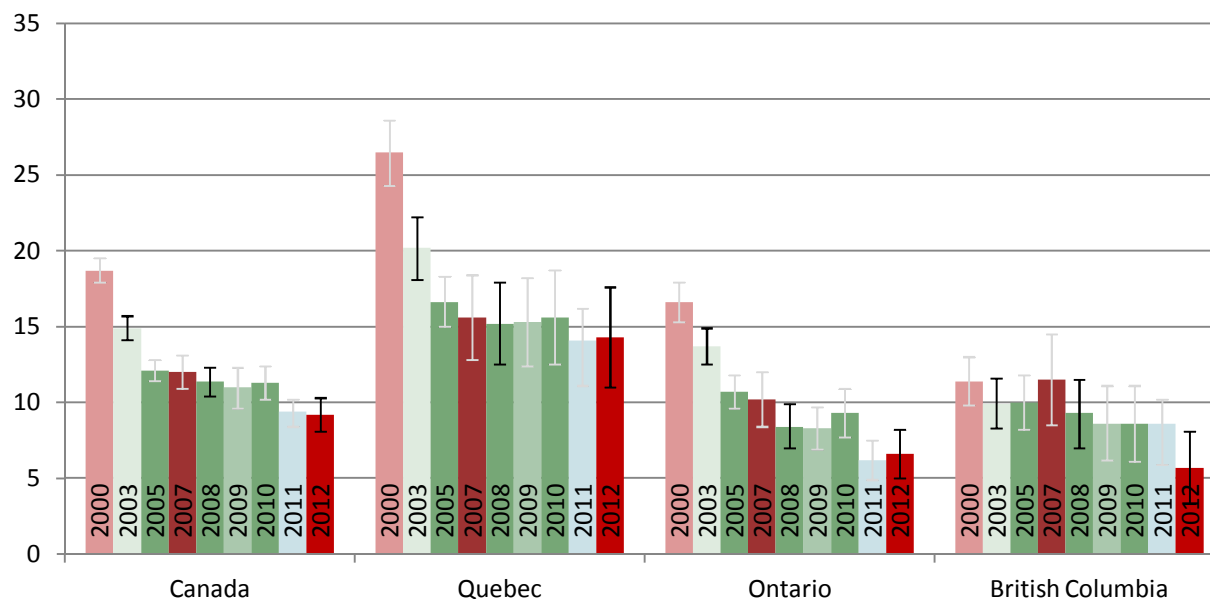


Smoking among young Canadians by province, 2000-2012

Key findings

- The number and percentage of young Canadians (aged 12 to 19) who smoked fell in half since the beginning of the 21st century.
- The differences between smoking rates in Canadian provinces have narrowed. Where British Columbia has significantly lower youth smoking rates in 2000, Ontario now rivals B.C. as the province with the lowest rate.
- Over the preceding 5 years, the reduction in the smoking rate across Canada for this group (from 12% in 2007 to 9.2% in 2012) is statistically significant, as it is for the provinces of Ontario and British Columbia.

CURRENT SMOKING, DAILY AND OCCASIONAL, CANADIANS AGED 12 – 19 YEARS OF AGE – 2000/1 TO 2012, CCHS



NUMBER OF SMOKERS, AGED 12 TO 19 YEARS OF AGE WHO SMOKE ON A DAILY OR OCCASIONAL BASIS

	2000	2003	2005	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Canada	605,558	490,296	405,109	403,212	382,961	371,279	375,512	308,352	295,709
• Boys	292,307	244,103	204,113	213,296	216,498	210,318	222,712	137,195	155,833
• Girls	313,250	246,193	200,996	189,916	166,463	160,961	152,800	122,290	139,876
Newfoundland and Labrador	11,311	9,855	9,415	E8,098	E4,842	E9,489	E6,012	E3,615	E5,829
Prince Edward Island	E2,420	E1,883	E1,812	E2,257	E1,700	E1,640	F	F	F
Nova Scotia	18,938	13,648	9,325	E6,745	E11,691	E9,079	E7,455	E10,479	E10,804
New Brunswick	12,596	11,223	7,427	E8,252	E8,569	E6,567	E6,033	E7,457	E7,272
Quebec	191,957	146,822	124,459	117,844	114,481	114,475	116,771	102,327	100,563
Ontario	205,459	176,428	141,503	137,328	114,055	112,568	124,060	80,889	85,804
Manitoba	23,945	17,275	12,343	12,311	E21,743	E15,071	E9,515	E11,960	E13,905
Saskatchewan	24,046	17,381	14,122	15,138	22,392	15,698	E11,566	E14,032	E9,988
Alberta	62,485	49,538	39,200	42,649	40,940	46,171	51,214	E38,346	E33,931
British Columbia	47,706	42,192	42,481	48,738	39,452	37,166	36,492	35,415	E23,228

