

Table 105-0452<sup>1</sup>

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

Age group	Sex	Smoking initiation <sup>10</sup>	Characteristics <sup>11,12,13,14</sup>	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 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	2.5 <sup>E</sup>
	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 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	10.1 <sup>E</sup>
		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
		Smoking initiation age (20 years and over)	Number of persons	960 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	7.7 <sup>E</sup>
		Age of smoking initiation, not stated	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
	Females	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 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	8.9 <sup>E</sup>
		Smoking initiation age (12 to 14 years)	Number of persons	3,760
			Percent	33.5
		Smoking initiation age (15 to 19 years)	Number of persons	5,099
			Percent	45.4

		Smoking initiation age (20 years and over)	Number of persons	1,111 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	9.9 <sup>E</sup>
		Age of smoking initiation, not stated	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
12 to 19 years	Both sexes	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 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	67.3
		Smoking initiation age (5 to 11 years)	Number of persons	381 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	19.6 <sup>E</sup>
		Smoking initiation age (12 to 14 years)	Number of persons	927 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	47.7
		Smoking initiation age (15 to 19 years)	Number of persons	636 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	32.7 <sup>E</sup>
		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
	Males	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 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	64.1
		Smoking initiation age (5 to 11 years)	Number of persons	F
			Percent	26.0 <sup>E</sup>
		Smoking initiation age (12 to 14 years)	Number of persons	F
			Percent	38.1 <sup>E</sup>
		Smoking initiation age (15 to 19 years)	Number of persons	364 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	35.9 <sup>E</sup>
		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	930 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	100.0
		Smoking initiation age (5 to 14 years)	Number of persons	658 <sup>E</sup>
			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 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	58.1 <sup>E</sup>
		Smoking initiation age (15 to 19 years)	Number of persons	F
			Percent	29.3 <sup>E</sup>
		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	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 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	11.9 <sup>E</sup>
		Smoking initiation age (12 to 14 years)	Number of persons	2,711
			Percent	35.4
		Smoking initiation age (15 to 19 years)	Number of persons	3,594
			Percent	46.9
		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
	Males	Total population for the variable smoking initiation	Number of persons	3,974
			Percent	100.0
		Smoking initiation age (5 to 14 years)	Number of persons	1,670
			Percent	42.0
		Smoking initiation age (5 to 11 years)	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
		Smoking initiation age (12 to 14 years)	Number of persons	1,237
			Percent	31.1
		Smoking initiation age (15 to 19 years)	Number of persons	2,025
			Percent	51.0
		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	3,694
			Percent	100.0
		Smoking initiation age (5 to 14 years)	Number of persons	1,950
			Percent	52.8
		Smoking initiation age (5 to 11 years)	Number of persons	F
			Percent	12.9 <sup>E</sup>
		Smoking initiation age (12 to 14 years)	Number of persons	1,474
			Percent	39.9
		Smoking initiation age (15 to 19 years)	Number of persons	1,569
			Percent	42.5
		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
	Both sexes	Total population for the variable smoking initiation	Number of persons	5,832
			Percent	100.0
		Smoking initiation age (5 to 14 years)	Number of persons	2,234
			Percent	38.3
		Smoking initiation age (5 to 11 years)	Number of persons	496 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	8.5 <sup>E</sup>
		Smoking initiation age (12 to 14 years)	Number of persons	1,738
			Percent	29.8
		Smoking initiation age (15 to 19 years)	Number of persons	2,866
			Percent	49.1
		Smoking initiation age (20 years and over)	Number of persons	682 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	11.7 <sup>E</sup>
		Age of smoking initiation, not stated	Number of persons	F

35 to 44 years	Males	Total population for the variable smoking initiation	Percent	F
			Number of persons	3,041
		Smoking initiation age (5 to 14 years)	Percent	100.0
			Number of persons	1,072 <sup>E</sup>
		Smoking initiation age (5 to 11 years)	Percent	35.2 <sup>E</sup>
			Number of persons	F
		Smoking initiation age (12 to 14 years)	Percent	F
			Number of persons	814 <sup>E</sup>
		Smoking initiation age (15 to 19 years)	Percent	26.8 <sup>E</sup>
			Number of persons	1,547
		Smoking initiation age (20 years and over)	Percent	50.9
			Number of persons	F
		Age of smoking initiation, not stated	Percent	F
			Number of persons	F
		Age of smoking initiation, not stated	Percent	F
			Number of persons	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 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	41.6 <sup>E</sup>
		Smoking initiation age (5 to 11 years)	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
		Smoking initiation age (12 to 14 years)	Number of persons	924 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	33.1 <sup>E</sup>
		Smoking initiation age (15 to 19 years)	Number of persons	1,319 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	47.2 <sup>E</sup>
		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
	Both sexes	Total population for the variable smoking initiation	Number of persons	6,866
			Percent	100.0
		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 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	11.8 <sup>E</sup>
		Age of smoking initiation, not stated	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
	Males	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 <sup>E</sup>
			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 <sup>E</sup>

45 to 64 years			Percent	42.3
		Smoking initiation age (15 to 19 years)	Number of persons	1,490
			Percent	41.0
		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	3,236
			Percent	100.0
		Smoking initiation age (5 to 14 years)	Number of persons	894 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	27.6 <sup>E</sup>
		Smoking initiation age (5 to 11 years)	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
		Smoking initiation age (12 to 14 years)	Number of persons	785 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	24.3 <sup>E</sup>
		Smoking initiation age (15 to 19 years)	Number of persons	1,745
			Percent	53.9
		Smoking initiation age (20 years and over)	Number of persons	562 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	17.4 <sup>E</sup>
		Age of smoking initiation, not stated	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
65 years and over	Both sexes	Total population for the variable smoking initiation	Number of persons	1,443
			Percent	100.0
		Smoking initiation age (5 to 14 years)	Number of persons	333 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	23.1 <sup>E</sup>
		Smoking initiation age (5 to 11 years)	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
		Smoking initiation age (12 to 14 years)	Number of persons	236 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	16.3 <sup>E</sup>
		Smoking initiation age (15 to 19 years)	Number of persons	553 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	38.3 <sup>E</sup>
		Smoking initiation age (20 years and over)	Number of persons	322 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	22.3 <sup>E</sup>
		Age of smoking initiation, not stated	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
	Males	Total population for the variable smoking initiation	Number of persons	857
			Percent	100.0
		Smoking initiation age (5 to 14 years)	Number of persons	235 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	27.4 <sup>E</sup>
		Smoking initiation age (5 to 11 years)	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
		Smoking initiation age (12 to 14 years)	Number of persons	199 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	23.2 <sup>E</sup>
		Smoking initiation age (15 to 19 years)	Number of persons	359 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	41.9 <sup>E</sup>
		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	585 <sup>E</sup>
			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:

<sup>E</sup> Use with caution

<sup>F</sup> 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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