

Definition/Description:

Population aged 12 and over who are current drinkers and who reported drinking 5 or more drinks on at least one occasion in the last 12 months, by frequency of behaviour (less than 12 times per year and 12 or more times per year). For purposes of this indicator, drinking 5 or more drinks on a single occasion was considered heavy drinking.

Source:

Statistics Canada, Canadian Community Health Survey Cycle 1.1, 2001

Findings:

Frequency of Heavy Drinking

Frequency of Heavy Drinking	Sex	Geography	Per Cent	Low 95% confidence interval - per cent	High 95% confidence interval - per cent
Less Than 12 Times Per Year	Both	Canada	23.3	22.9	23.7
		Manitoba	23.4	21.7	25.1
		Winnipeg Health Region	22.6	20.1	25.2
	Female	Canada	21.0	20.5	21.5
		Manitoba	22.1	20.0	24.3
		Winnipeg Health Region	21.7	18.5	24.9
	Male	Canada	25.4	24.9	26.0
		Manitoba	24.5	22.2	26.9
		Winnipeg Health Region	23.5	20.0	27.0
12 or More Times Per Year	Both	Canada	20.1	19.7	20.4
		Manitoba	22.9	21.3	24.5
		Winnipeg Health Region	22.0	19.5	24.4
	Female	Canada	11.2	10.9	11.6
		Manitoba	12.9	11.2	14.7
		Winnipeg Health Region	11.5	8.7	14.2
	Male	Canada	28.3	27.7	28.9
		Manitoba	31.9	29.3	34.5
		Winnipeg Health Region	31.4	27.3	35.5

Highlights:

- Overall, 22.0% of residents in the WHR consume large quantities of alcohol (5 or more drinks, 12 times or more per year). This compares to 20.1% for Canada and 22.9% for Manitoba.
- The percentage of males consuming 5 or more drinks, 12 times or more in the past year is almost three times higher than that for females in the WHR, 31.4% for males and 11.5% for females. This is similar for both Manitoba and Canada where the males rate is approximately three times that of females.