

3.3 Results (GYTS)

Table 1: Ever smokers, current smokers and susceptibility to start smoking

Category	Percentage of students who ever tried cigarette smoking even 1 or 2 puffs (ever smokers)		Percentage of students who smoked cigarette on 1 or more days on the 30 days before the survey (current smokers)		Percentage of never smokers likely to initiate smoking in the next year	
	2003	2008	2003	2008	2003	2008
Mauritius						
	31.3 (23.1-40.9)	28.4 (22.7-34.7)	14.8 (10.1-21.3)	13.7 (9.3-19.8)	7.5 (5.7-9.6)	11.2 (8.8-14.3)
Male	40.4 (31.4-50.2)	37.7 (29.5-46.6)	21.6 (16.3-28.0)	20.3 (13.9-28.6)	8.4 (6.2-11.2)	12.1 (9.2-15.8)
Female	22.6 (15.9-31.0)	19.9 (14.4-26.9)	8.5 (5.1-13.9)	7.7 (4.1-14.0)	6.8 (4.1-11.2)	10.7 (6.3-17.6)
Rodrigues						
Total	54.5 (48.0-60.8)	35.9 (30.5-41.6)	19.7 (15.6-24.6)	11.9 (8.6-16.2)	10.8 (8.7-13.2)	9.0 (5.9-13.3)
Male	63.1 (55.1-70.3)	46.3 (39.4-53.3)	26.6 (19.2-35.4)	16.3 (10.5-24.5)	15.6 (10.3-22.9)	10.2 (6.4-16.0)
Female	47.0 (38.5-55.7)	27.3 (20.8-35.0)	13.6 (10.0-18.2)	8.4 (5.6-12.4)	8.1 (5.1-12.8)	8.3 (4.9-13.7)

Figure 1: Ever smokers, current smokers and susceptibility to start smoking (Mauritius)

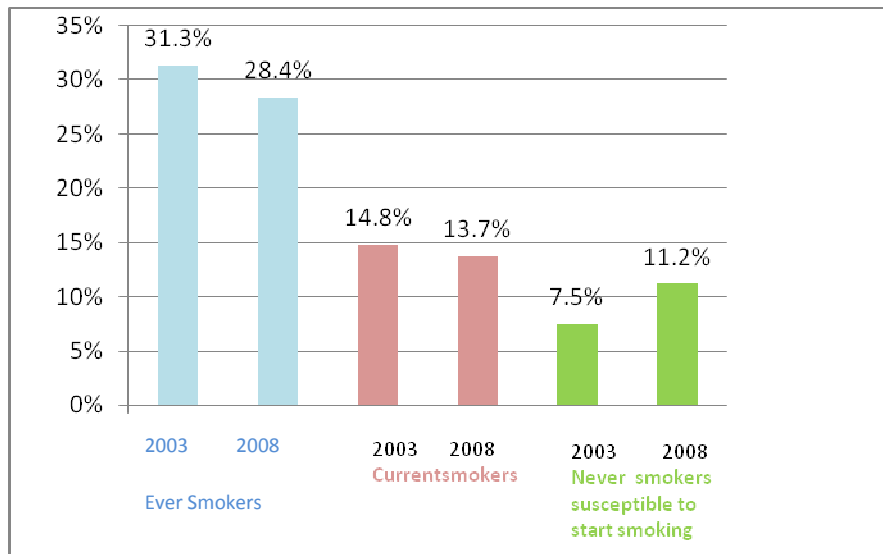
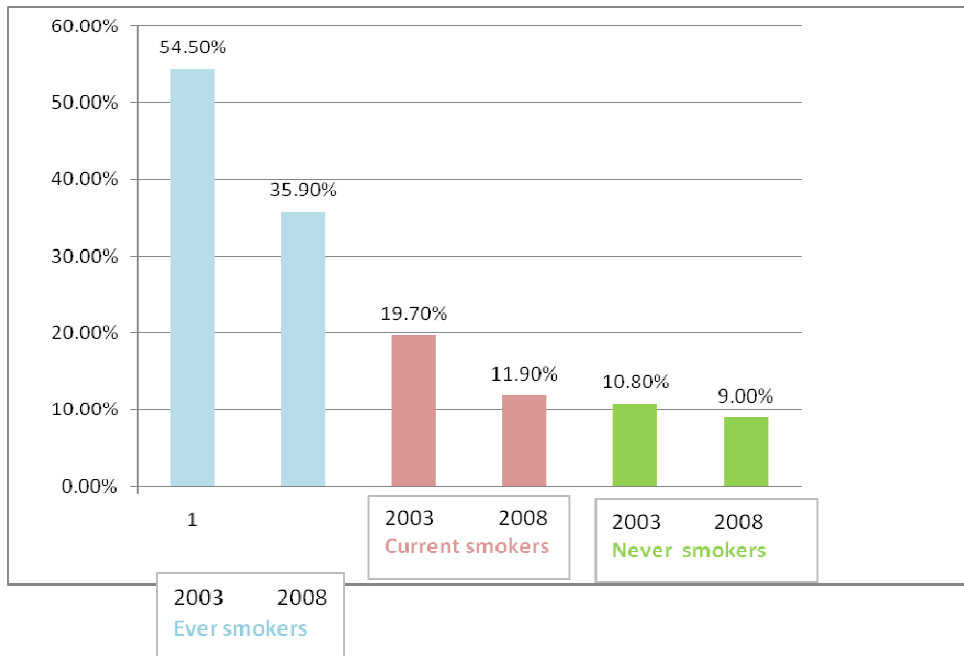


Figure 2: Ever smokers, current smokers and susceptibility to start smoking (Rodrigues)



Write up of Table 1-Mauritius

Ever smokers:

In 2003 nearly one in three students (31.3%) had ever smoked cigarettes. Male ever smokers were significantly higher than female ever smokers.

In 2008 more than one in four students (28.4 %) had ever smoked cigarettes. Male ever smokers were significantly higher than female ever smokers.

Current smokers:

In 2003, 14.8 % of students were current smokers, that is, they smoked cigarettes on one or more of the 30 days preceding the survey day. Male current smokers were significantly higher than female current smokers.

In 2008, 13.7% of students were current smokers, that is, they smoked cigarettes on one or more of the 30 days preceding the survey day. There was no significant difference by gender.

Susceptible smokers:

In 2003, 7.5% of students were susceptible to start smoking. There was no significant difference between male and female susceptibility to start smoking.

In 2008, 11.2% of students were susceptible to start smoking. There was no significant difference between male and female susceptibility to start smoking.

Write up of Table 1-Rodrigues

Ever smokers:

In 2003, one in two students (54.5%) had ever smoked cigarettes, with no significant difference by gender.

In 2008, one in three students (35.9%) had ever smoked cigarettes. Male ever smokers were significantly higher than female ever smokers.

Current smokers:

In 2003, nearly one in five students (19.7%) were current smokers, that is, they had smoked cigarettes on one or more of the 30 days prior to the survey day. Male current smokers were significantly higher than female current smokers.

In 2008, more than one in ten students (12.9%) were current smokers, that is, they had smoked cigarettes on one or more of the 30 days prior to the survey day. There was no significant difference by gender.

Susceptible smokers:

Both in 2003 and 2008, around one in ten students in Rodrigues was susceptible to start smoking, with no significant gender difference.

Table 2: Age of first trying a cigarette

Category	Percentage of ever smokers who ever tried a cigarette before 10 years		Percentage of ever smokers who first tried a cigarette at 10-11 years		Percentage of ever smokers who first tried a cigarette 12-13 years		Percentage of ever smokers who first tried a cigarette at 14-15 years	
	2003	2008	2003	2008	2003	2008	2003	2008
Mauritius								
Total	17.4 (14.1-21.3)	13.4 (8.9-19.8)	23.1 (16.8-30.9)	16.9 (12.0-23.2)	34.6 (28.9-40.8)	44.7 (39.7-49.8)	22.3 (19.2-25.8)	25.0 (19.5-31.5)
Male	16.7 (12.2-22.6)	12.4 (7.3-20.1)	27.2 (20.5-35.2)	19.2 (12.7-27.9)	31.4 (25.0-38.5)	41.5 (36.7-46.5)	21.8 (16.6-28.2)	26.9 (21.1-33.5)
Female	18.8 (13.5-25.7)	15.0 (7.3-28.3)	15.7 (11.1-21.6)	12.3 (7.3-19.9)	40.6 (33.8-47.8)	50.2 (37.7-62.7)	22.9 (16.8-30.4)	22.5 (13.8-34.5)
Rodrigues								
Total	23.0 (17.9-28.9)	26.6 (19.6-35.1)	21.5 (17.3-26.5)	21.1 (15.5-28.1)	29.0 (23.6-34.9)	29.8 (22.6-38.9)	25.6 (18.7-33.9)	22.5 (16.6-29.7)
Male	27.1 (21.1-34.0)	28.8 (19.4-40.4)	26.0 (21.0-31.6)	21.7 (15.0-30.4)	30.7 (22.8-39.9)	25.2 (17.8-34.5)	14.8(10.5-20.6)	24.3 (17.1-33.3)
Female	17.7 (12.5-24.4)	23.9 (15.2-35.6)	16.8(11.1-24.6)	20.6 (12.1-32.9)	27.5 (20.9-35.1)	35.3 (24.3-48.0)	37.5 (27.1-49.3)	20.2 (12.1-31.7)

