

StatsUpdate

Topic: Daily or Occasional Smokers
2014
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Background: In 2014, over two thirds of the population aged 12 years and over in Nunavut were daily or occasional smokers. This is the highest proportion of smokers in all provinces and territories and three times the national average of **19%**.

In Nunavut, smoking rates were highest among 20 to 34 year-olds and 35 to 44 year olds where almost 7 out of 10 in those age groups smoked daily or occasionally in 2014.

Details:

Percentage of Daily or Occasional Smokers Amongst the Population 12 Years and Over, by Province and Territory, 2008 - 2014.							
	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014
	%						
Nunavut	54	61	54	60	54	59	62
Canada	21	20	21	20	20	19	18
Newfoundland and Labrador	25	23	23	20	26	20	22
Prince Edward Island	21	20	24	21	22	19	20
Nova Scotia	24	23	23	22	24	21	22
New Brunswick	23	22	23	22	24	22	21
Quebec	23	23	23	21	24	21	20
Ontario	20	19	19	19	19	18	17
Manitoba	24	21	19	20	20	19	16
Saskatchewan	25	22	23	24	20	23	21
Alberta	23	23	23	22	22	20	19
British Columbia	19	16	17	16	15	16	14
Yukon	32	36	28	29	29	26	26
Northwest Territories	34	36	42	35	36	33	33

Source: Canadian Community Health Survey (CCHS).

Definitions:

- Daily smokers** refer to those who reported smoking cigarettes every day.
- Occasional smokers** refer to those who reported smoking cigarettes occasionally. This includes former daily smokers who now smoke occasionally.
- In Nunavut, starting in 2013, the coverage was expanded to represent 92% of the targeted population. Before 2013, the coverage was 71% since the survey covered only the 10 largest communities. As such, comparisons over time should be made with some caution.

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