

Youth Sexual Activity, Waterloo Region & Ontario, 2009-2010, 2011-2012, 2013-2014

Definition:

Proportion of population aged 15 to 19 years reporting ever having had sexual intercourse.

Limitations and Notes:

The CCHS is based on self-reported data collected in telephone and in-person interviews. The CCHS excludes individuals living on Indian reserve communities, institutions, full-time members of the Canadian Armed Forces, and residents of remote regions of the country.

Self-reported measures are subject to such sources of bias as social desirability bias and recall bias, particularly for sensitive topics like sexual activity.

Estimates provided at the municipal level may not be representative of the given population as the CCHS sampling frame was not designed for analysis below the health region level.

Table 1. Proportion of the population aged 15 to 19 years reporting ever having had sexual intercourse, Waterloo Region & Ontario, 2009-2010, 2011-2012, 2013-2014

Place of residence	Year	Per cent
Waterloo Region	2009-2010	31.7 (CI: 20.8-42.6) ^E
	2011-2012	28.9 (CI: 17.6-40.2) ^E
	2013-2014	31.8 (CI: 19.8-43.7) ^E
Ontario	2009-2010	38.0 (CI: 35.4-40.5)
	2011-2012	32.3 (CI: 29.6-35.0)
	2013-2014	32.1 (CI: 29.5-34.8)

Table 2. Proportion of the population aged 15 to 19 years reporting ever having had sexual intercourse, by sex, age, municipality, & household income, Waterloo Region, 2009-2014 (combined)

Measure		Per cent
Sex	Male	30.8 (CI: 21.8-39.9)
	Female	30.7 (CI: 19.6-41.8) ^E
Age group	15 to 17 years	18.3 (CI: 10.8-25.9) ^E
	18 to 19 years	46.6 (CI: 35.8-57.5)
Municipality	Cambridge	36.0 (CI: 18.7-53.2) ^E
	Kitchener	27.9 (CI: 20.2-35.5)
	Waterloo	28.8 (CI: 14.3-43.3) ^E
	Townships	F
Household income	Less than \$40,000	38.3 (CI: 18.8-57.8) ^E
	\$40,000 or more	30.2 (CI: 22.8-37.6)

Limitations and Notes (continued):

'Don't know', refused and not stated responses were removed from analysis when they represented less than five per cent of the sample. In removing these responses from the denominator, the assumption is that the missing values are random, which is not always the case.

The 'Townships' category combines responses from North Dumfries, Wellesley, Wilmot and Woolwich townships.

'CI' refers to 95 per cent confidence limits. The superscript 'E' denotes high sampling variability, and estimates must be interpreted with caution. The 'F' denotes estimates which were suppressed due to unacceptably high sampling variability.

Individuals aged 12 years and older are eligible to participate in the CCHS. Questions about sexual health and sexual activity are only asked of those aged 15 to 49 years.

Excludes individuals who were responding to the survey via proxy.

Source:

Canadian Community Health Survey, 2009-2010, 2011-2012, 2013-2014, Statistics Canada, Share File, Ontario MOHLTC.

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