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Figure 3: Age of first trying a cigarette (Mauritius)

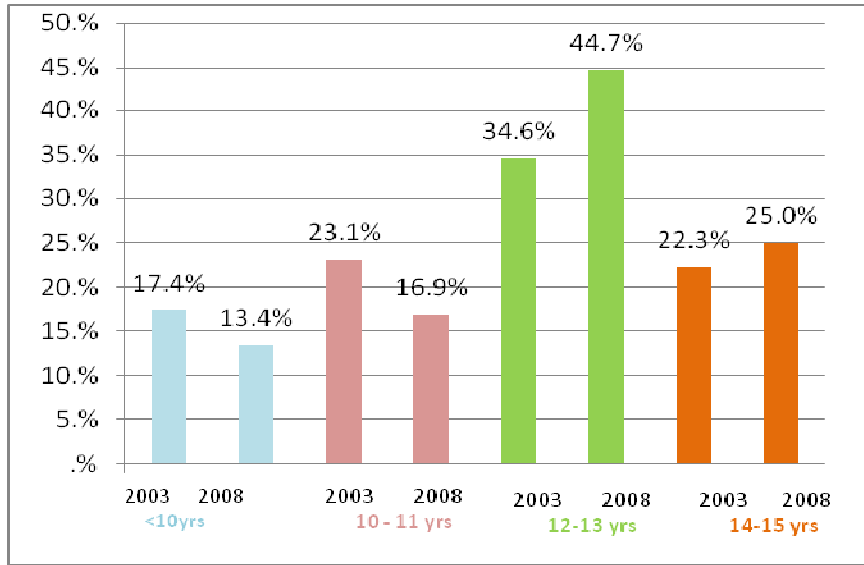
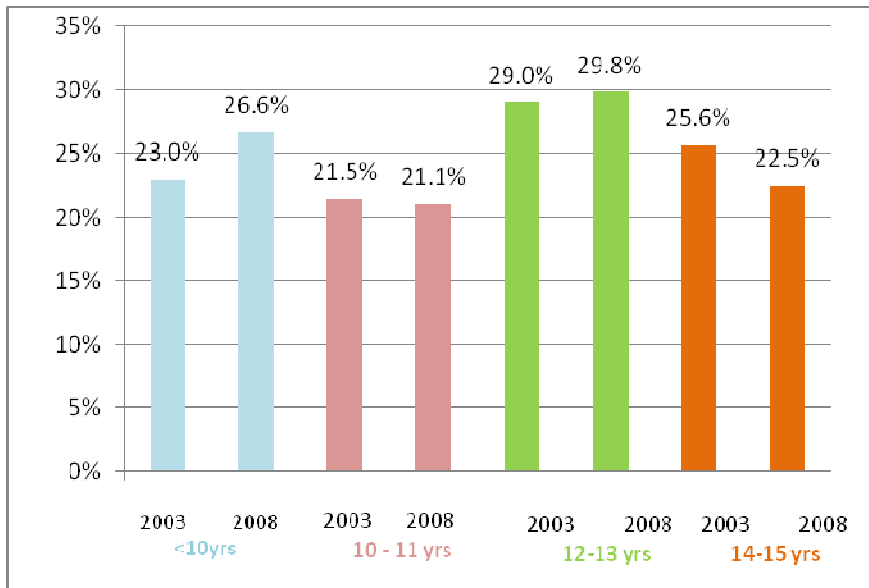


Figure 4: Age of first trying a cigarette (Rodrigues)



Write up of Table 2- Mauritius

The percentage of students who first tried a cigarette in the different age groups was as follows:

- before the age of 10: 17.4% in 2003 and 13.4% in 2008

- at the age of 10-11 years: 23.1% in 2003 and 16.9% in 2008
- at the age of 12-13 years: 34.6% in 2003 and 44.7% in 2008
- at the age of 14-15 years: 22.3 % in 2003 and 25.0% in 2008

Write up of Table 2- Rodrigues

The percentage of students who first trying a cigarette in the different age groups was as follows:

- before the age of 10: 23.0% in 2003 and 26.6% in 2008
- at the age of 10-11 years:21.5% in 2003 and 21.1% in 2008
- at the age of 12-13 years: 29.0% in 2003 and 29.8% in 2008
- at the age of 14-15 years: 25.6 % in 2003 and 22.5% in 2008

Table 3: Reasons to start smoking

Category	Reasons to start smoking cigarettes for current smokers					
	Pressure from friends		Influence of the media		Desire to experiment	
	2003	2008	2003	2008	2003	2008
Mauritius						
Total	32.6 (22.6-44.4)	25.7 (13.4-37)	3.4(1.5-7.4)	2.4 (0.8-6.6)	52.0 (39.3-64.5)	56.7 (41.0-71.2)
Male	38.7 (28.1-50.4)	33.3 (17.7-53.6)	2.7(0.8-8.9)	2.8 (0.9-8.2)	44.6 (32.6-57.2)	46.2 (31.3-61.7)
Female	19.3 (10.6-32.5)	10.4 (5.0-20.2)	5.3(2.1-12.4)	1.7 (0.3-8.4)	69.2 (55.9-80.0)	76.8 (66.0-85.0)
Rodrigues						
Total	9.6 (6.0-15.1)	9.3 (3.5-22.3)	4.3(2.0-9.4)	3.2 (0.8-12.7)	73.9 (65.8-80.7)	73.9 (57.8-85.4)
Male	14.9 (9.8-22.2)	10.3 (3.0-30.2)	6.2(2.6-13.9)	2.7 (0.4-18.0)	68.3 (56.7-77.9)	71.1 (51.1-86.0)
Female	2.0 (0.2-14.5)	*	1.7(0.2-12.0)	*	82.9 (68.2-91.6)	*

Write up of Table 3- Mauritius

Some of the reasons reported by current smokers to start smoking were as follows:

- pressure from friends: 32.6% in 2003 and 25.7% in 2008
- influence of the media: 3.4% in 2003 and 2.4 % in 2008
- desire to experiment: 52.0% in 2003 and 56.7% in 2008

Write up of Table 3- Rodrigues

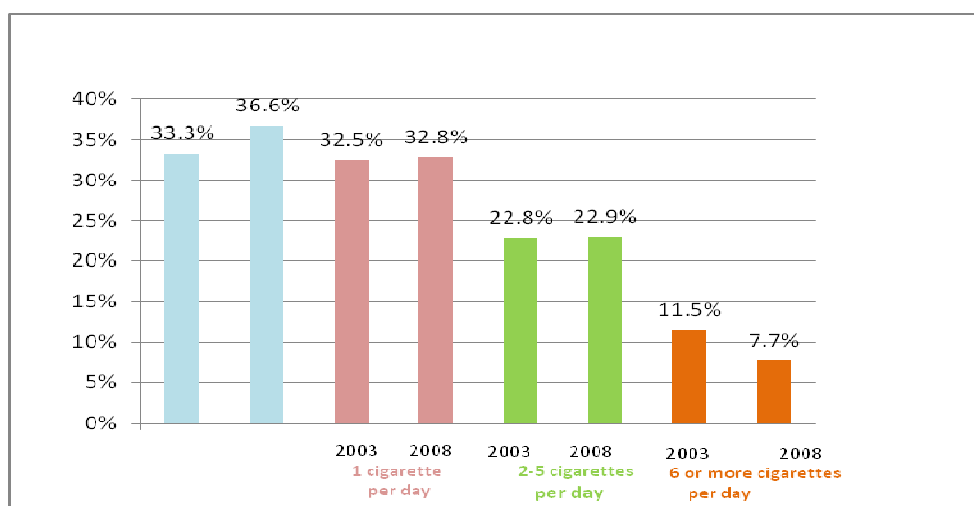
Some of the reasons reported by current smokers to start smoking were as follows:

- pressure from friends: 9.6% in 2003 and 9.3% in 2008
- influence of the media: 4.3% in 2003 and 3.2% in 2008
- desire to experiment: 73.9% in 2003 and 2008

