

Table 7
Reasons why households with a municipal water supply treated their tap water before using it, by province

	Treated water prior to consumption ¹	Reasons for treating ²							
		To improve appearance, taste or odour	To remove water treatment chemicals such as chlorine	To soften the water	To remove metals or minerals other than hard water	To remove possible bacterial contamination	Due to a boil water advisory	Because treatment device was already installed or pre-existing	Other reasons
percent									
Canada	51	55	48	15	30	36	10	4	11
Newfoundland and Labrador	64	50	41	F	20	23	22	F	12 ^E
Prince Edward Island	56	75	67	F	F	F	F	F	F
Nova Scotia	52	59	48	F	15 ^E	23 ^E	F	F	F
New Brunswick	46	54	51	F	F	18 ^E	25 ^E	F	F
Quebec	36	56	49	18	25	31	17	4 ^E	11 ^E
Ontario	58	54	50	17	33	40	7	4 ^E	10
Manitoba	52	65	49	F	24 ^E	44	F	F	F
Saskatchewan	46	75	48	13 ^E	32	38	9 ^E	F	F
Alberta	55	55	48	14	34	29	5 ^E	6 ^E	13 ^E
British Columbia	57	50	42	13	27	35	12	4 ^E	13 ^E

1. As a percentage of households with a municipal water supply reporting that tap water was used.

2. Relates only to households reporting that tap water was used.

Source(s): Statistics Canada, Environment Accounts and Statistics Division, CANSIM table 153-0066.