

# Smoking, drinking and drug use among young people

## Part 1 tables - smoking prevalence

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#### Introduction

Data tables showing selected outputs on smoking prevalence and cigarette consumption from a survey of secondary school pupils in England in years 7 to 11 (mostly aged 11 to 15), which is currently run every other year.

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## Notes and definitions for all tables

### Notes:

Age and sex totals: Where age and sex breakdowns are shown, the row / column total includes pupils where the age / sex  
For time series tables, data prior to 2014 has been rounded to the nearest whole number.

### Symbols used in tables:

- = zero or rounded to zero

: = not available

z = not applicable

u = estimate not shown due to a small sample base (less than 30)

[figures in brackets] have a small sample base (30 to less than 50)

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**Table 1.1**  
**Smoking status, by sex**  
1982 - 2018

Lookups		Numbers / Percentages																													
Gender	Behav	Smoking status	Year																												
			1982	1984	1986	1988	1990	1992	1993	1994	1996	1998	1999 <sup>1</sup>	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010 <sup>2</sup>	2011	2012	2013	2014	2016	2018	
			%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
		<b>Boys</b>																													
1		1 Regular smoker	11	13	7	7	9	9	8	10	11	9	8	9	8	9	7	7	7	7	5	5	5	4	4	4	3	3	2	2	
1		2 Occasional smoker	7	9	5	5	6	6	7	9	8	8	4	7	7	6	6	4	5	4	4	4	4	4	4	3	4	2	3	3	
1		3 Used to smoke	11	11	10	8	7	6	6	7	7	9	9	8	8	6	7	7	7	7	6	5	5	4	4	4	3	2	3	3	
1		4 Tried smoking	26	24	23	23	22	22	22	21	22	20	22	20	20	18	20	19	18	18	16	16	16	15	13	13	12	11	11	10	8
1		5 Never smoked	45	44	55	58	56	57	57	53	53	54	57	56	58	61	60	63	63	64	69	69	71	75	75	77	80	82	82	84	
		<b>Current smokers<sup>3</sup></b>	18	22	12	12	15	15	15	19	19	17	12	16	15	15	13	11	12	11	9	9	9	8	8	7	7	4	5	5	
1		<b>Ever smoked</b>	55	56	45	42	44	43	43	47	47	46	43	44	42	39	40	37	37	36	31	31	29	25	25	23	21	18	18	16	
		<b>Girls</b>																													
2		1 Regular smoker	11	13	12	9	11	10	11	13	15	12	10	12	11	11	11	10	10	10	8	8	7	6	5	4	4	4	3	2	
2		2 Occasional smoker	9	9	5	5	6	7	9	10	10	8	6	10	9	8	8	7	8	6	6	6	6	5	5	4	5	3	4	3	
2		3 Used to smoke	10	10	10	9	7	7	10	8	9	10	11	8	8	8	8	8	8	8	7	6	5	5	4	4	4	3	3	3	
2		4 Tried smoking	22	22	19	19	18	19	18	17	18	18	18	17	17	16	17	15	16	16	15	13	12	12	11	11	11	10	10	9	
2		5 Never smoked	49	46	53	59	58	57	53	52	48	51	55	53	55	56	59	58	59	64	67	70	72	74	76	77	81	80	83		
		<b>Current smokers<sup>3</sup></b>	20	22	17	14	17	17	20	23	25	20	16	22	20	19	19	17	18	16	14	14	13	11	10	8	9	7	8	5	
1		<b>Ever smoked</b>	51	54	47	41	42	43	47	48	52	49	45	47	45	44	41	42	41	36	33	30	28	26	24	24	19	20	17		
		<b>Total</b>																													
		1 Regular smoker	11	13	10	8	10	10	10	12	13	11	9	10	10	10	9	9	9	9	6	6	6	5	5	4	3	3	3	2	
		2 Occasional smoker	8	9	5	5	6	7	8	9	9	8	5	9	8	7	7	5	6	5	5	5	4	4	4	4	2	4	3		
		3 Used to smoke	10	10	10	8	7	7	8	8	8	10	10	8	8	7	8	8	8	7	6	6	5	5	4	4	3	2	3	3	
		4 Tried smoking	24	23	21	21	20	20	19	20	19	20	19	20	19	17	18	17	17	17	15	15	14	13	12	12	11	10	10	8	
		5 Never smoked	47	45	54	58	57	57	55	53	51	53	56	55	56	58	58	61	60	61	67	68	71	73	75	77	78	82	81	84	
		<b>Current smokers<sup>3</sup></b>	19	22	15	13	16	17	18	21	22	19	14	19	18	17	16	14	15	14	11	11	11	9	9	8	7	6	6	5	
		<b>Ever smoked</b>	53	55	46	42	43	43	45	47	49	47	44	45	44	42	42	39	40	39	33	32	29	27	25	23	21	18	19	16	
		<b>Unweighted bases</b>																													
1		Boys	1480	1928	1676	1489	1643	1662	1613	1522	1445	2311	4791	3654	4652	5064	5179	4989	4623	4018	4021	3950	3820	3663	3166	3785	2713	3101	5742	6453	
2		Girls	1514	1689	1508	1529	1478	1626	1527	1523	1409	2413	4542	3407	4625	4732	5081	4629	4469	4134	3717	3800	3792	3591	3280	3753	2408	2983	5930	6799	
		<b>Total</b>	2994	3617	3184	3018	3121	3288	3140	3045	2854	4724	9333	7061	9277	9796	10260	9618	9092	8152	7738	7750	7612	7254	6446	7538	5121	6084	11897	13472	
		<b>Weighted bases</b>																													
1		Boys	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	3085	5915	6710
2		Girls	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	3000	5739	6552
		<b>Total</b>	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	6085	11891	13481

