

Substance use refers to the consumption of alcohol, cannabis, opioids or other drugs. Substance use may lead to substance use disorders, overdose, infectious diseases or other complications. Our data products provide access to statistics and information related to using substances such as: alcohol use, smoking and opioids.

#### Alcohol Harms

Indicators include ED visits and hospitalizations for conditions entirely caused by alcohol and mortality due to acute alcohol toxicity. PHU data from 2013 to 2022.

#### Alcohol Use

Indicators include self-reported rate of heavy drinking, underage drinking and exceeding the low-risk alcohol drinking guidelines for chronic disease or injury.

PHU and LHIN data from 2015–2020 CCHS cycle (Archived: PHU 2003 to 2013–14).

#### Benzodiazepine Harms

Indicators include mortality from any benzodiazepine using data from OCC. PHU data from 2018 to 2022.

#### Cannabis Harms

Indicators include emergency department visits and hospitalizations due to cannabis-related harms.

PHU and LHIN data from 2012 to 2021.

#### Interactive Opioid Tool

Explore the most recent opioid-related morbidity and mortality data including emergency department visits, hospitalizations and deaths.

PHU and LHIN data from 2003 onward.

#### Opioids and Opioid Mortality

The Ontario Drug Research Policy Network (ODPRN), the Office of the Chief Coroner for Ontario (OCC) and Public Health Ontario (PHO) have co-published a report that describes the current trends and characteristics of confirmed opioid-related deaths in Ontario between July 1, 2017 and June 30, 2018.

#### Smoking

Indicators include adult and youth self-reported smoking and abstinence rates.

PHU and LHIN data from 2015–20 CCHS cycle. (Archived: PHU data from 2003 to 2013–14).

#### Stimulant Harms

Indicators include mortality from any stimulant using data from OCC. PHU data from 2018 to 2023 Q1.

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