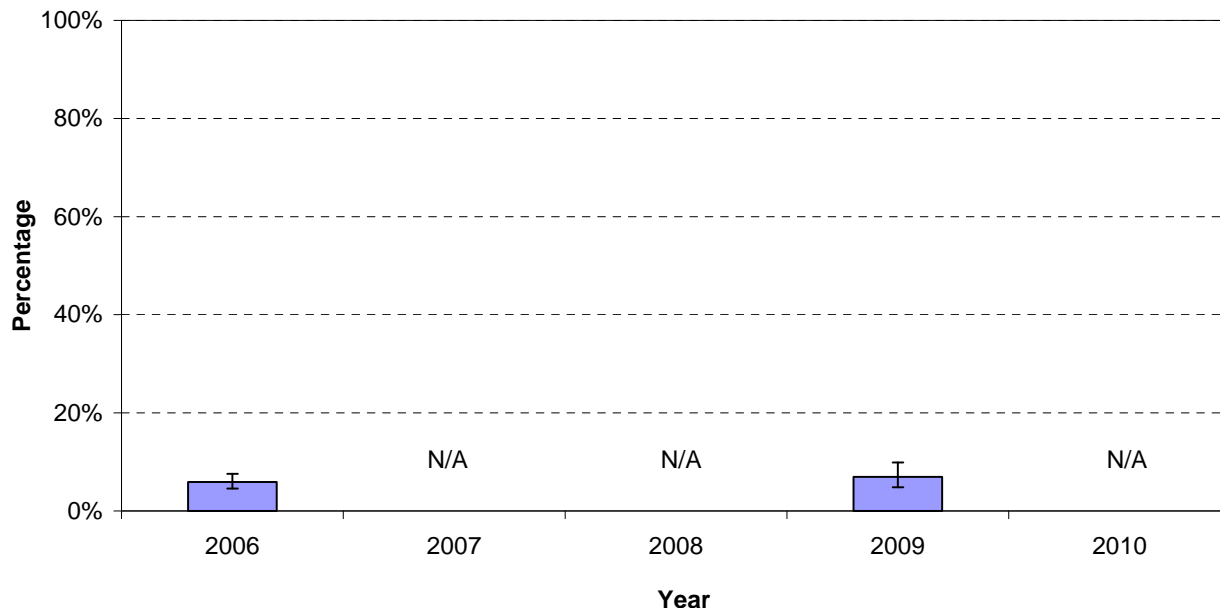


Artificial Tanning

This summary focuses on the percentage of adults that have used any artificial tanning equipment such as tanning beds, sunlamps or tanning lights for any reason including medical reasons.

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Percentage of Adults in York Region who Used Artificial Tanning Equipment in the Past 12 months, 2006-2010



Data Source: Rapid Risk Factor Surveillance System, January 2006 – December 2009. (Sample Sizes by Year: 2006 n=1191, 2009 n=460). N/A – Not applicable: York Region data were not collected in 2007, 2008 and 2010.

Interpretation:

- In 2009, 7% (±3)* of York Region adults reported using tanning equipment over the last 12 months. This percentage is statistically similar to the other year of data collection in 2006.
- In 2006, a significantly higher percentage of York Region females reported using tanning equipment over the last 12 months when compared to males (data not shown).

Data Source: Rapid Risk Factor Surveillance System (RRFSS), [January 2006 – December 2009 (variable TAN_1)]. 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.

┌ and ± 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.

* Represents high variability associated with the estimate. Interpret with caution.