**Footnotes**

1. Questions about how many cigarettes were smoked in the last seven days were not asked in 1999, and pupils were not reclassified as occasional smokers. The figures for regular smokers in 1999 are comparable with other years, but figures for other classifications of smokers are not.
2. Estimates since 2010 are based on weighted data (see appendix A for more details).
3. Figures for current smokers prior to 2014 are approximate as they have been calculated based on rounded regular and occasional smoking data.

**Source**

Survey of smoking, drinking and drug use among young people in England

**Table 1.2**  
**Smoking status, by age and sex**

2018

All pupils

Numbers / Percentages

Smoking status	Age					Total (11-15) %
	11 years %	12 years %	13 years %	14 years %	15 years %	
<b>Boys</b>						
Regular smoker	-	0	1	3	5	2
Occasional smoker	0	1	2	3	5	3
Used to smoke	1	1	3	3	6	3
Tried smoking	2	5	9	11	12	8
Never smoked	97	93	86	80	72	84
<b>Current smokers</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Ever smoked</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>28</b>	<b>16</b>
<b>Girls</b>						
Regular smoker	-	0	1	3	5	2
Occasional smoker	-	1	2	5	7	3
Used to smoke	-	0	2	4	6	3
Tried smoking	1	4	7	12	16	9
Never smoked	99	94	87	77	66	83
<b>Current smokers</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Ever smoked</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>17</b>
<b>Total</b>						
Regular smoker	0	0	1	3	5	2
Occasional smoker	0	1	2	4	6	3
Used to smoke	0	1	2	4	6	3
Tried smoking	2	4	8	11	14	8
Never smoked	98	93	87	78	69	84
<b>Current smokers</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Ever smoked</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>16</b>
Unweighted bases						
Boys	835	1270	1383	1446	1494	6453
Girls	839	1364	1574	1637	1370	6799
Total	1681	2642	2969	3104	2882	13472
Weighted bases						
Boys	1023	1388	1368	1273	1631	6710
Girls	987	1364	1328	1285	1569	6552
Total	2017	2760	2706	2576	3221	13481

