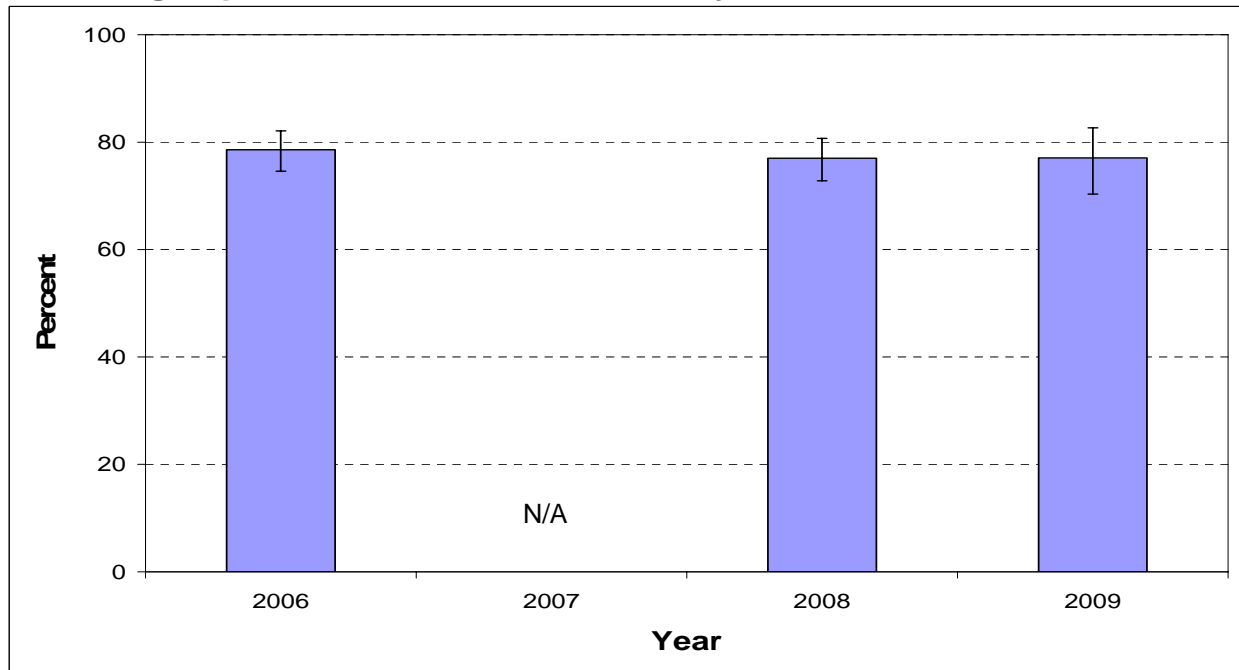


## Cervical Screening

This summary focuses on the percentage of female adults who have recently had cervical screening (pap smear test).

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### Percentage of Adult Females (18+) in York Region Who Have Had a Screening Pap Smear Test in the last three years, 2006-2009



Data Source: Rapid Risk Factor Surveillance System, January 2006 – December 2009.

#### Interpretation:

- In 2009, 77% ( $\pm 7$ ) of York Region adult females reported having a screening pap smear test within the past three years.
- This percentage has remained statistically similar over the other years of data collection starting in 2006.
- No differences in the percentage of females who had a screening pap smear test in the last three years were observed across age group or highest level of education attained (data not shown).

**Data Source:** Rapid Risk Factor Surveillance System (RRFSS), [January 2009 – December 2009 (variables wh1, wh2\_new, wh4, wh5)]. For more information on RRFSS, visit <http://www.rfss.ca/>

Adults represent individuals aged 18 years or older. This telephone survey was only administered in English, using a random digit dialling methodology and data are weighted for probability of selection in households of different size. Survey indicators based on self-reported information and may be subject to biases, such as recall bias or social desirability bias, or result in high non-response.

$\bar{x}$  and  $\pm$  represents the 95% confidence interval, meaning 19 times out of 20 the results will fall within this range. Confidence intervals are reported as equal, though this is not always the case as the estimate approaches zero or 100%.

'Don't know' and 'refused' responses are excluded if less than five (5) percent.