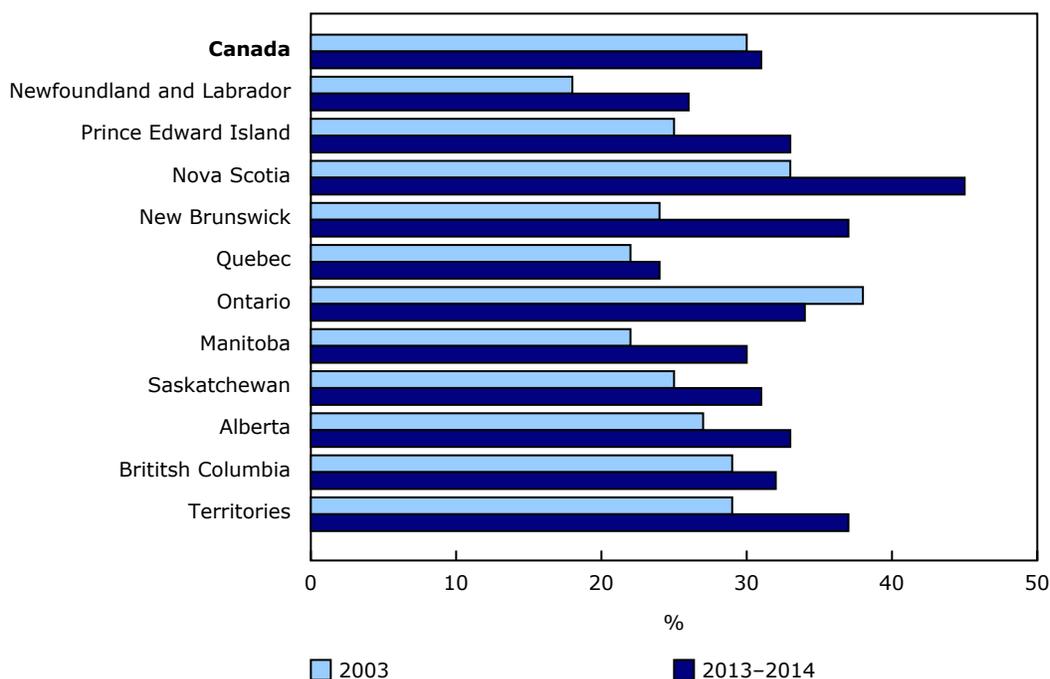


Study: Flu vaccination rates in Canada, 2003 to 2013–2014

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Almost one-third of Canadians aged 12 and older got a flu vaccination in 2013–2014. The latest data from the Canadian Community Health Survey (CCHS) revealed that the percentage of people who got a flu vaccination was higher in 2013–2014 than in 2003 in all provinces and territories, except Ontario.

Chart 1
Age-standardized¹ flu vaccination² rates, population aged 12 and older, Canada, the provinces and territories³



1. Data were age-standardized to the age structure of respondents to the 2013–2014 Canadian Community Health Survey.

2. Refers to Canadians who received a flu vaccination within the 12 months prior to responding to the survey.

3. The three territories were combined to produce a large enough sample size to compare 2003 and 2013–2014 data.

Note(s): The differences are statistically significant between the 2003 and 2013–2014 estimates for each province and for the territories combined ($p < 0.05$).

Source(s): Canadian Community Health Survey (3226).

The National Advisory Committee on Immunization (NACI) recommends that most people aged six months and older be vaccinated against the flu each year, and it set a national immunization target of 80% for groups at high risk of complications from the flu.

In 2013–2014, 64% of seniors 65 and older got a flu vaccination, down from 67% in 2003. The rate in 2013–2014 was below the national target for this at-risk group.

Among people in another high risk group—those aged under 65 with selected chronic conditions—about one-third got the flu vaccination, also below NACI's target rate.



Note to readers

The study presents data from the 2003, 2005, 2007–2008, 2009–2010, 2011–2012 and 2013–2014 Canadian Community Health Surveys – Annual Component (CCHS–Annual). The CCHS–Annual is an on-going survey that collects health information for Canadians aged 12 and older.

Flu vaccination data refer to Canadians who received a flu vaccination within the 12 months prior to responding to the survey.

The survey excludes people living on reserves and other Aboriginal settlements, full-time members of the Canadian Forces, the institutionalized population and two health regions in northern Quebec.

Definitions, data sources and methods: survey number [3226](#).

The article "[Flu vaccination rates in Canada](#)" in *Health at a Glance* ([82-624-X](#)) is now available from the *Browse by key resource* module of our website under *Publications*.

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