

Definition/Description:

Population aged 12 and over who reported being either a current or former smoker and who reported the age when they smoked their first cigarette by sex for the WHR, Manitoba and Canada

Source:

Statistics Canada, Canadian Community Health Survey Cycle 1.1, 2001

Findings:

Smoking Initiation Age for the Population Aged 12 and over who Reported being a Current or Former Smoker

	Sex	Geography	Per Cent	Low 95% confidence interval - per cent	High 95% confidence interval - per cent
Started Smoking Age: 5 - 11 years	Both	Canada	8.0	7.8	8.3
		Manitoba	7.0	6.1	7.9
		Winnipeg Health Region	6.5	5.1	8.0
	Female	Canada	5.6	5.4	5.9
		Manitoba	5.6	4.4	6.8
		Winnipeg Health Region	5.2*	3.4	7.1
	Male	Canada	10.1	9.7	10.5
		Manitoba	8.2	6.8	9.5
		Winnipeg Health Region	7.7	5.6	9.8
Started Smoking Age: 12 - 14 years	Both	Canada	30.3	29.9	30.7
		Manitoba	30.3	28.4	32.1
		Winnipeg Health Region	29.0	26.2	31.9
	Female	Canada	29.6	29.0	30.2
		Manitoba	27.9	25.5	30.3
		Winnipeg Health Region	27.0	23.5	30.5
	Male	Canada	30.9	30.2	31.5
		Manitoba	32.2	29.7	34.8
		Winnipeg Health Region	30.8	26.7	34.9
Started Smoking Age: 15 - 19 years	Both	Canada	46.0	45.6	46.5
		Manitoba	47.8	45.8	49.7
		Winnipeg Health Region	47.9	44.8	50.9
	Female	Canada	47.3	46.6	48.0
		Manitoba	50.9	48.3	53.5
		Winnipeg Health Region	51.0	47.1	54.9
	Male	Canada	45.0	44.3	45.7
		Manitoba	45.2	42.4	47.9
		Winnipeg Health Region	45.1	40.8	49.4
Started Smoking Age: 20+ years and over	Both	Canada	13.9	13.6	14.3
		Manitoba	12.9	11.6	14.2
		Winnipeg Health Region	14.4	12.3	16.5
	Female	Canada	16.3	15.8	16.8
		Manitoba	14.8	12.8	16.7
		Winnipeg Health Region	16.0	12.8	19.1
	Male	Canada	11.8	11.4	12.3
		Manitoba	11.3	9.5	13.2
		Winnipeg Health Region	13.0	10.0	16.0

Note: Data with a coefficient of variation (CV) from 16.6% to 33.3% are identified by an (*) and should be interpreted with caution.

Highlights:

- Of the population who smoke or who are former smokers, 15-19 years was the most common age group that smoking started (47.9%) and 12-14 years was the second most frequent age group of smoking initiation (29.0%).
- Approximately 6.5% of the population aged 12 years and over in the WHR reported smoking initiation between the ages of 5-11 years. A similar proportion is noted in Manitoba and Canada.
- Similar proportions of the population reporting smoking initiation are noted for both sexes across all age groups.
- For all age groups, there are comparable patterns of smoking initiation noted in Manitoba and Canada.