

Comprehensive Tobacco Control: Current Adult Smokers

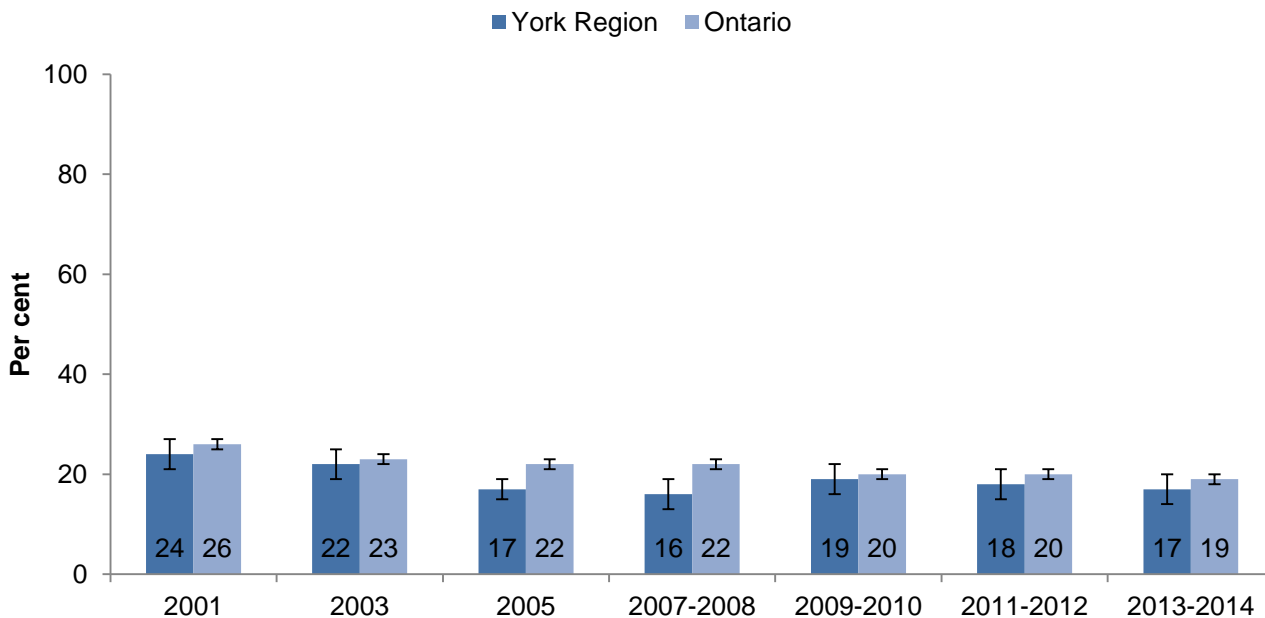
Indicator: Proportion of adults (20+ years) who are current (i.e., daily or occasional) cigarette smokers.¹

Data Source: Canadian Community Health Survey (CCHS)

Key Findings

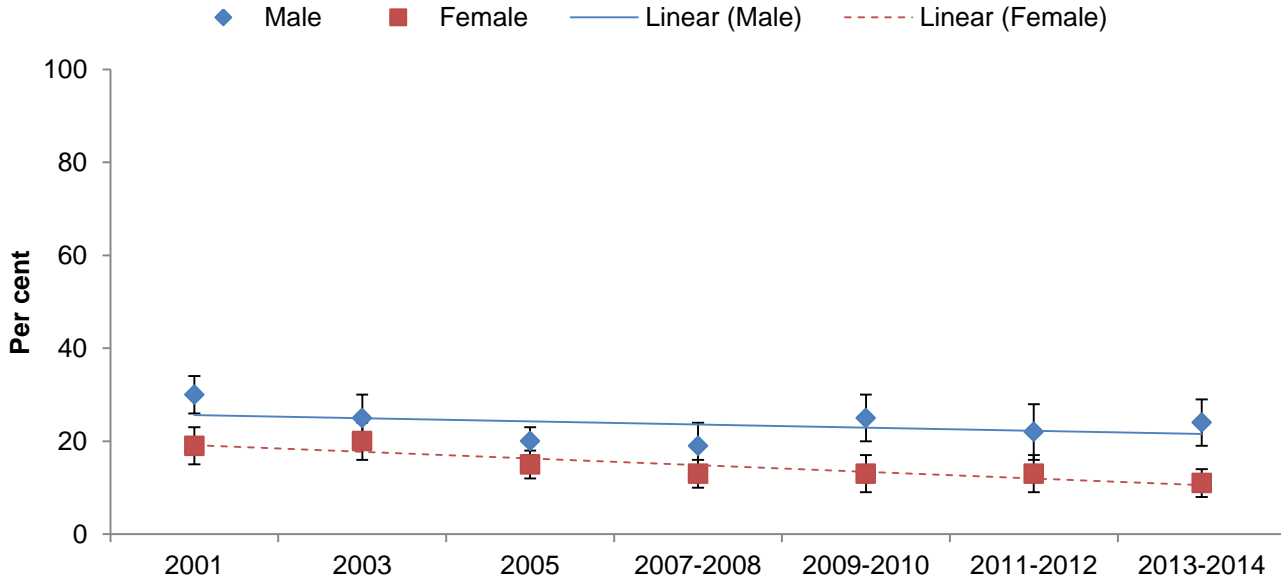
- In 2013-2014, 17 (±3) per cent of York Region adults were cigarette smokers, which was statistically similar to the 19 (±1) per cent of Ontario residents that were cigarette smokers.
- In 2013-2014, a higher proportion of York Region males (24 ±5 per cent) were more likely to be current smokers versus York Region females (11 ±3 per cent).
- The proportion of adults considered to be current cigarette smokers was statistically similar between age groups (data not shown).

Proportion of adults (20+ years) who were current (daily or occasional) smokers, York Region and Ontario in 2001-2014



Data Source: Canadian Community Health Survey, 2001-2014, Statistics Canada, Ontario Share File, Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

Proportion of adults (20+ years) who were current smokers by sex, York Region in 2001-2014



Data Source: Canadian Community Health Survey, 2001-2014, Statistics Canada, Ontario Share File, Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care.

Limitations

- Surveys are generally thought to underestimate smoking rates because smokers may be reluctant to admit they smoke or they may be unable to accurately report the regularity of their smoking habit.
- Other forms of tobacco (i.e., cigar, cigarillo, smokeless tobacco) were not included in this definition, therefore leading to underestimation of tobacco use.
- The smoking status indicator presented here follows the Canadian Community Health Survey (CCHS) definition for smoking status. This Statistics Canada definition of smoking status differs from that recommended by the National Advisory Committee on Monitoring and Evaluation (NGAME).
- The data used for this indicator are self-reported and may be subject to errors in recall, over or under-reporting due to social desirability, and errors from proxy reporting.

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Relevant Time Period: 2001-2014; Data updates every one to two years

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Data Notes:

Symbol	Description
I and ±	Represents the 95% confidence interval, meaning 19 times out of 20 the results will fall into this range.
*	Represents high variability associated with the estimate. Interpret with caution.
**	Estimate not released, does not meet data release standards.
N/A	Data was not collected.

- 'Don't know' and 'refused' responses are excluded.
- Estimates are weighted to be representative of the population.
- Confidence intervals are reported as equal, though this is not always the case as the estimate approaches zero or 100%.

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ⁱ Association of Public Health Epidemiologist in Ontario (APHEO). Core Indicators. Accessed 2015-11-17 from <http://www.apheo.ca/index.php?pid=117>