Table 4: Number of cigarettes smoked

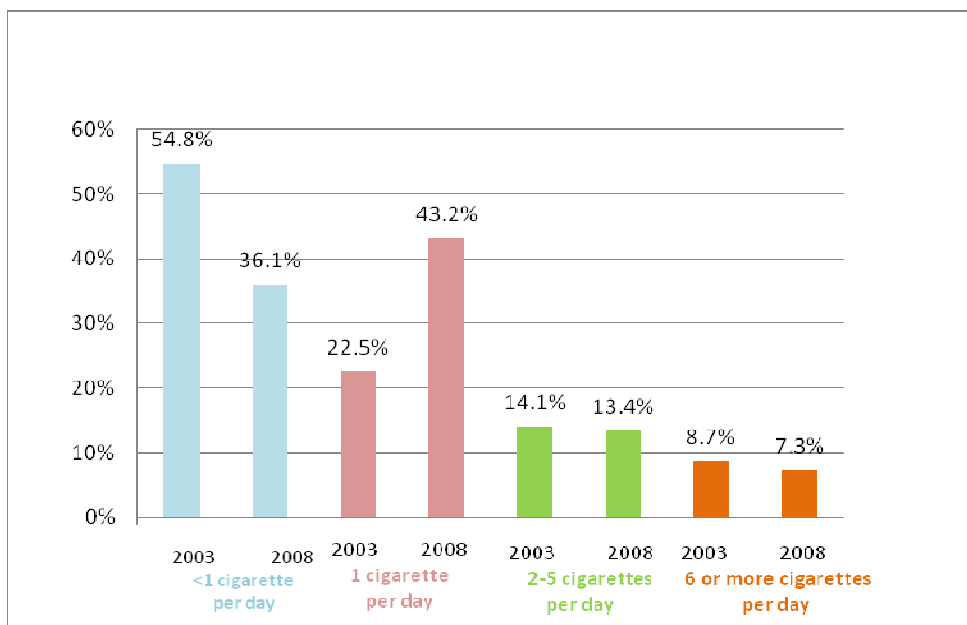
Percentage of current smokers who....								
	Smoke less than 1 cigarette per day		Smoke 1 cigarette per day		Who smoke 2-5 cigarettes per day		Who smoke 6 or more cigarettes per day	
	2003	2008	2003	2008	2003	2008	2003	2008
Mauritius								
Total	33.3 (26.1-41.3)	36.6 (30.4-43.3)	32.5 (26.0-39.7)	32.8 (26.7-39.6)	22.8 (17.1-29.6)	22.9 (13.3-36.5)	11.5 (8.6-15.2)	7.7 (3.7-13.0)
Male	30.8 (21.8- 41.5)	31.5 (23.5-40.9)	33.2 (25.4-42.0)	32.0 (24.3-40.9)	24.5 (17.3-33.4)	27.0 (16.1-41.5)	11.5 (8.5-15.4)	9.4 (4.5-18.6)
Female	38.4 (28.9-48.8)	51.0 (35.0-66.8)	31.8 (21.0-45.0)	33.0 (20.2-49.0)	19.4 (13.3-27.5)	11.6 (5.5-22.7)	10.4 (5.3-19.5)	4.4 (1.7-11.1)
Rodrigues								
Total	54.8 (45.0-64.2)	36.1 (24.3-49.7)	22.5 (15.3-31.7)	43.2 (32.4-54.7)	14.1 (10.4-18.8)	13.4 (7.4-23.0)	8.7 (5.1-14.5)	7.3 (2.9-17.2)
Male	49.7 (38.2-61.3)	37.2 (20.7-57.4)	22.7 (13.1-36.3)	38.6 (24.7-54.6)	14.3 (9.9-20.3)	17.1 (9.2-29.8)	13.3 (7.6-22.1)	7.1 (2.6-17.5)
Female	65.6 (46.7-80.6)	*	19.8 (10.4-34.4)	*	12.6 (5.8-25.4)	*	2.0 (0.2-14.1)	*

Figure 5: Number of smoked cigarettes (Mauritius)



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Figure 6: Number of smoked cigarettes (Rodrigues)



Write up of Table 4- Mauritius

The percentage of current smokers who reported smoking the following number of cigarettes per day was as follows:

- less than one cigarette per day: 33.3% in 2003 and 36.6% in 2008
- one cigarette per day: 32.5% in 2003 and 32.8% in 2008
- 2-5 cigarettes per day: 22.8% in 2003 and 22.9% in 2008
- more than 5 cigarettes per day: 11.5% in 2003 and 7.7% in 2008

Write up of Table 4- Rodrigues

The percentage of current smokers who reported smoking the following number of cigarettes per day was as follows:

-less than one cigarette per day: 54.8% in 2003 and 36.1% in 2008

- one cigarette per day: 22.5% in 2003 and 43.2% in 2008
- 2-5 cigarettes per day: 14.1% in 2003 and 13.4% in 2008
- more than 5 cigarettes per day: 8.7% in 2003 and 7.3% in 2008

Table 5: Experimentation with other tobacco products and tobacco mixed with other drugs.

Category	Percentage of student who ever tried tobacco products other than cigarettes (cigars, little cigars, pipe tobacco, chewing tobacco, snuff)		Percentage of current smokers who sometimes smoke tobacco mixed with other drugs (gandia, brown sugar)	
	2003	2008	2003	2008
Mauritius				
Total	5.6 (3.8-8.1)	8.6 (6.8-10.8)	23.5 (13.4-37.8)	20.3 (12.0-32.1)
Male	8.4 (5.6-12.3)	11.7 (8.8-15.3)	28.0(16.3-43.8)	24.2 (12.0-42.8)
Female	3.0 (2.2-3.9)	5.5 (2.9-10.1)	12.6(4.9-28.5)	10.6 (4.0-25.6)
Rodrigues				
Total	5.1 (3.8-6.9)	9.5 (7.2-12.4)	20.8(11.3-35.1)	24.4 (12.2-43.1)
Male	*	10.0 (6.8-14.6)	23.6(13.4-38.3)	*
Female	*	9.2 (6.2-13.3)	*	*

Write up of Table 5-Mauritius

In 2003, 5.6% of students ever tried tobacco products other than cigarettes, with significant statistical difference by gender. Nearly one in four current smokers (23.5%) sometimes smoked tobacco mixed with other drugs. There was no significant difference by gender.

In 2008, 8.6% of students ever tried tobacco products other than cigarettes, with no significant difference by gender. One in five current smokers (20.3%) sometimes smoked tobacco mixed with other drugs, with no significant difference by gender.

Write up of Table 5- Rodrigues

In 2003, 5.1% of students ever tried tobacco products other than cigarettes. More than one in five current smokers (20.8%) sometimes smoked tobacco mixed with other drugs.

In 2008, 9.5% of students ever tried tobacco products other than cigarettes, with no significant difference by gender. One in four current smokers (24.4%) sometimes smoked tobacco mixed with other drugs.

Table 6: Knowledge of harmful effects of smoking on health

Category	Percentage of never smokers:		Percentage of current smokers:	
	Who definitely think that smoking is harmful to health		Who definitely think that smoking is harmful to health	
	2003	2008	2003	2008
Mauritius				
Total	78.8 (69.8-85.7)	88.9 (81.7-93.5)	44.5 (40.5-48.6)	64.3 (50.6-76.0)
Male	77.0 (69.4-83.1)	85.2 (77.1-90.7)	44.4 (39.0-50.0)	61.5 (45.1-75.6)
Female	80.0 (65.1-89.5)	92.0 (82.4-96.6)	44.6 (36.6-52.8)	70.7 (59.6-79.8)
Rodrigues				
Total	88.0 (82.0-92.2)	90.7 (86.2-93.8)	76.0 (66.9-83.3)	76.9 (60.2-88.0)
Male	85.7 (80.1-89.9)	88.1 (80.9-92.8)	79.4 (66.8-88.0)	79.5 (57.1-91.9)
Female	89.6 (80.2-94.8)	92.2 (87.3-95.3)	72.6 (56.2-84.6)	*

Write up of Table 6- Mauritius

In 2003, 78.8 % of never smokers and 44.5 % of current smokers definitely thought that smoking is harmful to health, with no significant difference by gender.

In 2008, 88.9 % of never smokers and 64.3 % of current smokers definitely thought that smoking is harmful to health, with no significant difference by gender.

Write up of Table 6 –Rodrigues

In 2003, 88.0 % of never smokers and 76.0% of current smokers definitely thought that smoking is harmful to health, with no significant difference by gender.

In 2008, 90.7 % of never smokers and 76.9 % of current smokers definitely thought that smoking is harmful to health, with no significant difference by gender among never smokers.

