

## Youth Smoking Survey, Overview of Results, 1994-2009

(Conducted for Health Canada)

Grades 6-9 are about ages 11-14; grades 10-12 are about ages 15-17

### Smoking in last 30 days

(by daily, current or experimenter smokers)

	1994	2002	2004-05	2006-07	2008-09
total, grades 6-9	18.5	7.5	4.8	6.4	7.0
boys, grades 6-9	16.7	6.7	4.2	6.7	7.5
girls, grades 6-9	20.3	8.4	5.4	6.2	6.5
total, gr. 10-12	n/a	n/a	n/a	18.7	20.5
boys, gr. 10-12	n/a	n/a	n/a	19.7	22.2
girls, gr. 10-12	n/a	n/a	n/a	17.5	18.6
grade 6	6.5*	1.6*	1.2*	1.4*	1.2
grade 7	15.2	5.9	2.6	3.6	4.2
grade 8	22.9	9.2	5.7	7.5	9.0
grade 9	29.7	13.6	9.7	12.8	12.9
grade 10	n/a	n/a	n/a	16.3	17.7
grade 11	n/a	n/a	n/a	19.5	20.3
grade 12	n/a	n/a	n/a	20.5	23.9
total, gr. 7-9	22.7	9.5	6.0	8.0	8.8

### Smoking in last 30 days

(by daily, current or experimenter smokers)

Gr 6-9 overall	1994	2002	2004-05	2006-07	2008-09
Canada	18.5	7.5	4.8	6.4	7.0
BC	17.7	4.6	2.8*	8.0	6.8
Alta	18.1	5.2*	4.6	4.6*	4.8
Sask	18.7	8.0	5.7*	6.3	13.1*
Man	18.7	7.5	4.0*	8.6*	5.3
Ont	13.7	4.0	2.9	3.9	3.3
Que	26.9	14.8	8.6*	10.5	13.6
NB	16.9	9.5	5.0*	6.6	7.6
NS	17.7	9.8	7.5	7.2*	6.3*
PEI	18.6	7.3	3.8*	4.5*	5.0
N&L	21.0	12.0	6.3*	4.9*	10.4

### Current smoking (daily and non-daily)

	1994	2002	2004-05	2006-07	2008-09
grade 6	#	#	#	#	#
grade 7	5.6*	1.7*	#	1.4*	2.0*
grade 8	11.0	3.7	2.4	3.2	4.4
grade 9	14.3	7.6	4.8	6.7	7.0
grade 10	n/a	n/a	n/a	8.9	11.4
grade 11	n/a	n/a	n/a	11.8	13.0
grade 12	n/a	n/a	n/a	14.0	15.6
total, gr. 6-9	8.0	3.3	2.1	3.0	3.5
boys, gr. 6-9	7.7	2.8	1.9*	3.4	3.9
girls, gr. 6-9	8.3	3.8	2.2*	2.5	3.0
total, gr. 7-9	10.3	4.3	2.7	3.8	4.5
boys, gr. 7-9	9.8	3.7	2.4*	4.3	5.1
girls, gr. 7-9	10.8	4.9	3.0*	3.2	3.9
total, gr. 10-12	n/a	n/a	n/a	11.4	13.2
boys, gr. 10-12	n/a	n/a	n/a	12.8	15.3
girls, gr. 10-12	n/a	n/a	n/a	10.0	11.0
total, gr. 6-12	n/a	n/a	n/a	6.5	7.7
boys, gr. 6-12	n/a	n/a	n/a	7.4	8.9
girls, gr. 6-12	n/a	n/a	n/a	5.6	6.4

### Ever tried smoking a cigarette

Gr 6-9 overall	1994	2002	2004-05	2006-07	2008-09
Canada, overall	45	26	22	22	22
Canada, boys	45	26	22	23	23
Canada, girls	45	27	22	20	20
BC	44	19	14	22	21
Alta	44	22	21	16	18
Sask	49	30	23*	27	32
Man	47	24	19*	25*	17
Ont	40	19	16	15	14
Que	55	43	37	33	36
NB	41	27	20	20	21
NS	41	29	24	21	19
PEI	43	22	18	16	16
N&L	49	32	25	21	28