**Source**

Survey of smoking, drinking and drug use among young people in England

**Table 1.3**  
**Proportion of pupils who were regular smokers, by sex and age**  
 1982 - 2018

	Year																											
	1982	1984	1986	1988	1990	1992	1993	1994	1996	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010 <sup>1</sup>	2011	2012	2013	2014	2016	2018
Regular smokers	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
<b>Boys</b>																												
11 years	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	1	-	-	-	-	-	1	-	0	-
12 years	2	2	2	2	2	2	3	2	2	3	2	2	2	3	1	1	2	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	0	1	0
13 years	8	10	5	5	6	6	3	4	8	5	4	6	5	5	5	5	3	3	3	3	3	2	1	1	2	1	1	1
14 years	18	16	6	8	10	14	14	14	13	15	10	11	12	13	9	11	10	10	7	6	5	5	5	4	2	2	3	3
15 years	24	28	18	17	25	21	19	26	28	19	21	21	19	20	18	16	16	16	12	11	14	10	11	10	8	6	6	5
Total (11-15)	11	13	7	7	9	9	8	10	11	9	8	9	8	9	7	7	7	7	5	5	5	4	4	4	3	3	2	2
<b>Girls</b>																												
11 years	-	1	-	1	1	-	-	-	-	1	-	1	1	1	-	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	-
12 years	1	2	2	-	2	2	3	3	4	3	3	2	3	2	3	2	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	0	0	0
13 years	6	9	5	4	9	9	5	8	11	9	8	10	8	8	6	6	6	7	4	6	4	4	3	2	1	2	1	1
14 years	14	19	16	12	16	15	18	20	24	19	15	19	19	18	16	14	14	16	12	11	10	8	8	6	7	6	5	3
15 years	25	28	27	22	25	25	26	30	33	29	25	26	25	26	26	26	25	24	19	17	16	14	11	10	8	9	7	5
Total (11-15)	11	13	12	9	11	10	11	13	15	12	10	12	11	11	11	10	10	10	8	8	7	6	5	4	4	4	3	2
<b>Total</b>																												
11 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	0	0
12 years	2	2	2	1	2	2	3	2	3	4	3	2	3	2	2	2	2	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	0	0	0
13 years	7	10	5	5	7	7	4	6	10	8	6	8	7	6	6	5	5	3	5	3	3	2	2	1	2	1	1	1
14 years	16	17	11	10	13	14	16	17	18	19	12	15	15	16	13	12	12	13	9	9	8	6	7	5	4	4	4	3
15 years	25	28	22	20	25	23	22	28	30	24	23	23	22	23	22	21	20	20	15	14	15	12	11	10	8	8	7	5
Total (11-15)	11	13	10	8	10	10	10	12	13	11	9	10	10	10	9	9	9	9	6	6	6	5	5	4	3	3	3	2
<b>Unweighted bases</b>																												
<b>Boys</b>																												
11 years	299	260	236	229	313	289	251	268	272	300	870	618	830	892	892	877	744	624	609	643	598	566	503	566	416	491	884	835
12 years	298	378	320	280	350	336	318	310	297	349	1011	751	944	1037	1047	1031	954	853	871	803	795	770	673	739	545	604	1049	1270
13 years	303	416	347	318	313	351	349	307	282	302	946	736	951	1051	1077	1020	984	794	819	790	799	743	604	775	545	639	1300	1383
14 years	277	376	352	311	305	311	337	306	298	612	918	752	902	961	1015	983	937	837	804	779	722	711	625	781	551	604	1221	1446
15 years	348	490	421	350	360	369	358	331	296	754	1046	797	1025	1123	1148	1078	1004	910	918	935	906	873	761	924	656	763	1284	1494
Total (11-15)	1525	1920	1676	1488	1641	1656	1613	1522	1445	2317	4791	3654	4652	5064	5179	4989	4623	4018	4021	3950	3820	3663	3166	3785	2713	3101	5742	6453
<b>Girls</b>																												
11 years	250	254	213	226	296	307	253	236	274	303	870	572	795	816	863	826	734	642	590	619	615	578	527	579	401	485	882	839
12 years	276	332	314	315	281	359	316	307	278	375	892	686	976	997	1072	927	885	848	741	777	778	721	645	764	480	583	1038	1364
13 years	303	355	266	297	292	335	325	329	278	390	924	697	956	943	1055	939	924	856	790	755	767	734	693	783	477	657	1395	1574
14 years	312	333	314	315	302	297	323	310	288	670	933	688	944	952	979	915	956	789	710	770	761	748	637	762	472	579	1170	1637
15 years	372	412	400	376	304	320	310	341	291	673	923	764	954	1022	1112	1022	970	999	886	879	871	810	778	865	578	679	1443	1370
Total (11-15)	1513	1686	1507	1529	1475	1618	1527	1523	1409	2411	4542	3407	4625	4732	5081	4629	4469	4134	3717	3800	3792	3591	3280	3753	2408	2983	5930	6799
<b>Total</b>																												
11 years	549	514	449	455	609	596	504	504	546	603	1740	1190	1625	1700	1755	1703	1478	1266	1199	1262	1213	1144	1030	1145	817	976	1771	1681
12 years	574	710	634	595	631	695	634	617	575	724	1903	1437	1920	2034	2119	1958	1839	1701	1612	1580	1573	1491	1318	1503	1025	1187	2098	2642
13 years	606	771	613	615	605	686	674	636	560	692	1870	1433	1907	1994	2132	1959	1908	1650	1609	1545	1566	1477	1297	1558	1022	1296	2714	2969
14 years	589	709	666	626	607	608	660	616	586	1282	1851	1440	1846	1913	1994	1898	1893	1626	1514	1549	1483	1459	1262	1543	1023	1183	2405	3104
15 years	720	902	821	726	664	689	668	672	587	1427	1969	1561	1979	2145	2260	2100	1974	1909	1804	1814	1777	1683	1539	1789	1234	1442	2741	2882
Total (11-15)	3038	3606	3183	3017	3116	3274	3140	3045	2854	4728	9333	7061	9277	9796	10260	9618	9092	8152	7738	7750	7612	7254	6446	7538	5121	6084	11897	13472