Table 7: Attitudes towards smoking

Category	Percentage of students		Percentage of students		Percentage of students		Percentage of students	
	Who think that boys who smokes have more friends		Who think that a girl who smokes have more friends		Who think that boys who smoke are more attractive		Who think that girls who smoke are more attractive	
	2003	2008	2003	2008	2003	2008	2003	2008
Mauritius								
Total	34.8 (30.3-39.7)	36.3 (31.5-41.4)	13.2 (10.8-16.0)	13.6 (10.8-17.0)	13.4 (10.8-16.4)	12.2 (9.4-15.7)	6.9 (5.2-9.2)	6.5 (5.2-8.1)
Male	30.5 (24.1-37.8)	32.5 (27.0-38.5)	12.5 (9.8-15.7)	12.6 (8.7-18.0)	15.0 (12.8-17.6)	12.9 (10.1-16.4)	8.1 (5.9-10.8)	7.5 (5.4-10.3)
Female	39.0 (35.4-42.7)	39.4 (33.8-45.3)	13.9 (11.1-17.3)	14.4 (10.9-18.8)	11.8 (8.2-16.8)	11.5 (7.8-16.6)	5.8 (3.3-10.0)	5.5 (3.2-9.3)
Rodrigues								
Total	41.4 (37.4-45.5)	44.9 (41.4-48.4)	21.4 (17.9-25.5)	24.1 (20.5-28.1)	11.9 (9.5-14.7)	11.6 (8.2-16.1)	9.1 (7.1-11.5)	9.5 (7.0-12.7)
Male	39.9 (34.8-45.3)	43.7 (38.0-49.6)	20.9 (17.0-25.5)	25.6 (20.5-31.6)	16.5 (13.0-20.6)	11.7 (7.7-17.3)	11.8 (9.1-15.0)	9.8 (6.5-14.5)
Female	42.4 (36.7-48.2)	46.2 (41.4-51.1)	21.4 (16.9-26.6)	23.1 (18.9-27.9)	8.1 (5.7-11.5)	11.7 (7.6-17.5)	6.8 (4.8-9.4)	9.3 (6.0-14.1)

Write up of Table 7- Mauritius

34.8 % of students in 2003 and 36.3% of students in 2008 thought that boys who smoke have more friends.

13.2 % of students in 2003 and 13.6% of students in 2008 thought that girls who smoke have more friends.

13.4 % of students in 2003 and 12.2% of students in 2008 thought that boys who smoke are more attractive.

6.9 % of students in 2003 and 6.5% of students in 2008 thought that girls who smoke are more attractive.

Write up of Table 7- Rodrigues

41.4 % of students in 2003 and 44.9 % of students in 2008 thought that boys who smoke have more friends.

21.4 % of students in 2003 and 24.1 % of students in 2008 thought that girls who smoke have more friends.

11.9 % of students in 2003 and 11.6% of students in 2008 thought that boys who smoke are more attractive.

9.1 % of students in 2003 and 9.5% of students in 2008 thought that girls who smoke are more attractive.

Table 8: Attitudes towards smoking

Category	% of students who think man who smoke is more manly		% of students who think girls who smoke are more sophisticated		% of students who think that smoking makes you more comfortable in parties, celebrations, etc.	
	2003	2008	2003	2008	2003	2008
Mauritius						
Total	8.3 (6.8-10.0)	7.6 (5.3- 10.8)	7.1 (5.3-9.4)	6.7 (5.5-8.1)	24.3 (22.0-26.7)	22.8 (18.8 - 27.3)
Male	7.9 (6.1-10.1)	7.6 (6.1 - 9.4)	6.4 (4.5-9.0)	6.8 (4.6-9.9)	25.3 (22.0-29.0)	23.9 (19.8 - 28.6)
Female	8.6 (6.2-11.7)	7.7 (4.4 - 13.0)	7.7 (5.2-11.2)	6.5 (4.7-9.1)	23.4 (20.6-26.4)	21.7 (16.1 - 28.5)
Rodrigues						
Total	6.3 (4.4-8.9)	4.1 (2.5-6.6)	6.8 (4.7-9.6)	3.8 (2.4-6.1)	43.1 (38.4-47.9)	38.1 (33.7-42.7)
Male	*	3.5 (1.3-9.5)	*	3.5 (1.6-7.2)	43.4 (37.2-49.9)	39.3 (33.1-45.9)
Female	*	4.6 (2.5-8.1)	*	4.1 (2.3-7.3)	42.9 (35.9-50.1)	37.4 (30.8-44.5)

Write up of Table 8- Mauritius

- 8.3 % of students in 2003 and 7.6% of students in 2008 thought that a man who smokes is manly.

- 7.1 % of students in 2003 and 6.7% of students in 2008 thought that a woman who smokes is sophisticated.

- 24.3 % of students in 2003 and 22.8% of students in 2008 thought that smoking makes a person more comfortable in parties.

Write up of Table 8- Rodrigues

- 6.3 % of students in 2003 and 4.1% of students in 2008 thought that a man who smokes is manly.

- 6.8 % of students in 2003 and 3.8% of students in 2008 thought that a woman who smokes is sophisticated.

- 43.1 % of students in 2003 and 38.1% of students in 2008 thought that smoking makes a person more comfortable in parties.

Table 9: Places where current smokers usually smoke

Percentage of current smokers who usually smoke.....								
Category	At home		In public places		At social events		At friends' houses	
	2003	2008	2003	2008	2003	2008	2003	2008
Mauritius								
Total	23.0 (18.6-27.9)	22.3 (13.9-33.7)	20.1 (14.5-27.3)	13.7 (8.1-22.1)	18.2 (12.8-25.2)	18.4 (12.0-27.3)	10.7 (6.0-18.3)	6.5 (3.1-13.3)
Male	19.5 (14.0-26.4)	17.8 (11.6-26.5)	24.3 (18.2-31.6)	16.4 (9.4-27.1)	18.2 (12.2-26.3)	15.6 (9.5-24.6)	11.0 (5.4-21.1)	8.2 (4.5-14.4)
Female	31.4 (20.2-45.3)	29.2 (11.6-56.5)	11.5 (6.6-19.2)	8.3 (2.9-21.6)	18.6 (10.7-30.5)	26.0 (12.2-47.0)	8.9 (3.8-19.5)	3.1 (1.5-6.3)
Rodrigues								
Total	21.2 (14.0-30.7)	11.4 (5.7-21.6)	7.9 (4.3-14.2)	6.3 (2.4-16.0)	36.1 (28.8-44.0)	24.8 (16.2-36.0)	15.3 (10.2-22.3)	20.8 (12.4-32.8)
Male	18.6 (12.0-27.7)	10.2 (3.6-25.6)	11.4(6.1-20.3)	10.1 (3.6-24.8)	39.6 (27.9-52.5)	28.9 (18.5-42.2)	11.5 (6.3-20.1)	10.6 (3.7-27.0)
Female	24.2 (12.1-42.6)	*	2.0 (0.3-13.6)	*	32.3 (20.6-46.6)	*	19.8 (9.8-35.9)	*

Write up of Table 9- Mauritius

The percentage of current smokers who reported usually smoking in the following places was as follows:

- at home: 23.0 % in 2003 and 22.3% in 2008
- in public places: 20.1 % in 2003 and 13.7% in 2008
- at social events: 18.2 % in 2003 and 18.4% in 2008
- at friend's houses: 10.7% in 2003 and 6.5% in 2008

Write up of Table 9- Rodrigues

The percentage of current smokers who reported usually smoking in the following places was as follows:

- at home: 21.2 % in 2003 and 11.4 % in 2008
- in public places: 7.9 % in 2003 and 6.3 % in 2008
- at social events: 36.1% in 2003 and 24.8% in 2008
- at friend's houses: 15.3 % in 2003 and 20.8 % in 2008

