

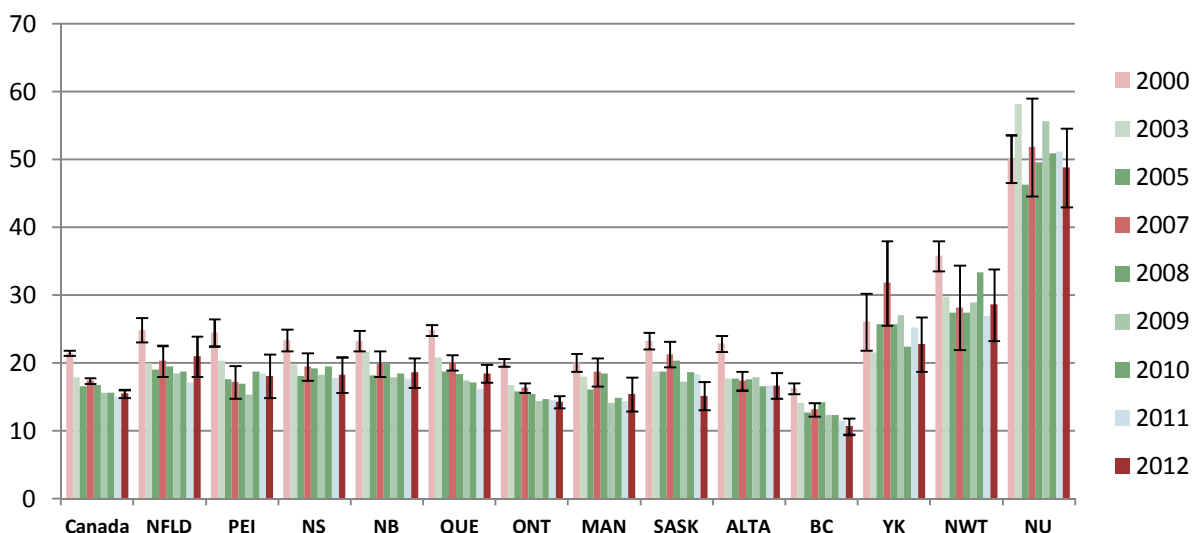
# Daily smoking in Canada, 2000 to-2012

## Key Findings

- The Canadian Community Health Survey (CCHS) first gathered data on smoking between the autumns of 2000 and 2001. It now collects and releases data on an annual basis.
- According to data collected during the Canadian Community Health Surveys taken between 2000/1 and 2012, the rate of daily smoking fell in all Canadian jurisdictions, although in a few small jurisdictions the reduction was not statistically significant.
- The overall decline was 6 percentage points (from 21.5% to 15.5%), a decline of more than one-quarter. Because there was population growth during this period, the number of daily smokers fell at a somewhat smaller rate. There were about 1 million fewer daily smokers in 2012 than in 2000, a drop of almost one-fifth.
- In the last 5 years, the rate of progress has slowed. The overall decline in prevalence between 2007 and 2012 was 1.9 percentage points (from 27.4% to 15.5%). This decline is statistically significant across Canada, as it is in the provinces of Quebec, Ontario, Manitoba, Saskatchewan, Ontario, British Columbia and the Yukon territory.
- Almost two-thirds of Canada's 4.5 million daily smokers live in Ontario and Quebec (64%). While the northern territories have the highest smoking rates, only 0.6% of Canadian smokers live in the northern regions.