### Ever tried smoking a cigarette

Gr 10-12 overall	1994	2002	2004-05	2006-07	2008-09
Canada, overall	n/a	n/a	n/a	48	48
Canada, boys	n/a	n/a	n/a	49	49
Canada, girls	n/a	n/a	n/a	47	47
BC	n/a	n/a	n/a	56	50
Alta	n/a	n/a	n/a	46	48
Sask	n/a	n/a	n/a	60	61
Man	n/a	n/a	n/a	56	48
Ont	n/a	n/a	n/a	42	44
Que	n/a	n/a	n/a	54	58
NB	n/a	n/a	n/a	50	51
NS	n/a	n/a	n/a	52	50
PEI	n/a	n/a	n/a	48	46
N&L	n/a	n/a	n/a	56	50

### Current smoking (daily and non-daily) by province

Grades 10-12	1994	2002	2004-05	2006-07	2008-09
Canada, overall	n/a	n/a	n/a	11	13
Canada, boys	n/a	n/a	n/a	13	15
Canada, girls	n/a	n/a	n/a	10	11
BC	n/a	n/a	n/a	15	14
Alta	n/a	n/a	n/a	8*	9*
Sask	n/a	n/a	n/a	17*	22
Man	n/a	n/a	n/a	20*	12*
Ont	n/a	n/a	n/a	10	12
Que	n/a	n/a	n/a	11	17
NB	n/a	n/a	n/a	16	15
NS	n/a	n/a	n/a	14	15
PEI	n/a	n/a	n/a	12	14
N&L	n/a	n/a	n/a	16*	15

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### Cigarillos/little cigars/cigars

#### Ever tried

	2006-07	2008-09
total, gr. 10-12	35	40
boys, gr. 10-12	39	45
girls, gr. 10-12	30	34
total, gr. 7-9	14	15
boys, gr. 7-9	16	17
girls, gr. 7-9	12	12
total, gr. 7-12	24	27
boys, gr. 7-12	28	31
girls, gr. 7-12	21	23
total, gr. 6-12	21	24
boys, gr. 6-12	24	17
girls, gr. 6-12	18	20
total, gr. 6-9	12	12
boys, gr. 6-9	13	14
girls, gr. 6-9	10	10

### Cigarillos/little cigars/cigars

#### Smoked in last 30 days

	2006-07	2008-09
total, gr. 10-12	16	17
boys, gr. 10-12	20	23
girls, gr. 10-12	11	12
total, gr. 7-9	6	7
boys, gr. 7-9	7	8
girls, gr. 7-9	5	5
total, gr. 7-12	11	12
boys, gr. 7-12	14	16
girls, gr. 7-12	8	9

### Cigarillos/little cigars

#### Ever tried - 2008-09

	Total	Boys	Girls
total, gr. 10-12	35	38	31
total, gr. 6-9	10	11	8
grade 12	41	48	34
grade 11	36	38	33
grade 10	27	29	26
grade 9	20	22	17
grade 8	11	12	9
grade 7	5	6	3
grade 6	2*	2*	2*

### Cigarillos/little cigars

#### Smoked in last 30 days - 2008-09

	Total	Boys	Girls
total, gr. 10-12	14	18	10
total, gr. 6-9	4	5	3
grade 12	16	23	10
grade 11	15	19	11
grade 10	12	14	10
grade 9	9	10	6
grade 8	5	6	4
grade 7	3*	3*	2*
grade 6	1*	#	#

On this page, the two tables at the top have information for cigarillos/little cigars/cigars to allow for comparison between the 2006-07 and 2008-09 surveys. The wording of the 2006-07 survey question did not allow for data for just "cigarillos/little cigars" without "cigars". The wording of the 2008-09 survey was changed - that is why the two bottom tables on this page provide information on "cigarillos/little cigars".

# High sampling variability - although an estimate may be determined from the table, data should be suppressed

\*moderate sampling variability, interpret with caution

Note: Grades 10-12 were only surveyed beginning with the 2006-07 survey.

Grades 6-9 are about ages 11-14

Grades 10-12 are about ages 15-17

Although grade 5 was included in the first four YSS surveys, grade 5 was not included in the 2008-09 survey. As a result, group trend information is provided for grades 6-9 for full comparison purposes, not grades 5-9.

The 2008-09 Youth Smoking Survey (YSS) was funded by Health Canada and was conducted by the Propel Centre for Population Health Impact (Propel) at the University of Waterloo and collaborators in each province.

To see further YSS results, visit the YSS and Health Canada websites:

[www.yss.uwaterloo.ca](http://www.yss.uwaterloo.ca)

<http://www.hc-sc.gc.ca/hc-ps/tobac-tabac/research-recherche/stat/index-eng.php#yss>

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