Table 10: How current smokers/students get their cigarettes

Category	Percentage of current smokers who:								Percentage of students who	
	Bought cigarettes in a supermarket or shop		Borrowed their cigarettes		Get someone to buy their cigarettes		were offered a free cigarettes by a cigarette company representative		Percentage of students who were offered free cigarettes by a tobacco representative	
	2003	2008	2003	2008	2003	2008	2003	2008	2003	2008
Mauritius										
Total	56.3 (46.4-65.7)	51.8 (42.6-60.8)	15.7 (8.8-26.6)	21.1 (13.0-32.3)	10.5 (.2-17.1)	9.5 (4.9-17.8)	10.2 (7.5-13.8)	8.4(5.2-13.3)	10.2 (2.8)	8.4 (5.2-13.3)
Male	63.1 (57.0-68.8)	57.1 (46.1-67.4)	10.4 (4.9-20.5)	18.6 (10.5-30.7)	9.6 (5.3-16.9)	9.1 (4.4-18.0)	14.3 (10.4-19.3)	13.5(9.1-19.4)	14.3 (4.0)	13.5 (9.1-19.4)
Female	40.7 (27.0-56.0)	37.3 (21.4-56.5)	28.7 (17.5-43.2)	28.8 (14.6-48.9)	12.7 (7.2-21.6)	9.5 (2.6-29.1)	6.3 (4.0-10.0)	4.1(2.7-6.3)	6.3 (2.6)	4.1 (2.7-6.3)
Rodrigues										
Total	33.5 (25.5-42.6)	25.1 (15.6-37.8)	12.7 (8.2-19.2)	14.6 (7.3-27.3)	18.2 (13.1-24.8)	19.3 (11.6-30.2)	10.5 (7.9-13.7)	7.4(5.3-10.2)	10.5 (2.7)	7.4 (5.3-10.2)
Male	41.1 (30.2-52.9)	31.1 (18.3-47.7)	13.9 (7.8-23.6)	18.6 (8.4-36.3)	12.9 (8.4-19.2)	18.7 (9.8-32.7)	12.1 (8.8-16.5)	9.4(6.2-14.1)	12.1 (3.6)	9.4 (6.2-14.1)
Female	22.3 (13.8-34.0)	*	9.8 (3.6-23.9)	*	26.2 (14.1-43.4)	*	8.6 (5.7-12.6)	5.8(4.0-8.6)	8.6 (3.2)	5.8 (4.0-8.6)

Figure 7: How current smokers/students get their cigarettes (Mauritius)

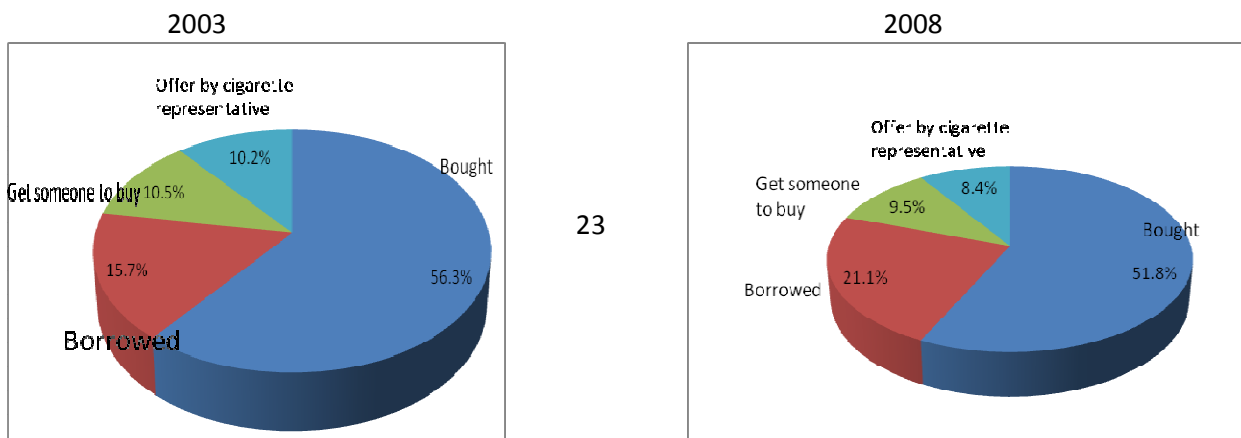
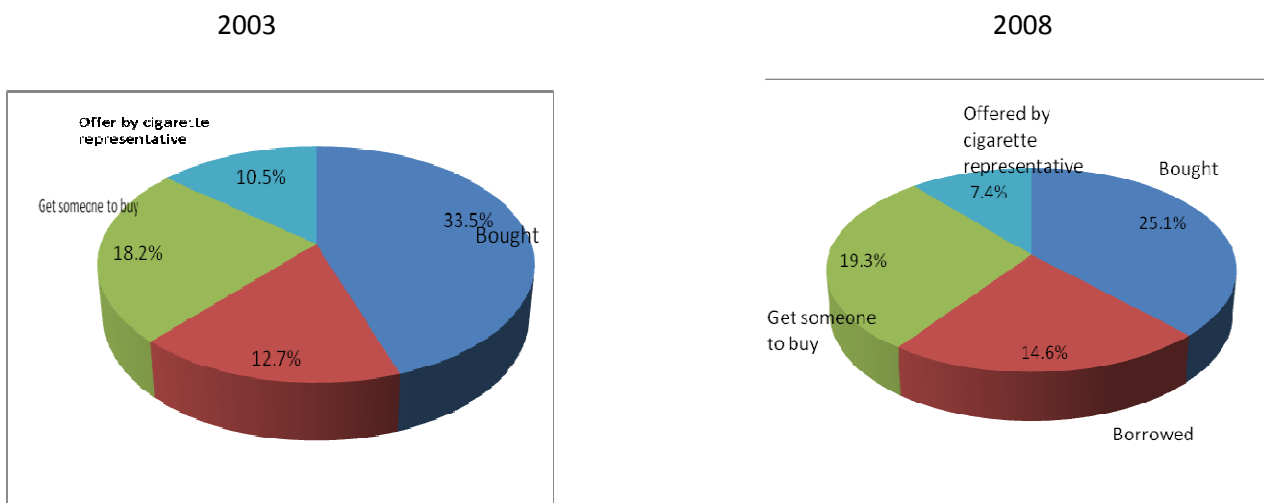


Figure 8: How current smokers/students get their cigarettes (Rodrigues)



Write up of Table 10- Mauritius

The percentage of current smokers who got their cigarettes in the following ways was as follows:

- bought them in a shop or supermarket: 56.3 % in 2003 and 51.8% in 2008
- got someone to buy them: 10.5 % in 2003 and 9.5% in 2008
- stole them: 3.4 % in 2003 and 1.1% in 2008

Furthermore, 10.2 % of students in 2003 and 8.4% in 2008 were offered free cigarettes from a tobacco company representative.

Write up of Table 10- Rodrigues

The percentage of current smokers who got their cigarettes in the following ways was as follows:

- bought them in a shop or supermarket: 33.5 % in 2003 and 25.1% in 2008
- got someone to buy them: 18.2 % in 2003 and 19.3% in 2008
- stole them: 15.7 % in 2003 and 3.3% in 2008

Furthermore, 10.5 % of students in 2003 and 7.4% in 2008 were offered free cigarettes from a tobacco company representative.

Table 11: Purchase of cigarettes in stores by minors

Category	Percentage of current smokers who purchased cigarettes in a store who were NOT refused because of their age	
	2003	2008
Mauritius		
Total	66.6 (48.2-81.0)	60.0 (45.2-73.2)
Male	59.4 (43.7-73.3)	52.0 (42.1-62.6)
Female	*	84.7 (47.0-97.2)
Rodrigues		
Total	*	*
Male	*	*
Female	*	*

Write up of Table 11- Mauritius

In 2003, 66.6% of current smokers and in 2008, 60.0% of current smokers purchased their cigarettes in a store and were not refused because of their age.

Write up of Table 11- Rodrigues

The number of respondents in each of the cells marked * was less than 35 and was therefore not considered for analysis purposes.

Table 12: Purchase of loose cigarettes in packets

Category	Percentage of current smokers who buy loose cigarettes		Percentage of current smokers who buy packets of 10		Percentage of students who know places that sell single or loose cigarettes in the area they live	
	2003	2008	2003	2008	2003	2008
Mauritius						

Total	60.5 (53.6-67.0)	68.7 (57.6-78.0)	29.9 (23.0-37.9)	23.3 (15.3-33.7)	65.3 (59.6-70.6)	66.8 (61.9-71.4)
Male	57.0 (48.4-65.3)	68.5 (56.2-78.6)	33.5 (24.8-43.6)	24.1 (15.2-36.2)	66.0 (61.8-70.0)	69.2 (64.3-73.7)
Female	67.8 (56.2-77.6)	*	21.7 (13.8-32.4)	*	64.5 (54.8-73.1)	64.7 (57.8-71.0)
Rodrigues						
Total	72.8 (56.3-84.7)	78.5 (63.3-88.5)	19.3 (10.8-32.2)	18.9 (9.7-33.8)	78.4 (75.6-80.9)	74.6 (70.3-78.5)
Male	77.8 (61.7-88.4)	*	19.6 (9.1-37.3)	*	79.8 (75.5-83.5)	75.0 (68.1-80.8)
Female	*	*	*	*	77.4 (74.0-80.5)	74.4 (69.6-78.6)

Write up of Table 12- Mauritius

In 2003, 60.5% of current smokers bought loose cigarettes and 29.9% bought cigarettes in packets of ten, with no significant difference by gender among current smokers who bought loose cigarettes. 65.3% of students knew places that sell single or loose cigarettes in the area they live, with no significant difference by gender.

In 2008, 68.7% of current smokers bought loose cigarettes and 23.3% bought cigarettes in packets of ten. 66.8% of students knew places that sell single or loose cigarettes in the area they live. There was no significant difference by gender.