Weighted bases

**Boys**

11 years	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	455	950	1023
12 years	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	580	1096	1388
13 years	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	647	1181	1368
14 years	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	629	1203	1273
15 years	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	773	1481	1631
Total (11-15)	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	3085	5915	6710

**Girls**

11 years	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	461	882	987
12 years	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	563	1048	1364
13 years	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	629	1187	1328
14 years	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	579	1101	1285
15 years	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	768	1519	1569
Total (11-15)	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	3000	5739	6552

**Total**

11 years	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	916	1845	2017
12 years	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	1143	2160	2760
13 years	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	1276	2397	2706
14 years	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	1209	2314	2576
15 years	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	1541	3015	3221
Total (11-15)	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	6085	11891	13481

**Footnotes**

1. Estimates since 2010 are based on weighted data (see appendix A for more details).

**Source**

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**Table 1.4**
**Pupils who smoked in the last week, by age and sex**

2018

*All pupils*

Numbers / Percentages

Smoked in the last week	Age					Total (11-15)
	11 years	12 years	13 years	14 years	15 years	
	%	%	%	%	%	
Boys	0	1	3	5	7	3
Girls	-	1	3	6	9	4
Total	0	1	3	5	8	4
Unweighted bases						
Boys	740	1173	1311	1338	1404	5989
Girls	763	1301	1530	1581	1341	6529
Total	1508	2479	2852	2938	2761	12710
Weighted bases						
Boys	911	1286	1287	1173	1528	6210
Girls	913	1312	1281	1239	1540	6301
Total	1830	2603	2578	2430	3085	12704

**Source**

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**Table 1.5**  
**Cigarettes smoked in the last week, by smoking status**

2018

Cigarettes smoked in the last week	Smoking status		Total
	Occasional smoker	Regular smoker	
	%	%	%
None	36	12	27
1 to 6	51	18	38
7 to 13	8	15	10
14 to 20	1	10	5
21 to 34	1	18	8
35 to 69	2	20	10
70 or more	1	7	3
<b>Over 20</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>45</b>	<b>20</b>
Unweighted bases	359	228	587
Weighted bases	353	230	583

**Source**

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**Table 1.6**
**Mean and median number of cigarettes smoked in the last week, by sex and smoking status**

