 ^E
		Smoking initiation age (15 to 19 years)	Number of persons	F
			Percent	29.3 ^E
		Smoking initiation age (20 years and over)	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
	Both sexes	Age of smoking initiation, not stated	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
		Total population for the variable smoking initiation	Number of persons	7,667
			Percent	100.0
		Smoking initiation age (5 to 14 years)	Number of persons	3,620
			Percent	47.2

20 to 34 years	Both sexes	Smoking initiation age (5 to 11 years)	Number of persons	909 ^E
		Percent	Percent	11.9 ^E
		Smoking initiation age (12 to 14 years)	Number of persons	2,711
		Percent	Percent	35.4
		Smoking initiation age (15 to 19 years)	Number of persons	3,594
		Percent	Percent	46.9
	Males	Smoking initiation age (20 years and over)	Number of persons	F
		Percent	Percent	F
		Age of smoking initiation, not stated	Number of persons	F
		Percent	Percent	F
	Females	Total population for the variable smoking initiation	Number of persons	3,974
		Percent	Percent	100.0
		Smoking initiation age (5 to 14 years)	Number of persons	1,670
		Percent	Percent	42.0
		Smoking initiation age (5 to 11 years)	Number of persons	F
		Percent	Percent	F
		Smoking initiation age (12 to 14 years)	Number of persons	1,237
		Percent	Percent	31.1
	Both sexes	Smoking initiation age (15 to 19 years)	Number of persons	2,025
		Percent	Percent	51.0
		Smoking initiation age (20 years and over)	Number of persons	F
		Percent	Percent	F
		Age of smoking initiation, not stated	Number of persons	F
		Percent	Percent	F
		Total population for the variable smoking initiation	Number of persons	3,694
		Percent	Percent	100.0
	Both sexes	Smoking initiation age (5 to 14 years)	Number of persons	1,950
		Percent	Percent	52.8
		Smoking initiation age (5 to 11 years)	Number of persons	F
		Percent	Percent	12.9 ^E
		Smoking initiation age (12 to 14 years)	Number of persons	1,474
		Percent	Percent	39.9
		Smoking initiation age (15 to 19 years)	Number of persons	1,569
		Percent	Percent	42.5
	Both sexes	Smoking initiation age (20 years and over)	Number of persons	F
		Percent	Percent	F
		Age of smoking initiation, not stated	Number of persons	F
		Percent	Percent	F
		Total population for the variable smoking initiation	Number of persons	5,832
		Percent	Percent	100.0
		Smoking initiation age (5 to 14 years)	Number of persons	2,234
		Percent	Percent	38.3
	Both sexes	Smoking initiation age (5 to 11 years)	Number of persons	496 ^E
		Percent	Percent	8.5 ^E
		Smoking initiation age (12 to 14 years)	Number of persons	1,738
		Percent	Percent	29.8
		Smoking initiation age (15 to 19 years)	Number of persons	2,866
		Percent	Percent	49.1
		Smoking initiation age (20 years and over)	Number of persons	682 ^E
		Percent	Percent	11.7 ^E
	Both sexes	Age of smoking initiation, not stated	Number of persons	F
		Percent	Percent	F