Write up of Table 12- Rodrigues

In 2003, 72.8% of current smokers bought loose cigarettes and 19.3% bought cigarettes in packets of ten. 78.4% of students knew places that sell single or loose cigarettes in the area they live, with no significant difference by gender.

In 2008, 78.5% of current smokers bought loose cigarettes and 18.9% bought cigarettes in packets of 10. 74.6% of students knew places that sell single or loose cigarettes in the area they live with no significant gender difference.

Table 13: Exposure to environmental tobacco smoke

Category	Percentage of students		Percentage of students		Percentage of students		Percentage of students	
	Who live in homes where others smoke in their presence		Who are around others who smoke in places outside their home		Who have one or more parents who smoke		Who have most or all friends who smoke	
	2003	2008	2003	2008	2003	2008	2003	2008
Mauritius								
Total	42.7 (37.7-47.9)	36.1 (30.0-42.7)	67.8 (62.8-72.5)	73.6 (69.7-77.2)	43.7 (40.9-46.5)	39.9 (34.2-45.8)	10.9(7.5-15.7)	12.0 (7.6-18.4)
Male	47.4 (39.1-55.8)	38.5 (29.9-48.0)	72.6 (68.5-76.3)	77.2 (73.5-80.5)	44.3 (38.1-50.6)	39.2 (31.3-47.7)	16.8(13.3-21.0)	17.0 (11.6-24.1)

Female	38.0 (32.2-44.2)	34.1 (27.8-41.0)	63.4 (56.2-70.1)	70.7 (64.9-75.8)	42.9 (37.0-49.0)	40.0 (34.1-46.3)	5.5(3.2-9.5)	7.5 (3.4-15.7)
Rodrigues								
Total	43.1 (38.8-47.5)	36.0 (32.5-39.7)	65.7 (60.9-70.3)	57.2 (52.4-61.9)	43.0 (39.7-46.3)	39.1 (35.5-43.0)	18.2 (14.3-22.8)	17.3 (13.1-22.6)
Male	43.0 (37.6-48.6)	38.7 (34.2-43.4)	67.9 (61.4-73.7)	59.9 (53.8-65.7)	41.6 (36.9-46.4)	43.7 (38.2-49.4)	25.1 (20.1-30.9)	24.9 (18.2-33.0)
Female	43.0 (37.8-48.4)	33.8 (28.5-39.6)	64.6 (59.8-69.0)	54.6 (48.3-60.7)	44.5 (39.8-49.3)	35.3 (29.8-41.1)	12.6 (8.8-17.7)	11.2 (7.5-16.6)

Figure 9: Exposure to environmental tobacco (Mauritius)

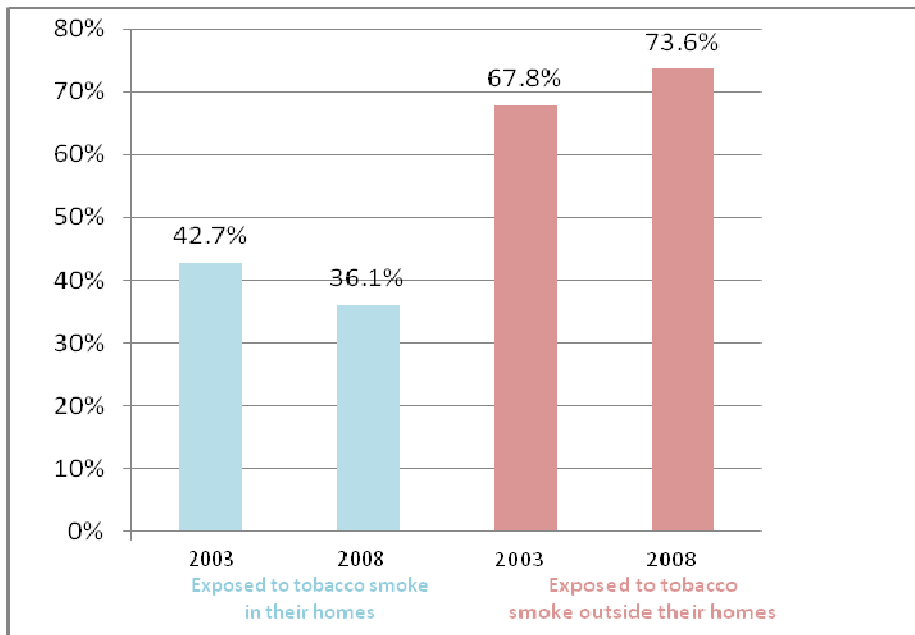
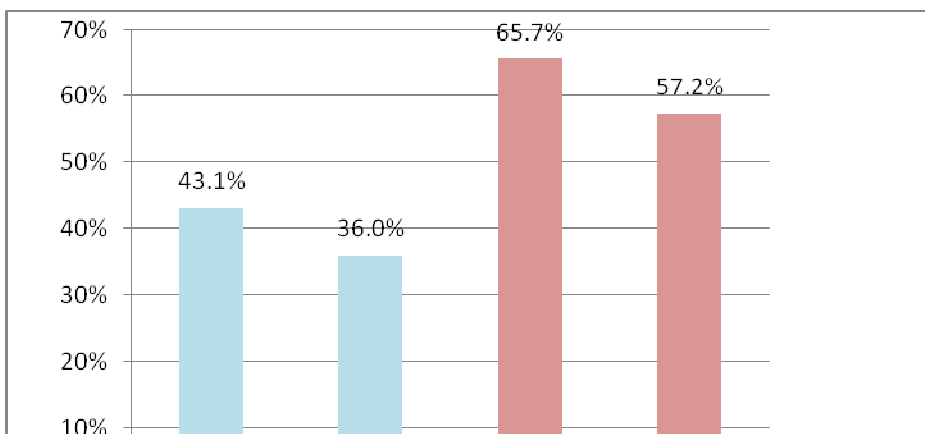


Figure 10: Exposure to environmental tobacco (Rodrigues)



Write up of Table 13-Mauritius

In 2003, 42.7% of students and in 2008, 36.1% of students lived in homes where others smoke in their presence.

In 2003, 67.8% of students and in 2008, 73.6% of students were around others who smoke in public places.

In 2003, 43.7% of students and in 2008, 39.9% of students had one or more parents who smoked.

In 2003, 10.9% of students and in 2008, 12.0% of students had most or all friends who smoked.

Write up of Table 13-Rodrigues

In 2003, 43.1% of students and in 2008, 36.0% of students lived in homes where others smoke in their presence.

In 2003, 65.7% of students and in 2008, 57.2% of students were around others who smoke in public places.

In 2003, 43.0% of students and in 2008, 39.1 % of students had one or more parents who smoked.

In 2003, 18.2 % of students and in 2008, 17.3% of students had most or all friends who smoked.

Table 14: Environmental tobacco smoke is harmful to health

Category	Percentage of students	
	Who think smoke from others is harmful to them	
	2003	2008
Mauritius		

Total	56.3 (50.2-62.2)	72.6 (65.8-78.5)
Male	54.0 (46.2-61.7)	69.4 (59.0-78.1)
Female	58.3 (48.6-67.7)	76.0 (69.3-81.7)
Rodrigues		
Total	79.5 (75.1-83.4)	85.8 (81.9-89.0)
Male	80.8 (74.2-86.0)	81.8 (75.6-86.8)
Female	79.2 (74.3-83.4)	89.0 (84.4-92.3)

Write up of Table 14- Mauritius

In 2003, 56.3 % of students and in 2008, 72.6% of students thought that tobacco smoke from others was harmful to them with no significant gender difference.

Write up of Table 14- Rodrigues

In 2003, 79.5 % of students and in 2008, 85.8% of students thought that tobacco smoke from others was harmful to them with no significant gender difference.

Table 15: Permission to smoke

Category	Percentage of students who think that a person who smoke around others should ask permission		Percentage of students who will not give permission to smoke if a person asks for it.	
	2003	2008	2003	2008
Mauritius				
Total	79.9 (76.1-83.2)	82.5 (75.0-88.1)	78.2 (71.7-83.5)	81.5 (75.6-86.3)
Male	75.1 (69.6-80.0)	80.5 (72.7-86.4)	73.6 (66.4-79.6)	78.1 (70.4-84.2)
Female	84.4 (78.3-89.1)	84.6 (75.4-90.8)	82.8 (75.3-88.4)	84.8 (76.4-90.5)
Rodrigues				
Total	63.0 (58.2-67.6)	52.1 (45.4-58.7)	83.8 (79.6-87.3)	90.4 (87.0-92.9)

Male	59.8 (52.7-66.6)	42.0 (34.5-49.9)	85.4 (79.2-89.9)	90.2 (84.6-93.9)
Female	65.6 (59.8-70.9)	60.3 (51.7-68.3)	82.9 (78.3-86.7)	90.4 (86.4-93.4)

Write up of Table 15- Mauritius

In 2003, 79.9 % of students thought that a person who smokes around others should ask permission while 78.2 % said they will not give permission to someone to smoke if he or she asks for it, with no significant difference by gender.

