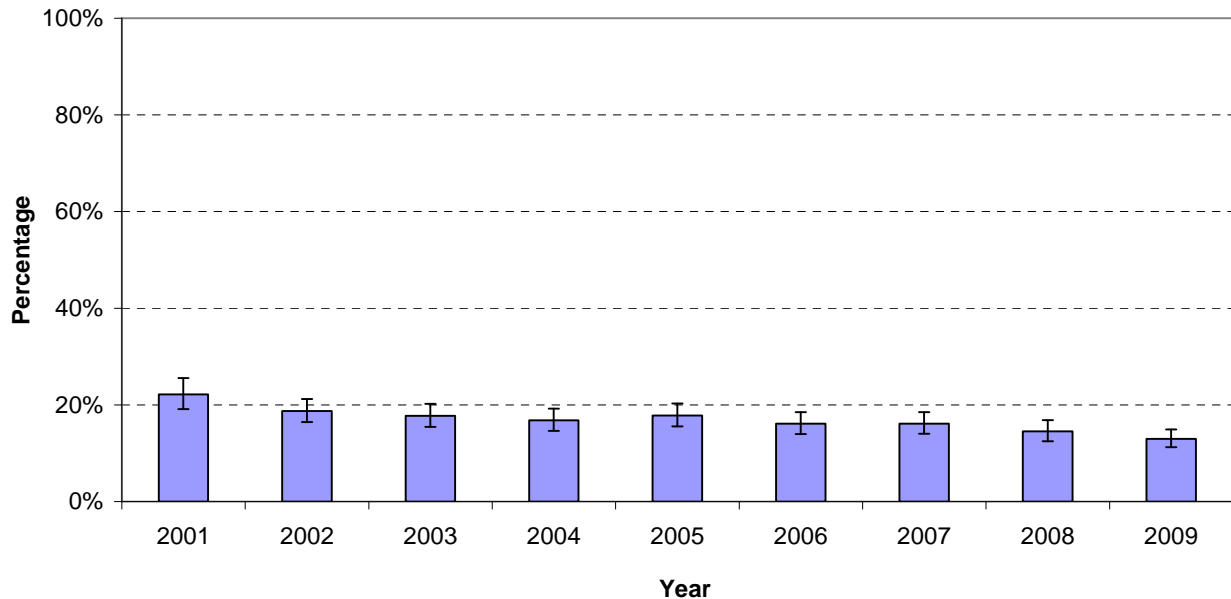


Current Smokers

This summary focuses on the percentage of adults (18+) in the community who currently smoke cigarettes daily or occasionally.

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Current Smokers in York Region, 2001-2009



Data Source: Rapid Risk Factor Surveillance System, January 2001 – December 2009.

Interpretation:

- Occasional smokers are defined as individuals reporting that they smoke cigarettes ‘some days’, as opposed to ‘everyday’.
- In 2009, 13% (± 2) of individuals surveyed in York Region stated being current or occasional smokers. This is a statistically significant decrease from the 22% (± 2) smokers reported in 2001. The 2009 percentage of smokers though, is statistically similar to data collected since 2006.
- Consistent across most years, those who have at least a college or university diploma/degree are less likely to report being a current or occasional smoker compared to their counterparts with a lower level of education (data not shown).
- Recent data indicates more men than women reporting being a current or occasional smoker. Statistically significant differences between sexes occurred in 2005, 2008, and 2009 (data not shown).

Data Source: Rapid Risk Factor Surveillance System (RRFSS), [January 2001 – December 2009 (variables T1 and T2). 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{I} 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.