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Burden of Tobacco: The Use and Consequences of Tobacco in Peel, 2012

provides an overview of the use of tobacco, the important health consequences of cigarette use and tobacco use in the context of our community, the tobacco industry and the tobacco regulatory system.

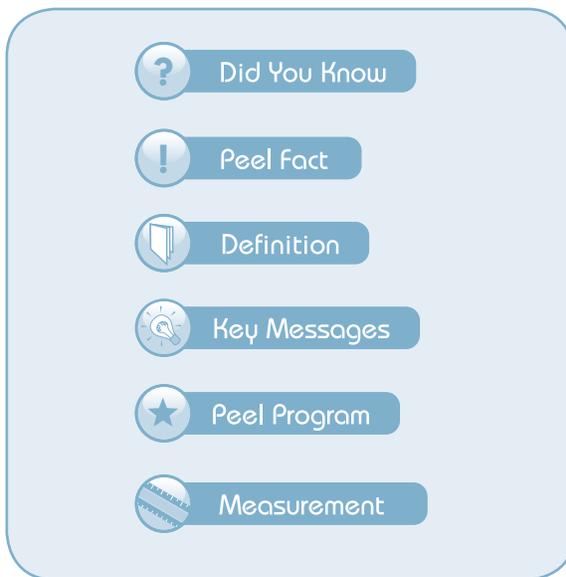
Throughout this report we have tried to illustrate our points with local Peel data. Sometimes, however, data for Peel are unavailable or the numbers are too small and unreliable to be reported. In these instances, we provide data for Ontario or Canada. Additionally, we occasionally make use of provincial, national or international data for the purposes of comparison.

Ninety-five per cent confidence intervals (presented as 95% CI in the report) are provided for many of the estimates (e.g., percentages, rates) throughout this document. The confidence interval presents a lower and upper range of values, which we are confident contains the true value of the estimate for the whole population 95% of the time, or 19 times out of 20.

When the 95% confidence interval of one estimate does not overlap with that of another estimate, the difference between the estimates is considered to be statistically significant (i.e., very unlikely to be due to chance). If the confidence intervals of two estimates do overlap, the estimates may still be significantly different. An appropriate statistical test would be required to assess the statistical difference of the two estimates.

Some data included in this report are described spatially using a customized level of geography called “data zones”. These data zones were developed for Peel Public Health using Census data for the purposes of mapping health status data, and are an aggregation of neighbouring census tracts. Data zones do not cross municipal boundaries. Map 1.1 is a reference map of the data zones with major roadways highlighted.

Key messages and facts are presented throughout the report by various icons. The following box describes these icons and their meaning.



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- Cancer Care Ontario
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- Ontario Ministry of Health and Long-Term Care
- Institute for Clinical Evaluative Sciences

Sources of data, data limitations and methods of analysis used in this report are described in Chapter 12 – Data Sources and Limitations and Chapter 13 – Data Methods. For additional details or information, please contact HealthStatusData@peelregion.ca.

Report Content

This report has been produced in two formats: a detailed report and a summary version. Both the detailed version and the summary version are available in hard copy and electronically. The web version of these reports can be found at peelregion.ca/health/resources.

Finally, there are two types of references used in this report: text references and data references.

- Text references refer to references from articles, books, etc., and are defined by a superscript number. Example: A higher risk of heart disease was observed among smokers.¹
- Data references refer to the source of the data for the statistic being presented in the text and are defined by a superscript letter. Example: Over 25% of the population reported having heart disease.^A In this example, the “A” would refer to the source of the data.