In 2008, 82.5% of students thought that a person who smokes around others should ask permission while 81.5 % said they will not give permission to someone to smoke if he or she asks for it, with no significant gender difference.

Write up of Table 15- Rodrigues

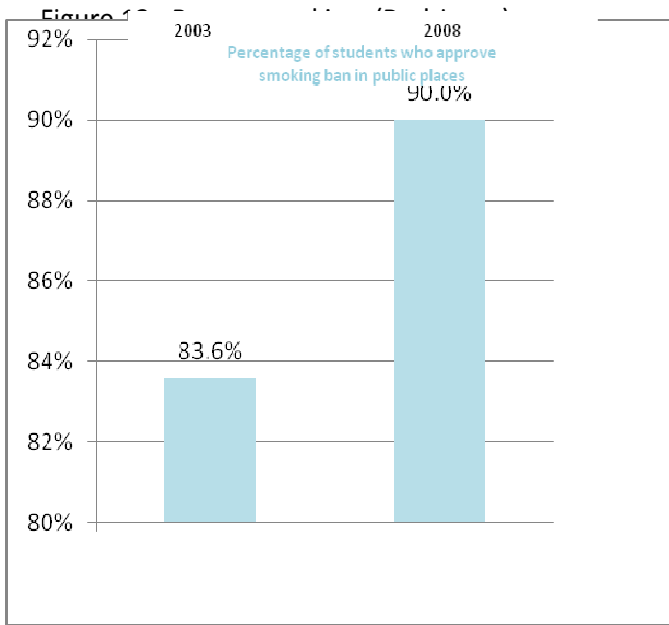
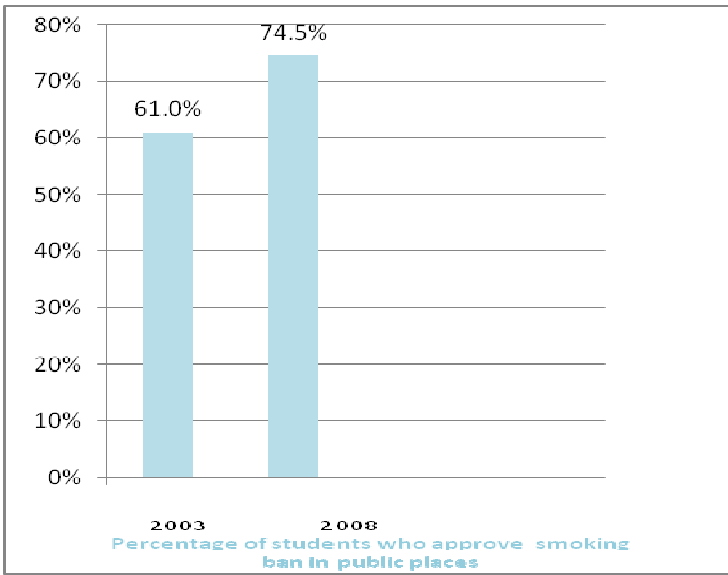
In 2003, 63.0 % of students thought that a person who smokes around others should ask permission while 83.8 % said they will not give permission to someone to smoke if he or she asks for it, with no significant gender difference.

In 2008, 52.1 % of students thought that a person who smokes around others should ask permission, with no significant gender difference, while 87.0 % said they will not give permission to someone to smoke if he or she asks for it, with no significant gender difference.

Table 16: Ban on smoking

Category	Percentage of students who approve that smoking is banned in public places.	
	2003	2008
Mauritius		
Total	61.0 (55.1-66.5)	74.5 (65.9-81.4)
Male	56.3 (48.0-64.3)	70.6 (60.8-78.9)
Female	65.2 (56.9-72.6)	77.9 (67.5-85.7)
Rodrigues		
Total	83.6 (79.9-86.7)	90.0 (86.3-92.8)
Male	82.4 (76.8-86.9)	87.6 (82.7-91.3)
Female	84.2 (80.2-87.6)	92.5 (87.6-95.6)

Figure 11: Ban on smoking (Mauritius)



Write up of Table 16- Mauritius

In 2003, 61.0 % of students approved that smoking is banned in public places in Mauritius, with significant difference by gender. In 2008, 74.5% of students approved that smoking is banned in public places in Mauritius, with no significant difference by gender.

Write up of Table 16- Rodrigues

In 2003, 83.6 % of students and in 2008, 90.0% of students approved that smoking is banned in public places in Rodrigues, with no significant difference by gender .

Table 17: Sources of anti-smoking media messages

Percentage of students who saw or heard anti-smoking....										
Category	Media messages		Messages on TV		Messages in newspapers or magazines		Messages on radio		Messages on posters	

	2003	2008	2003	2008	2003	2008	2003	2008	2003	2008
Mauritius										
Total	71.2 (66.8-75.4)	84.9 (80.4-88.5)	60.2 (56.3-63.9)	70.4 (66.6-74.0)	59.0 (56.2-62.7)	64.1 (56.7-70.9)	53.8(49.8-57.7)	69.9 (66.4-73.2)	53.4 (50.3-56.6)	61.5 (58.4-64.5)
Male	75.1 (68.5-80.6)	83.7 (77.7-88.3)	65.5 (58.5-71.9)	69.2 (63.8-74.2)	62.2 (58.8-65.4)	70.4 (62.8-77.1)	60.2 (54.8-65.2)	71.5 (67.2-5.4)	56.2 (51.3-60.8)	63.7 (58.4-64.5)
Female	67.6 (62.8-72.0)	86.3 (82.6-89.4)	55.2 (50.5-59.7)	71.8 (66.6-76.5)	55.8 (52.1-59.7)	59.1 (50.9-66.7)	47.9 (42.1-53.7)	68.9 (64.0-73.3)	50.9 (45.0-56.1)	59.7 (55.0-64.3)
Rodrigues										
Total	71.2(67.5-74.6)	81.4 (77.2-85.0)	52.3(47.6-56.9)	61.9 (55.2-68.1)	53.2(48.8-57.5)	71.3 (65.5-76.50)	62.8 (58.8-66.6)	59.7 (54.1-65.0)	45.1(40.6-49.7)	57.2 (51.9-62.3)
Male	73.0(67.6-77.9)	83.3 (77.3-87.9)	56.2(49.0-63.2)	63.8 (57.1-69.9)	54.9(48.3-61.4)	73.2 (65.3-79.9)	64.7 (59.9-69.1)	60.5 (53.8-66.8)	47.8(41.8-53.7)	59.5 (52.2-66.4)
Female	70.2(66.0-74.1)	79.9 (74.1-84.6)	48.9(43.1-54.6)	60.3 (51.8-68.2)	52.0(54.6-58.2)	70.0 (63.2-76.0)	61.6 (56.0-66.9)	59.0 (51.6-66.0)	43.2(37.8-48.8)	55.2 (49.1-61.1)

Write up of Table 17- Mauritius

The percentage of students who received anti-smoking media messages from the following sources was as follows:

- TV: 60.2% in 2003 and 70.4% in 2008
- radio: 53.8 % in 2003 and 69.9% in 2008
- newspapers or magazines: 59.0 % in 2003 and 64.1% in 2008
- different media sources: 71.2 % in 2003 and 84.9% in 2008.