2003 - 2018

*Current smokers*

Numbers

Cigarettes smoked in last week	Year													
	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010 <sup>1</sup>	2011	2012	2013	2014	2016	2018
<i>Mean/median number of cigarettes</i>														
<b>Boys</b>														
<b>Regular smokers</b>														
Mean	38.9	41.6	39.7	47	45.2	44.7	40.3	37.5	33.8	36.2	34.4	34.6	26.5	26.4
Standard error of mean	2.3	2.1	2.1	2.4	3.2	3.2	3.3	2.8	3.1	3.0	4.2	4.2	2.9	2.9
Median	29	35	35	42	38	36	29	28	28	30	29	31	15	19
<b>Occasional smokers<sup>2</sup></b>														
Mean	3.6	5.8	5.6	3.7	5	5.4	5.2	3.3	4.6	4.4	4.3	8.6	5.6	4.4
Standard error of mean	0.5	1.2	1.2	0.9	1.1	1.2	1.4	0.8	0.8	1.3	1.1	2.4	0.9	1.0
Median	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	2	1
<b>Girls</b>														
<b>Regular smokers</b>														
Mean	35.7	42.3	42.8	41.5	43.3	36.0	36.5	35.7	37.1	35.0	28.5	29.0	25.1	22.0
Standard error of mean	1.4	1.6	1.7	1.8	2.3	2.1	2.4	2.9	3.3	2.9	3.3	2.8	1.9	2.1
Median	30	35	37	36	38	23	29	29	24	25	20	21	16	15
<b>Occasional smokers<sup>2</sup></b>														
Mean	2.6	3.4	2.8	3.2	3.8	2.9	4.1	2.3	2.7	3.5	2.6	2.7	2.9	4.0
Standard error of mean	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.7	0.6	0.5	1.0	0.4	0.4	0.7	0.7	0.5	0.6	1.4
Median	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
<b>Total</b>														
<b>Regular smokers</b>														
Mean	36.9	42	41.6	43.5	44.1	39.3	38.1	36.5	35.6	35.6	31.1	31.1	26.1	24.7
Standard error of mean	1.3	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.9	1.9	2.0	2.1	2.3	2.2	2.8	2.5	1.9	1.7
Median	30	35	35	39	38	27	29	28	27	28	22	25	15	18
<b>Occasional smokers<sup>2</sup></b>														
Mean	3.1	4.4	3.9	3.4	4.3	3.9	4.5	2.8	3.5	3.9	3.4	5.0	4.0	4.3
Standard error of mean	0.3	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.6	0.6	0.8	0.4	0.4	0.7	0.7	1.0	0.5	0.9
Median	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1

Unweighted bases

**Boys**

Regular smokers	319	307	275	227	179	162	156	156	132	127	69	67	114	101
Occasional smokers	287	192	190	158	151	145	126	132	103	116	91	55	146	152
<b>Girls</b>														
Regular smokers	530	446	416	379	262	260	214	215	159	145	73	102	174	120
Occasional smokers	363	304	331	239	225	196	190	175	174	147	98	81	225	200
<b>Total</b>														
Regular smokers	849	753	691	606	441	422	370	371	291	272	142	169	294	228
Occasional smokers	650	496	521	397	376	341	316	307	277	263	189	136	376	359

#### Footnotes

1. Estimates since 2010 are based on weighted data (see appendix A for more details).

2. 'Occasional smokers' includes pupils who described themselves as non-smokers but who reported smoking at least one cigarette in the last week.

#### Source

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**Table 1.7**

**Days on which pupils smoked cigarettes in the last week, by smoking status**

2018

*Current smokers* Numbers / Percentages

Days on which smoked	Smoking status		Current smokers
	Regular smoker	Occasional smoker <sup>1</sup>	
	%	%	%
Monday	72	23	42
Tuesday	67	21	39
Wednesday	71	18	39
Thursday	66	15	35
Friday	71	28	45
Saturday	74	32	49
Sunday	69	18	38
<b>Any smoking in last week</b>	<b>88</b>	<b>64</b>	<b>73</b>
Unweighted bases	228	359	587
Weighted bases	230	353	583

**Footnotes**

1. 'Occasional smokers' includes pupils who described themselves as non-smokers but who reported smoking at least one cigarette in the last week.

**Source**

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**Table 1.8**

**Mean number of cigarettes smoked per day, by sex**

2018

*Current smokers who smoked in the last week<sup>1</sup>*

Days on which smoked	Sex		Numbers
	Boys	Girls	Total
	<i>Mean number of cigarettes</i>		
Monday	2.5	2.0	2.3
Standard error of mean	0.3	0.3	0.2
Tuesday	2.4	1.9	2.2
Standard error of mean	0.3	0.3	0.2
Wednesday	2.2	2.0	2.1
Standard error of mean	0.2	0.3	0.2
Thursday	2.3	2.0	2.2
Standard error of mean	0.3	0.3	0.2
Friday	2.9	2.2	2.6
Standard error of mean	0.3	0.2	0.2
Saturday	3.4	2.8	3.1
Standard error of mean	0.3	0.3	0.2
Sunday	2.9	2.1	2.5
Standard error of mean	0.3	0.3	0.2
All seven days	18.7	14.9	17.0
Standard error of mean	1.7	1.6	1.2
Unweighted bases	183	243	440
Weighted bases	187	234	435

**Footnotes**

1. Base includes pupils who did not answer the question about smoking status but reported smoking at least one cigarette in the last week.

