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## CANSIM - Results

Table 105-4042<sup>1,2,3,4</sup>

### Pap smear, females aged 18 to 69 years, Canada, provinces and territories, occasional

**Survey or program details:**

Canadian Community Health Survey - [3226](#)

National Population Health Survey - Household Component - Cross-sectional - [3236](#)

National Population Health Survey - North Component - [5004](#)

Geography	Pap smear <sup>2,3</sup>	Characteristics <sup>4,5,6,7,8,11</sup>	1994/1995	1996/1997	1998/1999	2000/2001	2003	2005
Yukon Territory	Total population for the variable Pap smear	Number of persons	8,211	8,663	8,681	10,383	10,619	11,520
		Percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
	Pap smear, within last 3 years	Number of persons	6,437	6,764	8,345	8,397	8,864	9,127
		Percent	78.4	78.1	96.1	80.9	83.5	79.2
	Pap smear, less than one year ago	Number of persons	4,395	4,192	8,345	6,628	5,991	6,960
		Percent	53.5	48.4	96.1	63.8	56.4	60.4
	Pap smear, 1 year to less than 3 years ago	Number of persons	2,042	2,572	F	1,768	2,873	2,167
		Percent	24.9	29.7	F	17.0	27.1	18.8
	Pap smear, 3 or more years ago	Number of persons	649	930 <sup>E</sup>	F	1,105	828 <sup>E</sup>	1,247 <sup>E</sup>
		Percent	7.9	10.7 <sup>E</sup>	F	10.6	7.8 <sup>E</sup>	10.8 <sup>E</sup>
	Never had a Pap smear	Number of persons	324 <sup>E</sup>	329 <sup>E</sup>	F	446 <sup>E</sup>	836 <sup>E</sup>	972 <sup>E</sup>
		Percent	3.9 <sup>E</sup>	3.8 <sup>E</sup>	F	4.3 <sup>E</sup>	7.9 <sup>E</sup>	8.4 <sup>E</sup>
	Pap smear, not stated	Number of persons	801	639 <sup>E</sup>	336 <sup>E</sup>	436 <sup>E</sup>	F	F
		Percent	9.8	7.4 <sup>E</sup>	3.9 <sup>E</sup>	4.2 <sup>E</sup>	F	F
	Total population for the variable Pap smear	Number of persons	11,143	12,011	12,692	13,040	13,431	13,817
		Percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
	Pap	Number of persons	8,475	9,213	11,755	10,141	10,873	11,537

Northwest Territories <sup>10</sup>	smear, within last 3 years	Percent	76.1	76.7	92.6	77.8	81.0	83.5
	Pap smear, less than one year ago	Number of persons	5,835	6,788	11,755	7,441	8,224	9,210
		Percent	52.4	56.5	92.6	57.1	61.2	66.7
	Pap smear, 1 year to less than 3 years ago	Number of persons	2,640	2,425	F	2,700	2,649	2,327
		Percent	23.7	20.2	F	20.7	19.7	16.8
	Pap smear, 3 or more years ago	Number of persons	700 <sup>E</sup>	F	F	885 <sup>E</sup>	1,330	1,108 <sup>E</sup>
		Percent	6.3 <sup>E</sup>	F	F	6.8 <sup>E</sup>	9.9	8.0 <sup>E</sup>
	Never had a Pap smear	Number of persons	1,255 <sup>E</sup>	921 <sup>E</sup>	F	1,089	1,130 <sup>E</sup>	1,104 <sup>E</sup>
		Percent	11.3 <sup>E</sup>	7.7 <sup>E</sup>	F	8.4	8.4 <sup>E</sup>	8.0 <sup>E</sup>
	Pap smear, not stated	Number of persons	714 <sup>E</sup>	1,265 <sup>E</sup>	937 <sup>E</sup>	925 <sup>E</sup>	F	F
Percent		6.4 <sup>E</sup>	10.5 <sup>E</sup>	7.4 <sup>E</sup>	7.1 <sup>E</sup>	F	F	
Nunavut <sup>10</sup>	Total population for the variable Pap smear	Number of persons	6,751	6,095	6,675	7,362	5,382	5,897
		Percent	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0	100.0
	Pap smear, within last 3 years	Number of persons	4,651	4,704	6,070	4,815	3,840	4,675
		Percent	68.9	77.2	90.9	65.4	71.3	79.3
	Pap smear, less than one year ago	Number of persons	3,744	3,395	6,070	3,558	2,562	3,141
		Percent	55.5	55.7	90.9	48.3	47.6	53.3
	Pap smear, 1 year to less than 3 years ago	Number of persons	908 <sup>E</sup>	1,309 <sup>E</sup>	F	1,258	1,278	1,533
		Percent	13.4 <sup>E</sup>	21.5 <sup>E</sup>	F	17.1	23.7	26.0
	Pap smear, 3 or more years ago	Number of persons	F	F	F	310 <sup>E</sup>	F	390 <sup>E</sup>
		Percent	F	F	F	4.2 <sup>E</sup>	F	6.6 <sup>E</sup>
	Never had a Pap smear	Number of persons	754 <sup>E</sup>	F	F	1,550	1,207 <sup>E</sup>	741 <sup>E</sup>
		Percent	11.2 <sup>E</sup>	F	F	21.1	22.4	12.6 <sup>E</sup>
	Pap smear, not stated	Number of persons	1,182 <sup>E</sup>	790 <sup>E</sup>	604 <sup>E</sup>	686 <sup>E</sup>	F	F
		Percent	17.5 <sup>E</sup>	13.0 <sup>E</sup>	9.1 <sup>E</sup>	9.3 <sup>E</sup>	F	F

**Symbol legend:**

E Use with caution

F Too unreliable to be published

## Footnotes:

1. Sources: Statistics Canada, Canadian Community Health Survey (CCHS), 2000/2001, 2003 and 2005; National Population Health Survey (NPHS), 1994/1995, 1996/1997 and 1998/1999, cross sectional sample, health file (household component); National Population Health Survey (NPHS), 1994/1995 and 1996/1997, cross sectional sample, health file (North component)
2. Females aged 18 to 69 who reported when they had their last Pap smear test.
3. Pap tests (Papanicolaou) detect pre-malignant lesions before cancer of the cervix develops.
4. Rates are age-standardized using the direct method and the 1991 Canadian Census population structure. The use of a standard population results in more meaningful comparisons because it adjusts for variations in population age distributions over time and across geographic areas.
5. 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).
6. Data with a coefficient of variation (CV) from 16.6% to 33.3% are identified as follows: (E) use with caution.
7. 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.
8. Currently produced National Population Health Survey (NPHS) data (cross sectional sample, health file, household component) make use of new coordinated bootstrap weights, and as a result confidence intervals (CI) and coefficient of variations (CV) may differ from values previously published.
10. Nunavut and the Northwest Territories (excluding Nunavut) came into existence on April 1, 1999. To facilitate comparisons, data presented in this table for the Northwest Territories reflect the current boundaries, showing the Northwest Territories and Nunavut as separate regions.
11. The following standard symbols are used in this Statistics Canada table: (..) for figures not available for a specific reference period and (...) for figures not applicable.

**Source:** Statistics Canada. *Table 105-4042 - Pap smear, females aged 18 to 69 years, Canada, provinces and territories, occasional*, CANSIM (database).

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