		Percent	F
	Total population for the variable smoking initiation	Number of persons	3,041
		Percent	100.0
	Smoking initiation age (5 to 14 years)	Number of persons	1,072 ^E
		Percent	35.2 ^E
	Smoking initiation age (5 to 11 years)	Number of persons	F
		Percent	F
35 to 44 years	Males	Smoking initiation age (12 to 14 years)	Number of persons 814 ^E Percent 26.8 ^E
		Smoking initiation age (15 to 19 years)	Number of persons 1,547 Percent 50.9
		Smoking initiation age (20 years and over)	Number of persons F Percent F
		Age of smoking initiation, not stated	Number of persons F Percent F
	Females	Total population for the variable smoking initiation	Number of persons 2,792 Percent 100.0
		Smoking initiation age (5 to 14 years)	Number of persons 1,162 ^E Percent 41.6 ^E
		Smoking initiation age (5 to 11 years)	Number of persons F Percent F
		Smoking initiation age (12 to 14 years)	Number of persons 924 ^E Percent 33.1 ^E
	Both sexes	Smoking initiation age (15 to 19 years)	Number of persons 1,319 ^E Percent 47.2 ^E
		Smoking initiation age (20 years and over)	Number of persons F Percent F
		Age of smoking initiation, not stated	Number of persons F Percent F
		Total population for the variable smoking initiation	Number of persons 6,866 Percent 100.0
	Males	Smoking initiation age (5 to 14 years)	Number of persons 2,706 Percent 39.4
		Smoking initiation age (5 to 11 years)	Number of persons F Percent F
		Smoking initiation age (12 to 14 years)	Number of persons 2,319 Percent 33.8
		Smoking initiation age (15 to 19 years)	Number of persons 3,235 Percent 47.1
		Smoking initiation age (20 years and over)	Number of persons 809 ^E Percent 11.8 ^E
		Age of smoking initiation, not stated	Number of persons F Percent F
		Total population for the variable smoking initiation	Number of persons 3,630 Percent 100.0
		Smoking initiation age (5 to 14 years)	Number of persons 1,812 ^E Percent 49.9
		Smoking initiation age (5 to 11 years)	Number of persons F Percent F
		Smoking initiation age (12 to 14 years)	Number of persons 1,534 ^E

45 to 64 years	Females	Percent	42.3
		Number of persons	1,490
		Percent	41.0
		Number of persons	F
		Percent	F
		Number of persons	F
		Percent	F
		Number of persons	3,236
		Percent	100.0
		Number of persons	894 ^E
65 years and over	Both sexes	Percent	27.6 ^E
		Number of persons	F
		Percent	F
		Number of persons	785 ^E
		Percent	24.3 ^E
		Number of persons	1,745
		Percent	53.9
		Number of persons	562 ^E
		Percent	17.4 ^E
		Number of persons	F
65 years and over	Males	Percent	F
		Number of persons	1,443
		Percent	100.0
		Number of persons	333 ^E
		Percent	23.1 ^E
		Number of persons	F
		Percent	F
		Number of persons	236 ^E
		Percent	16.3 ^E
		Number of persons	553 ^E
65 years and over	Females	Percent	38.3 ^E
		Number of persons	322 ^E
		Percent	22.3 ^E
		Number of persons	F
		Percent	F
		Number of persons	857
		Percent	100.0
		Number of persons	235 ^E
		Percent	27.4 ^E
		Number of persons	F
65 years and over	Males	Percent	F
		Number of persons	199 ^E
		Percent	23.2 ^E
		Number of persons	359 ^E
		Percent	41.9 ^E
		Number of persons	F
		Percent	F
		Number of persons	F
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		Number of persons	F

Females	Total population for the variable smoking initiation	Number of persons	585 ^E
	Percent		100.0
	Smoking initiation age (5 to 14 years)	Number of persons	F
	Percent		F
	Smoking initiation age (5 to 11 years)	Number of persons	F
	Percent		F
	Smoking initiation age (12 to 14 years)	Number of persons	F
	Percent		F
	Smoking initiation age (15 to 19 years)	Number of persons	F
	Percent		F
	Smoking initiation age (20 years and over)	Number of persons	F
	Percent		F
	Age of smoking initiation, not stated	Number of persons	F
	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 105-0452 is an update of CANSIM table 105-0252.
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. Population aged 12 and over who reported being either a current or former smoker and who reported the age when they smoked their first whole cigarette.
11. 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.
12. Bootstrapping techniques were used to produce the coefficient of variation (CV) and 95% confidence intervals (CIs).
13. Data with a coefficient of variation (CV) from 16.6% to 33.3% are identified as follows: (E) use with caution.
14. 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 105-0452 - Smoking initiation, by age group and sex, household population aged 12 and over, smokers and former smokers, Canada, provinces, territories, health regions (June 2005 boundaries) and peer groups, every 2 years, CANSIM (database).*

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