

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:

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Geography<sup>2,3</sup>=Nunavut [62]

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	12,026
			Percent	100.0
		Smoking initiation age (5 to 14 years)	Number of persons	6,454
			Percent	53.7
		Smoking initiation age (5 to 11 years)	Number of persons	1,948
			Percent	16.2 <sup>E</sup>
		Smoking initiation age (12 to 14 years)	Number of persons	4,506
			Percent	37.5
		Smoking initiation age (15 to 19 years)	Number of persons	4,382
			Percent	36.4
		Smoking initiation age (20 years and over)	Number of persons	815 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	6.8 <sup>E</sup>
		Age of smoking initiation, not stated	Number of persons	375 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	3.1 <sup>E</sup>
	Males	Total population for the variable smoking initiation	Number of persons	6,110
			Percent	100.0
		Smoking initiation age (5 to 14 years)	Number of persons	2,992
			Percent	49.0
		Smoking initiation age (5 to 11 years)	Number of persons	1,004 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	16.4 <sup>E</sup>
		Smoking initiation age (12 to 14 years)	Number of persons	1,987
			Percent	32.5
		Smoking initiation age (15 to 19 years)	Number of persons	2,345
			Percent	38.4
		Smoking initiation age (20 years and over)	Number of persons	476 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	7.8 <sup>E</sup>
		Age of smoking initiation, not stated	Number of persons	298 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	4.9 <sup>E</sup>
	Females	Total population for the variable smoking initiation	Number of persons	5,915
			Percent	100.0
		Smoking initiation age (5 to 14 years)	Number of persons	3,462
			Percent	58.5
		Smoking initiation age (5 to 11 years)	Number of persons	944 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	16.0 <sup>E</sup>
		Smoking initiation age (12 to 14 years)	Number of persons	2,518
			Percent	42.6
		Smoking initiation age (15 to 19 years)	Number of persons	2,036

12 to 19 years			Percent	34.4
			Number of persons	339 <sup>E</sup>
	Smoking initiation age (20 years and over)		Percent	5.7 <sup>E</sup>
			Number of persons	F
	Age of smoking initiation, not stated		Percent	F
			Number of persons	2,238
	Both sexes	Total population for the variable smoking initiation	Percent	100.0
			Number of persons	1,744
		Smoking initiation age (5 to 14 years)	Percent	77.9
			Number of persons	771 <sup>E</sup>
		Smoking initiation age (5 to 11 years)	Percent	34.5 <sup>E</sup>
			Number of persons	973
		Smoking initiation age (12 to 14 years)	Percent	43.5
			Number of persons	F
		Smoking initiation age (15 to 19 years)	Percent	F
			Number of persons	F
		Smoking initiation age (20 years and over)	Percent	F
			Number of persons	F
		Age of smoking initiation, not stated	Percent	F
			Number of persons	F
	Males	Total population for the variable smoking initiation	Percent	100.0
			Number of persons	1,132
		Smoking initiation age (5 to 14 years)	Percent	70.2
			Number of persons	794
		Smoking initiation age (5 to 11 years)	Percent	33.4 <sup>E</sup>
			Number of persons	378 <sup>E</sup>
		Smoking initiation age (12 to 14 years)	Percent	36.8
			Number of persons	416 <sup>E</sup>
		Smoking initiation age (15 to 19 years)	Percent	F
			Number of persons	F
		Smoking initiation age (20 years and over)	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	Percent	100.0
			Number of persons	1,106
		Smoking initiation age (5 to 14 years)	Percent	85.9
			Number of persons	950
		Smoking initiation age (5 to 11 years)	Percent	35.6 <sup>E</sup>
			Number of persons	393 <sup>E</sup>
		Smoking initiation age (12 to 14 years)	Percent	50.3 <sup>E</sup>
			Number of persons	556 <sup>E</sup>
		Smoking initiation age (15 to 19 years)	Percent	F
			Number of persons	F
		Smoking initiation age (20 years and over)	Percent	F
			Number of persons	F
		Age of smoking initiation, not stated	Percent	F
			Number of persons	F
		Total population for the variable smoking initiation	Percent	100.0
			Number of persons	4,490
		Smoking initiation age (5 to 14 years)	Percent	55.3
			Number of persons	2,484