## DAILY SMOKING

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## Daily Smoking, 2000-2011

## Number of smokers

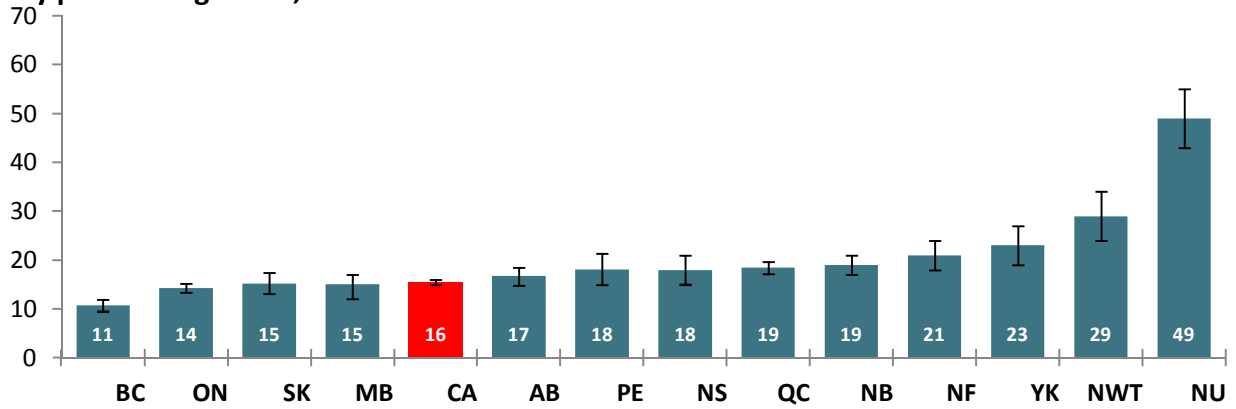
	2000	2003	2005	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
<b>Canada</b>	<b>5,534,872</b>	<b>4,728,797</b>	<b>4,479,985</b>	<b>4,835,078</b>	<b>4,705,963</b>	<b>4,430,078</b>	<b>4,492,655</b>	<b>4,378,384</b>	<b>4,532,283</b>
Newfoundland & Labrador	114,906	91,642	84,995	89,502	86,241	82,461	82,812	76,188	93,139
Prince Edward Island	28,497	24,239	20,691	20,422	20,272	18,563	22,807	22,966	22,623
Nova Scotia	184,685	157,472	143,801	155,241	153,325	146,963	156,888	144,219	147,613
New Brunswick	147,604	137,745	115,779	127,196	128,111	115,445	117,842	113,989	119,272
Quebec	1,551,887	1,316,554	1,209,043	1,317,872	1,218,532	1,161,104	1,154,869	1,099,818	1,260,674
Ontario	1,984,526	1,716,102	1,656,553	1,767,343	1,686,180	1,597,094	1,641,721	1,631,402	1,628,908
Manitoba	182,333	163,868	149,918	176,342	176,690	135,930	145,503	142,899	154,011
Saskatchewan	187,696	148,744	146,924	167,499	163,253	140,109	154,031	153,379	128,666
Alberta	568,220	456,278	474,526	496,664	514,125	533,450	512,523	519,125	531,667
British Columbia	556,586	492,925	454,391	491,100	535,225	472,966	476,640	448,687	420,300
Yukon	6,515	5,373	6,977	8,532	6,981	7,500	6,577	7,489	6,904
Northwest Territories	11,643	9,878	9,494	9,456	9,361	9,935	11,732	9,422	9,992
Nunavut	9,774	7,977	6,893	7,908	7,666	8,558	8,711	8,801	8,516

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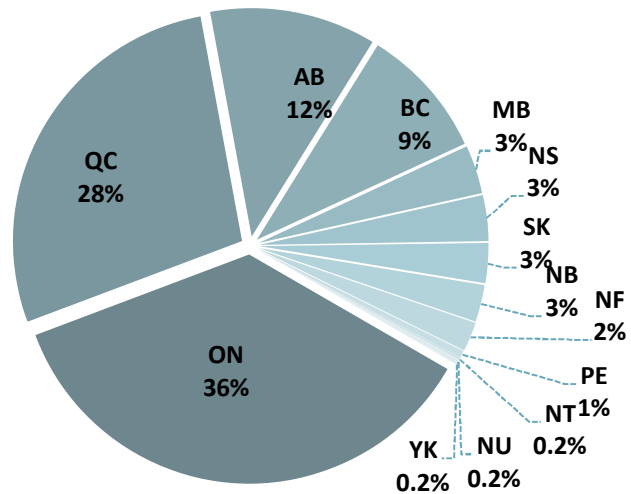
## Percentage of population who smoke

