

Sugars Consumption in Canada

Total Sugars

Sugars naturally present in fruits, vegetables, and dairy sources, plus sugars added to foods and beverages

Added Sugars

Sugars and syrups added to foods and beverages when they are processed or prepared

Free Sugars

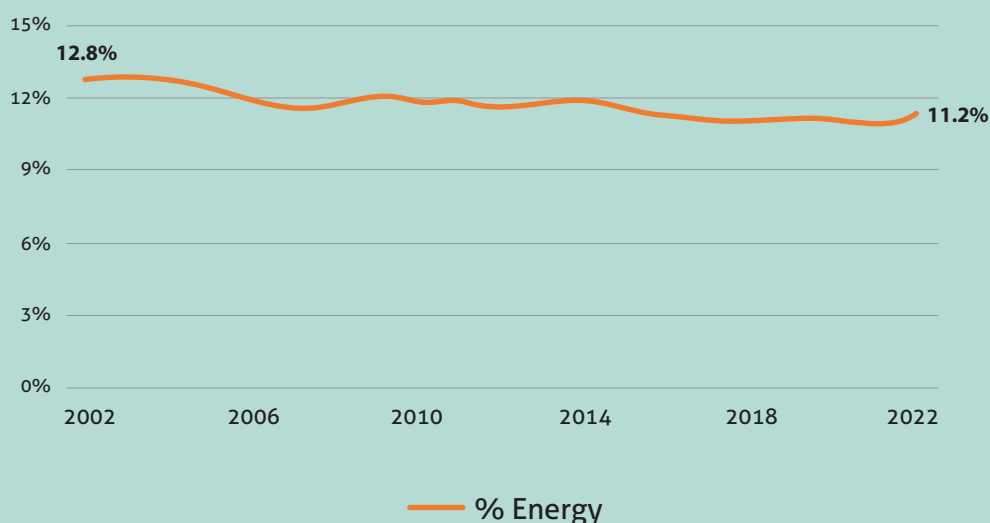
Based on the World Health Organization definition, free sugars is equivalent to added sugars plus sugars in 100% fruit juices[^]



Consumption of Added Sugars Has Been Declining Over Time

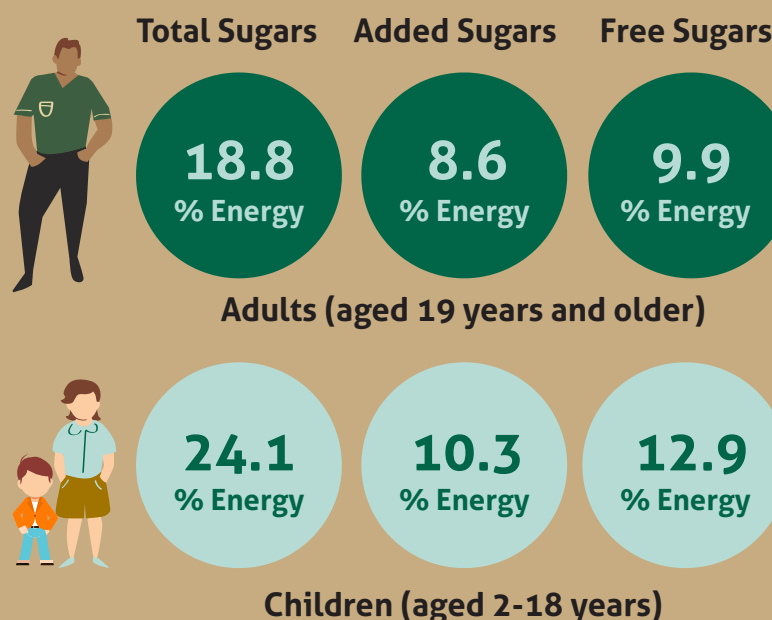
According to Statistics Canada Annual Food Availability Data:

Added Sugars Consumption in Canada 2002-2022



How Much Sugars Are Canadians Consuming?

According to data from the 2015 Canadian Community Health Survey:



Sugars and the Overall Diet: The Sweet Spot

Analysis of the 2015 Canadian Community Health Survey shows that Canadians with moderate intakes of total and added sugars had:

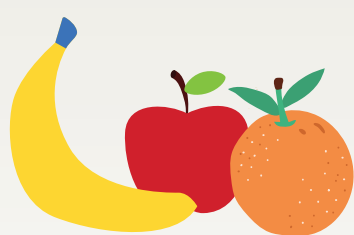


Higher* intakes of fibre, calcium, vitamin D, vitamin A, vitamin C, and potassium for adults (aged 19 years and older)



Higher* intakes of vitamin C and potassium for children (aged 2-18 years)

This was primarily due to greater* intakes of



Health Canada recommends a healthy eating pattern "where most sugars come from fruit, vegetables, and unsweetened dairy products, such as plain milk or yogurt".

DID YOU KNOW?

Canadian adults consume nearly 1/3 less added sugars than US adults, mostly due to lower intakes of soft drinks.

For more information, visit sugar.ca

[^]Refer to WHO definition of "Free Sugars" <https://sugar.ca/sugar-basics/carbohydrate-and-sugars-terminology>
*Compared to either high or low intakes of total sugars

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