20 to 34 years	Both sexes	Smoking initiation age (5 to 11 years)	Number of persons	661 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	14.7 <sup>E</sup>
		Smoking initiation age (12 to 14 years)	Number of persons	1,823
			Percent	40.6
		Smoking initiation age (15 to 19 years)	Number of persons	1,748
			Percent	38.9
		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	2,276
			Percent	100.0
		Smoking initiation age (5 to 14 years)	Number of persons	1,148 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	50.4
		Smoking initiation age (5 to 11 years)	Number of persons	327 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	F
		Smoking initiation age (12 to 14 years)	Number of persons	821 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	36.1 <sup>E</sup>
		Smoking initiation age (15 to 19 years)	Number of persons	922
			Percent	40.5
		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
	Females	Total population for the variable smoking initiation	Number of persons	2,215
			Percent	100.0
		Smoking initiation age (5 to 14 years)	Number of persons	1,336
			Percent	60.3
		Smoking initiation age (5 to 11 years)	Number of persons	335 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	15.1 <sup>E</sup>
		Smoking initiation age (12 to 14 years)	Number of persons	1,002 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	45.2 <sup>E</sup>
		Smoking initiation age (15 to 19 years)	Number of persons	825 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	37.3 <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
	Both sexes	Total population for the variable smoking initiation	Number of persons	2,534
			Percent	100.0
		Smoking initiation age (5 to 14 years)	Number of persons	1,330
			Percent	52.5
		Smoking initiation age (5 to 11 years)	Number of persons	363 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	F
		Smoking initiation age (12 to 14 years)	Number of persons	966 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	38.1
		Smoking initiation age (15 to 19 years)	Number of persons	824 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	32.5
		Smoking initiation age (20 years and over)	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F

35 to 44 years		Age of smoking initiation, not stated	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
	Males	Total population for the variable smoking initiation	Number of persons	1,271
			Percent	100.0
		Smoking initiation age (5 to 14 years)	Number of persons	636
			Percent	50.0
		Smoking initiation age (5 to 11 years)	Number of persons	226 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	17.8 <sup>E</sup>
		Smoking initiation age (12 to 14 years)	Number of persons	411 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	32.3 <sup>E</sup>
		Smoking initiation age (15 to 19 years)	Number of persons	436 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	34.3
		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	1,263
			Percent	100.0
		Smoking initiation age (5 to 14 years)	Number of persons	693 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	54.9 <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	556 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	44.0 <sup>E</sup>
		Smoking initiation age (15 to 19 years)	Number of persons	F
			Percent	30.8 <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	2,301
			Percent	100.0
		Smoking initiation age (5 to 14 years)	Number of persons	839 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	36.4 <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	738 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	32.0 <sup>E</sup>
		Smoking initiation age (15 to 19 years)	Number of persons	1,201
			Percent	52.2
		Smoking initiation age (20 years and over)	Number of persons	213 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	9.2 <sup>E</sup>
		Age of smoking initiation, not stated	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
		Total population for the variable smoking initiation	Number of persons	1,156
			Percent	100.0
		Smoking initiation age (5 to 14 years)	Number of persons	380 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	32.9 <sup>E</sup>
		Smoking initiation age (5 to 11 years)	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F

45 to 64 years	Males	Smoking initiation age (12 to 14 years)	Number of persons	333 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	28.8 <sup>E</sup>
		Smoking initiation age (15 to 19 years)	Number of persons	577 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	50.0
		Smoking initiation age (20 years and over)	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
	Females	Age of smoking initiation, not stated	Number of persons	F
			Percent	F
		Total population for the variable smoking initiation	Number of persons	1,146
			Percent	100.0
		Smoking initiation age (5 to 14 years)	Number of persons	458 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	40.0 <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	404 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	35.3 <sup>E</sup>
		Smoking initiation age (15 to 19 years)	Number of persons	624 <sup>E</sup>
			Percent	54.5 <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
65 years and over	Both sexes	Total population for the variable smoking initiation	Number of persons	462
			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
	Males	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
		Total population for the variable smoking initiation	Number of persons	276
			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
			Number of persons	F

	Females	Total population for the variable smoking initiation	Percent	F
		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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