**Source**

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**Table 1.9**
**Mean number of cigarettes smoked per day, by smoking status**

2018

*Current smokers who smoked in the last week*

Days on which smoked	Smoking status		Numbers
	Regular smokers	Occasional smoker <sup>1</sup>	Total <sup>2</sup>
	<i>Mean number of cigarettes</i>		
Monday	3.6	1.0	2.3
Standard error of mean	0.3	0.3	0.2
Tuesday	3.4	1.0	2.2
Standard error of mean	0.3	0.3	0.2
Wednesday	3.6	0.7	2.1
Standard error of mean	0.3	0.2	0.2
Thursday	3.8	0.7	2.2
Standard error of mean	0.3	0.2	0.2
Friday	4.2	1.0	2.6
Standard error of mean	0.3	0.2	0.2
Saturday	5.0	1.4	3.1
Standard error of mean	0.3	0.2	0.2
Sunday	4.4	0.7	2.5
Standard error of mean	0.3	0.1	0.2
All seven days	28.0	6.7	17.0
Standard error of mean	1.8	1.3	1.2
Unweighted bases	203	228	440
Weighted bases	203	226	435

**Footnotes**

1. 'Occasional smokers' includes pupils who described themselves as non-smokers but who reported smoking at least one cigarette in the last week.

2. Total includes pupils who did not answer the question about smoking status but reported smoking at least one cigarette in the last week.

**Source**

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**Table 1.10**
**Estimated odds ratios for being a current smoker, by individual measures<sup>1</sup>**

2018

*All pupils*

Variable	N	Odds Ratio	p-value	Numbers	
				Lower	Upper
c-value of the model = 0.960 (strong)					
<b>95% confidence interval</b>					
<b>Age (p=0.011)</b>					
11 or 12	2,175	1			
13	1,490	1.83	0.146	0.81	4.13
14	1,512	2.14	0.069	0.94	4.91
15	1,440	3.09	0.004	1.44	6.64
<b>Drinking alcohol (p&lt;0.001)</b>					
Never	3,651	1			
Drank alcohol, not in the last week	1,982	1.57	0.135	0.87	2.85
Drank alcohol in the last week	629	3.37	< 0.001	1.78	6.38
Missing	355	2.60	0.023	1.14	5.98
<b>Drug use (p&lt;0.001)</b>					
Never	3,931	1			
Has taken drugs but not in the last year	341	1.78	0.181	0.76	4.16
Took drugs in the last year	397	4.47	< 0.001	2.48	8.06
Took drugs in the last month	502	7.98	< 0.001	4.63	13.78
Missing	1,446	1.12	0.721	0.60	2.11
<b>E-cigarette use (p&lt;0.001)</b>					
Never	4,232	1			
Used e-cigarettes once or twice	994	2.96	0.001	1.57	5.60
Ex e-cigarette user	217	5.31	< 0.001	2.94	9.60
Sometimes uses e-cigarettes	251	6.63	< 0.001	3.63	12.12
Uses e-cigarettes regularly	148	17.59	< 0.001	7.63	40.52
Missing	775	5.10	< 0.001	2.59	10.01
<b>Truancy (p=0.004)</b>					
Never played truant	5,173	1			
Has played truant	1,043	2.01	0.001	1.33	3.03
Missing	401	1.00	0.993	0.42	2.36
<b>Family attitude to pupil smoking (p&lt;0.001)</b>					
Does/would try to stop me	4,744	1			
Does/would try to persuade me to stop	974	1.47	0.095	0.93	2.31
Does nothing/encourages me	68	4.76	< 0.001	2.26	10.01
Don't know	453	2.63	0.002	1.42	4.89
Missing	378	4.01	< 0.001	2.18	7.39
<b>Smokers at home (p&lt;0.001)</b>					
None	4,308	1			
One	1,147	1.97	0.002	1.27	3.08
Two	541	3.52	< 0.001	2.11	5.86
Three or more	157	3.01	0.026	1.13	7.98
<b>Friends who smoke (p&lt;0.001)</b>					
Does not have friends who smoke	3,370	1			
Has friends who smoke	2,770	4.57	< 0.001	2.14	9.74
Missing	477	0.80	0.686	0.27	2.34

**Footnotes**

1. Based on logistic regression analysis. See appendix B for details of the methodology and how to interpret these statistics.