	2000	2003	2005	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
<b>Canada</b>	<b>21.5</b>	<b>17.9</b>	<b>16.6</b>	<b>17.4</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>15.6</b>	<b>15.6</b>	<b>15.1</b>	<b>15.5</b>
Low CI 95%	21.1	17.6	16.3	17	16.3	15.1	15.2	14.6	14.9
High CI 95%	21.8	18.2	16.9	17.9	17.3	16.0	16.1	15.6	16.0
<b>Nfld &amp; Labrador</b>	<b>24.9</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>20.3</b>	<b>19.5</b>	<b>18.5</b>	<b>18.7</b>	<b>17.1</b>	<b>21.0</b>
Low CI 95%	23.1	18.2	17.2	18	17.1	16.1	16.2	15	18.0
High CI 95%	26.7	21.8	20.7	22.6	21.8	20.9	21.2	19.3	24.1
<b>Prince Edward Island</b>	<b>24.5</b>	<b>20.3</b>	<b>17.6</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>16.9</b>	<b>15.3</b>	<b>18.7</b>	<b>18.5</b>	<b>18.1</b>
Low CI 95%	22.5	18	15.4	14.8	14	12	15.4	14.8	14.9
High CI 95%	26.5	22.7	19.9	19.6	19.8	18.6	22.1	22.2	21.3
<b>Nova Scotia</b>	<b>23.4</b>	<b>19.8</b>	<b>18.1</b>	<b>19.5</b>	<b>19.2</b>	<b>18.3</b>	<b>19.5</b>	<b>17.8</b>	<b>18.3</b>
Low CI 95%	21.8	18.2	16.6	17.5	17	16.1	16.9	15.6	15.7
High CI 95%	25	21.4	19.6	21.5	21.3	20.6	22	20.1	20.9
<b>New Brunswick</b>	<b>23.3</b>	<b>21.7</b>	<b>18.2</b>	<b>19.9</b>	<b>19.9</b>	<b>17.9</b>	<b>18.5</b>	<b>17.7</b>	<b>18.6</b>
Low CI 95%	21.8	20	16.9	18	17.9	15.6	16.5	15.3	16.4
High CI 95%	24.7	23.3	19.5	21.8	22	20.1	20.5	20.2	20.7
<b>Quebec</b>	<b>24.9</b>	<b>20.8</b>	<b>18.7</b>	<b>20.1</b>	<b>18.4</b>	<b>17.4</b>	<b>17.1</b>	<b>16.2</b>	<b>18.5</b>
Low CI 95%	24.1	20	18	19	17.4	16.4	16	15	17.2
High CI 95%	25.7	21.5	19.4	21.1	19.5	18.5	18.3	17.3	19.7
<b>Ontario</b>	<b>20.1</b>	<b>16.8</b>	<b>15.8</b>	<b>16.4</b>	<b>15.4</b>	<b>14.4</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>14.5</b>	<b>14.3</b>
Low CI 95%	19.5	16.3	15.4	15.7	14.6	13.6	13.9	13.6	13.4
High CI 95%	20.7	17.4	16.3	17.1	16.2	15.2	15.5	15.4	15.2
<b>Manitoba</b>	<b>20.1</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>16.1</b>	<b>18.7</b>	<b>18.5</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>14.9</b>	<b>14.4</b>	<b>15.4</b>
Low CI 95%	18.8	16.6	14.8	16.6	16.6	12.4	12.8	11.7	12.9
High CI 95%	21.4	19.5	17.3	20.8	20.5	15.7	16.9	17.1	17.8
<b>Saskatchewan</b>	<b>23.3</b>	<b>18.7</b>	<b>18.7</b>	<b>21.3</b>	<b>20.3</b>	<b>17.2</b>	<b>18.6</b>	<b>18.4</b>	<b>15.2</b>
Low CI 95%	22.1	17.4	17.5	19.4	18.5	15.4	16.2	16.4	13.1
High CI 95%	24.5	20	19.9	23.3	22.2	19.1	21.1	20.4	17.4
<b>Alberta</b>	<b>22.9</b>	<b>17.7</b>	<b>17.7</b>	<b>17.4</b>	<b>17.6</b>	<b>17.9</b>	<b>16.6</b>	<b>16.7</b>	<b>16.7</b>
Low CI 95%	21.7	16.6	16.7	16	16	16.1	15	15	14.8
High CI 95%	24.1	18.7	18.7	18.8	19.3	19.6	18.2	18.3	18.5
<b>British Columbia</b>	<b>16.3</b>	<b>14.1</b>	<b>12.7</b>	<b>13.2</b>	<b>14.2</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>12.3</b>	<b>11.5</b>	<b>10.7</b>
Low CI 95%	15.5	13.3	11.9	12.2	13.1	11.1	11.1	10.2	9.5
High CI 95%	17	14.8	13.4	14.2	15.3	13.5	13.6	12.7	11.9
<b>Yukon</b>	<b>26.1</b>	<b>21.6</b>	<b>25.7</b>	<b>31.8</b>	<b>25.7</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>22.4</b>	<b>25.2</b>	<b>22.8</b>
Low CI 95%	21.9	17.9	21.2	25.6	19.9	23.3	17.8	21.7	18.8
High CI 95%	30.3	25.2	30.1	38	31.4	30.7	26.9	28.6	26.9
<b>Northwest Territories</b>	<b>35.8</b>	<b>29.8</b>	<b>27.4</b>	<b>28.2</b>	<b>27.4</b>	<b>28.9</b>	<b>33.3</b>	<b>26.9</b>	<b>28.6</b>
Low CI 95%	33.6	24.5	23.8	22	22.9	23.9	27.3	22.5	23.3
High CI 95%	38.1	35.2	31	34.3	31.9	34	39.2	31.2	33.9
<b>Nunavut</b>	<b>50.1</b>	<b>58.1</b>	<b>46.3</b>	<b>51.8</b>	<b>49.6</b>	<b>55.6</b>	<b>50.9</b>	<b>51.2</b>	<b>48.8</b>
Low CI 95%	46.6	50.7	41.9	44.6	43.5	48.8	44.2	42.5	43.0
High CI 95%	53.7	65.5	50.7	59	55.7	62.3	57.6	59.8	54.6

**Prevalence of daily Smoking, 2012:  
by province ages 12+,**



**Distribution of Canadian daily smokers  
by province, 2012**



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