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PERCENTAGE OF POPULATION AGED 12 TO 19 YEARS OF AGE WHO SMOKE ON A DAILY OR OCCASIONAL BASIS

	2000	2003	2005	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
Canada	18.7	14.9	12.1	12	11.4	11	11.3	9.4	9.2
• Boys	17.9-19.5	14.1-15.7	11.4-12.8	10.9-13.1	10.4-12.3	10-12.1	10.2-12.4	8.4-9.4	8.1-10.3
• Girls	16.5-18.7	13.3-15.5	11-12.9	10.6-14.2	11.1-14	10.8-13.7	11.5-14.7	8.2-11.0	7.8-11.1
Newf & Labrador	18.3	17	17.7	E16.3	E9.9	E19.7	E12.7	E7.9	E13.1
• Boys	14.9-21.8	13.3-20.7	13.2-22.1	10-22.6	5.8-14	12.8-26.5	7.3-18.2	3.2-12.5	6.6-19.6
Prince Edward Island	E14.8	E11.4	E11.2	E14.6	E10.8	E10.5	F	F	F
• Boys	10.9-18.7	7-15.7	6.7-15.6	8.3-20.8	3.8-17.8	3.7-17.2			
Nova Scotia	18.9	13.6	9.6	E7.2	E12.6	E10	E8.4	E12.1	E12.8
• Boys	15.4-22.4	10.7-16.4	7.3-11.9	3.8-10.6	7.8-17.4	5.9-14	4.2-12.5	7.1-17.0	6.4-19.3
New Brunswick	15.9	14.4	9.8	E11.2	E11.7	E9.1	E8.6	E10.8	E10.8
• Boys	13-18.8	11.1-17.7	7.2-12.5	7.2-15.3	7.3-16.1	4.7-13.5	4.5-12.6	6.0-15.6	5.9-15.7
Quebec	26.5	20.2	16.6	15.6	15.2	15.3	15.6	14.1	14.3
• Boys	24.3-28.6	18.1-22.2	15-18.3	12.8-18.4	12.5-17.9	12.4-18.2	12.5-18.7	11.1-17.1	11-17.6
Ontario	16.6	13.7	10.7	10.2	8.4	8.3	9.3	6.2	6.6
• Boys	15.3-17.9	12.5-14.9	9.6-11.8	8.4-12	7-9.9	6.9-9.7	7.8-10.9	4.9-7.4	5.1-8.2
Manitoba	19.7	14.1	10	10	E17.5	E12.1	E7.6	E9.6	E11.3
• Boys	16.2-23.2	11-17.1	7.2-12.7	7-13	11.3-23.6	7-17.1	3.8-11.3	5.9-13.3	7.1-15.4
Saskatchewan	20.5	15.3	13.1	14.4	21.3	15	E11.2	E13.8	E9.9
• Boys	18-23.1	12.4-18.3	10.6-15.6	9.9-18.9	15.9-26.6	10.6-19.4	7.4-15.1	9.1-18.5	6-13.8
Alberta	17.9	14	10.9	11.7	11.3	12.7	14.1	E10.7	E9.4
• Boys	15.8-20.1	11.5-16.4	8.9-13	8.5-14.9	8.2-14.3	8.6-16.7	10.7-17.5	7.0-14.4	6.2-12.7
British Columbia	11.4	9.9	10	11.5	9.3	8.6	8.6	8.6	E5.7
• Boys	9.8-13	8.3-11.6	8.2-11.8	8.5-14.5	7-11.5	6.2-11.1	6.1-11.1	5.9-11.2	3.3-8.1

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