**Source**

Survey of smoking, drinking and drug use among school children in England

**Table 1.11**  
**Proportions of pupils who have ever smoked, by region and sex**  
 2018

All pupils

Numbers / Percentages

	Region									Total
	North East	North West	Yorkshire & the Humber	East Midlands	West Midlands	East of England	London	South East	South West	
<b>Ever smoked</b>	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Boys	18	20	19	13	11	12	13	17	19	16
Girls	24	18	22	16	15	17	10	17	18	17
Total	21	19	21	15	13	14	12	17	18	16
Unweighted bases										
Boys	666	617	762	1171	528	361	1194	803	351	6453
Girls	689	577	712	1146	525	258	1568	679	645	6799
Total	1374	1227	1486	2361	1080	627	2796	1507	1014	13472
Weighted bases										
Boys	298	890	673	569	739	771	1013	1119	639	6710
Girls	298	868	658	553	720	742	1005	1091	616	6552
Total	604	1801	1340	1142	1494	1530	2047	2239	1283	13481

**Source**

Survey of smoking, drinking and drug use among young people in England

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**Table 1.12**
**Proportions of pupils who were current smokers, by region and sex**

2018

*All pupils*

Numbers / Percentages

	Region									Total
	North East	North West	Yorkshire & the Humber	East Midlands	West Midlands	East of England	London	South East	South West	
<b>Current smoking</b>	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Boys	5	5	7	4	4	3	3	5	7	5
Girls	9	5	8	5	5	5	2	5	7	5
Total	7	5	7	5	4	4	3	5	7	5
Unweighted bases										
Boys	666	617	762	1171	528	361	1194	803	351	6453
Girls	689	577	712	1146	525	258	1568	679	645	6799
Total	1374	1227	1486	2361	1080	627	2796	1507	1014	13472
Weighted bases										
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**Source**

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**Table 1.13**
**Proportion of pupils who were regular smokers, by region and sex**

2018

*All pupils*

Numbers / Percentages

	Region									Total
	North East	North West	Yorkshire & the Humber	East Midlands	West Midlands	East of England	London	South East	South West	
<b>Regular smoking</b>	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
Boys	3	2	3	2	2	1	1	2	4	2
Girls	5	2	4	1	2	2	1	2	2	2
Total	4	2	3	2	2	2	1	2	3	2
Unweighted bases										
Boys	666	617	762	1171	528	361	1194	803	351	6453
Girls	689	577	712	1146	525	258	1568	679	645	6799
Total	1374	1227	1486	2361	1080	627	2796	1507	1014	13472
Weighted bases										
Boys	298	890	673	569	739	771	1013	1119	639	6710
Girls	298	868	658	553	720	742	1005	1091	616	6552
Total	604	1801	1340	1142	1494	1530	2047	2239	1283	13481

**Source**

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**Table 1.14**
**Proportions of pupils who have ever smoked by ethnicity and sex**

2018

*All pupils*

Numbers / Percentages

	Ethnicity (grouped)				
	White	Mixed	Asian	Black	Other
<b>Ever smoked</b>	%	%	%	%	%
Boys	17	14	10	10	19
Girls	19	20	6	8	25
Total	18	17	8	9	22
Unweighted bases					
Boys	4647	270	619	414	71
Girls	4683	325	766	623	64
Total	9384	597	1393	1043	138
Weighted bases					
Boys	4845	279	644	416	68
Girls	4655	295	709	507	59
Total	9552	575	1361	930	130

**Source**

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**Table 1.15**
**Proportions of pupils who were current smokers by ethnicity and sex**

2018

*All pupils*

Numbers / Percentages

	Ethnicity (grouped)				
	White	Mixed	Asian	Black	Other
<b>Current smoking</b>	%	%	%	%	%
Boys	5	4	3	2	1
Girls	7	2	1	1	4
Total	6	3	2	1	3
Unweighted bases					
Boys	4647	270	619	414	71
Girls	4683	325	766	623	64
Total	9384	597	1393	1043	138
Weighted bases					
Boys	4845	279	644	416	68
Girls	4655	295	709	507	59
Total	9552	575	1361	930	130

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**Table 1.16**
**Proportion of pupils who were regular smokers, by ethnicity and sex**

2018

*All pupils*

Numbers / Percentages

	Ethnicity (grouped)				
	White	Mixed	Asian	Black	Other
<b>Regular smoking</b>	%	%	%	%	%
Boys	2	2	1	0	-
Girls	3	2	1	0	3
Total	2	2	1	0	2
Unweighted bases					
Boys	4647	270	619	414	71
Girls	4683	325	766	623	64
Total	9384	597	1393	1043	138
Weighted bases					
Boys	4845	279	644	416	68
Girls	4655	295	709	507	59
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