Write up of Table 17- Rodrigues

The percentage of students who received anti-smoking media messages from the following sources was as follows:

- TV: 52.3% in 2003 and 61.9% in 2008
- radio: 62.8 % in 2003 and 59.7% in 2008
- newspapers or magazines: 53.2 % in 2003 and 71.3% in 2008
- different media sources: 71.2 % in 2003 and 81.4% in 2008

Table 18: Sources of pro-smoking media messages

Category	Percentage of students who saw actors smoking when watching TV etc...		Percentage of students who saw cigarette brand names on TV		Percentage of students who heard cigarette brand names on radio a lot or sometimes		Percentage of students who saw advertisement or promotions for cigarettes in foreign magazines, newspapers or internet	
	2003	2008	2003	2008	2003	2008	2003	2008
Mauritius								
Total	97.3 (96.3-98.0)	97.6 (96.2-98.4)	52.4 (48.1-56.6)	50.7 (45.1-56.3)	53.9 (49.2-58.6)	55.9 (49.5-62.1)	40.7 (36.7-44.7)	51.4 (45.8-56.9)
Male	96.7 (94.6-98.0)	96.8 (94.5-98.2)	54.9 (48.7-61.0)	53.3 (44.8-61.7)	57.5 (51.4-63.4)	58.0 (48.6-66.9)	43.4 (37.8-49.1)	52.7 (43.5-61.7)
Female	97.8 (96.6-98.6)	98.3 (97.4-98.9)	49.7 (44.5-55.0)	48.7 (41.7-55.7)	50.4 (44.2-56.5)	54.3 (47.2-61.2)	38.1 (31.7-44.9)	50.1 (44.9-55.3)
Rodrigues								
Total	97.1 (95.5-98.1)	92.7 (89.9-94.8)	46.6 (42.3-50.9)	36.3 (31.1-41.9)	53.4 (48.8-57.9)	48.9 (41.9-55.9)	38.4 (34.8-42.2)	38.7 (33.0-44.9)
Male	96.4 (93.3-98.1)	92.5 (87.6-95.5)	45.6 (39.3-52.0)	36.4 (30.3-43.0)	54.3 (47.9-60.5)	52.2 (44.7-59.6)	40.0 (34.2-46.1)	42.8 (35.5-50.5)
Female	97.5 (95.0-98.8)	92.9 (88.5-95.7)	46.9 (41.3-52.5)	36.2 (29.2-43.9)	52.2 (45.9-58.3)	45.8 (38.0-53.7)	36.3 (32.7-40.1)	35.4 (29.0-42.3)

Write up of Table 18- Mauritius

The percentage of students who received pro-smoking media messages from the following sources was as follows:

- actors smoking when watching TV: 97.3 % in 2003 and 97.6% in 2008
- cigarette brand names on TV: 52.4% in 2003 and 50.7% in 2008
- cigarette brand names on radio: 53.9% in 2003 and 55.9% in 2008
- advertisements or promotion in foreign magazines, newspapers or internet: 40.7% in 2003 and 51.4% in 2008

Write up of Table 18- Rodrigues

The percentage of students who received pro-smoking media messages from the following sources was as follows:

- actors smoking when watching TV: 97.1% in 2003 and 92.7% in 2008

- cigarette brand names on TV: 46.6 % in 2003 and 36.3% in 2008
- cigarette brand names on radio: 53.4 % in 2003 and 48.9% in 2008
- advertisements or promotion in foreign magazines, newspapers or internet: 38.4 % in 2003 and 38.7% in 2008

Table 19: Anti- smoking education in classes

Category	Percentage of students who were taught in classes the dangers of smoking		Percentage of students who discussed in class why people of their age smoke	
	2003	2008	2003	2008
Mauritius				
Total	50.7 (43.9-57.4)	62.9 (54.8-70.3)	27.4 (23.4-31.9)	36.6 (31.4-42.1)
Male	52.9 (42.3-63.3)	59.8 (49.5-69.3)	29.0 (23.4-35.4)	35.2 (29.1-41.9)
Female	48.5 (43.0-54.0)	66.0 (57.6-73.5)	26.0 (22.6-29.7)	37.9 (32.3-43.8)
Rodrigues				
Total	57.0 (49.3-64.5)	52.4 (46.1-58.6)	42.1 (36.4-48.1)	24.9 (20.8-29.4)
Male	61.0 (51.9-69.5)	55.0 (46.9-62.8)	47.6 (40.8-54.5)	28.0 (22.3-34.4)
Female	53.6 (44.1-63.0)	50.1 (42.7-57.5)	38.2 (31.8-45.1)	22.2 (17.9-27.1)

Write up of Table 19- Mauritius

In 2003, one out of two students (50.7 %) were taught in their class the dangers of smoking and one out of four (27.4 %) discussed in their class why people of their age smoke.

In 2008, 62.9 % of students were taught in their class the dangers of smoking and 36.6 % discussed in their class why people of their age smoke.

Write up of Table 19- Rodrigues

In 2003, 57.0 % of students were taught in their class the dangers of smoking and 42.1 % discussed in their class why people of their age smoke.

In 2008, 52.4 % of students were taught in their class the dangers of smoking and 24.9 % discussed in their class why people of their age smoke.

Table 20: Sources of information on smoking

Category	Percentage of students who heard youth groups in schools discouraging them from smoking		Percentage of students who heard health professionals explaining in schools why smoking is dangerous to health		Percentage of students who heard religious organization in school discouraging them from smoking		Percentage of students whose family member has discussed harmful effects of smoking	
	2003	2008	2003	2008	2003	2008	2003	2008
Mauritius								
Total	59.9 (55.5-64.1)	66.1 (62.3-69.7)	66.3 (61.8-70.4)	76.0 (71.5-80.0)	52.5 (48.9-56.1)	61.3 (56.0-66.5)	64.5 (60.2-68.6)	69.6 (63.2-75.4)
Male	61.0 (56.3-65.4)	63.5 (58.1-68.6)	68.4 (62.8-73.6)	76.8 (73.4-79.9)	53.1 (49.2-56.9)	64.9 (59.6-69.8)	68.8 (64.9-72.5)	73.4 (66.9-78.9)
Female	58.9 (53.8-63.8)	68.6 (62.8-74.0)	64.4 (59.7-68.7)	75.6 (68.5-81.6)	52.1 (47.4-56.8)	58.5 (51.7-68.0)	60.4 (54.5-65.9)	66.4 (59.6-72.5)
Rodrigues								
Total	53.7 (48.4-59.0)	69.7 (64.8-74.2)	62.5 (58.2-66.7)	63.8 (59.2-68.1)	50.2 (47.0-53.5)	51.8 (47.3-56.3)	65.4 (60.7-69.8)	72.9 (66.7-78.3)
Male	48.9 (40.8-57.1)	70.7 (63.6-76.9)	63.0 (57.0-66.2)	66.8 (59.6-73.4)	52.1 (47.6-56.6)	49.9 (42.8-57.0)	67.5 (60.7-73.6)	72.2 (62.4-80.3)
Female	57.8 (52.4-63.0)	69.2 (63.3-74.5)	61.7 (57.0-66.2)	61.2 (55.6-66.5)	48.9 (43.6-54.3)	53.3 (46.8-59.7)	64.0 (58.5-69.1)	73.5 (67.8-78.4)

Write up of Table 20- Mauritius

The percentage of students who reported receiving information on anti-smoking from the following sources was as follows:

- youth groups in schools: 59.9 % in 2003 and 66.1% in 2008
- health professionals in schools: 66.3 % in 2003 and 76.0% in 2008
- religious organization in schools: 52.5 % in 2003 and 61.3% in 2008
- family members: 64.5 % in 2003 and 69.6% in 2008.

Write up of Table 20- Rodrigues

The percentage of students who reported receiving information on anti-smoking from the following sources was as follows:

- youth groups in schools: 53.7% in 2003 and 69.7% in 2008
- health professionals in schools: 62.5% in 2003 and 63.8% in 2008
- religious organization in schools: 50.2 % in 2003 and 51.8% in 2008
- family members: 65.4 % in 2003 and 72.9% in 2008

Table 21: Dependence on tobacco

Category	Percentage of current smokers who always have or feel like having a cigarette first thing in the morning	
	2003	2008
Mauritius		
Total	11.0 (7.7-15.5)	12.1 (6.6-21.4)
Male	13.6 (9.6-18.9)	14.4 (7.3-26.5)
Female	5.6 (1.6-18.2)	5.4 (1.8-15.3)
Rodrigues		
Total	5.9 (2.0-16.4)	1.8 (0.3-10.6)
Male	8.4 (2.9-22.2)	*
Female	*	*

Write up for Table 21- Mauritius

In 2003, one out of ten (11.0%) of current smokers said they always had or felt like having a cigarette first thing in the morning, with no significant difference by gender.

In 2008, again one out of ten (12.1%) of current smokers said they always had or felt like having a cigarette first thing in the morning, with no significant difference by gender .

Write up for Table 21- Rodrigues

In 2003, one in twenty (5.9%) current smokers always had or felt like having a cigarette first thing in the morning. No reliable data were available for comparison by gender as the number of female respondents was less than 35.

In 2008, 1.8 % of current smokers always had or felt like having a cigarette first thing in the morning. No reliable data were available for comparison by gender as the number of male and female respondents was less than 35.

Table 22: Difficulty to quit smoking

Category	Percentage of students (never smokers) who definitely think that once someone starts smoking is difficult to quit		Percentage of students (current smokers) who definitely think that once someone starts smoking it is difficult to quit	
	2003	2008	2003	2008
Mauritius				
Total	27.3 (24.5-30.4)	32.2 (29.3-35.1)	26.7 (20.6-33.8)	27.6 (19.1-38.0)
Male	26.8 (24.0-29.8)	32.2 (27.3-37.5)	27.3 (20.1-35.9)	23.4 (15.3-34.1)
Female	27.6 (23.2-32.5)	32.3 (28.5-36.4)	26.1 (17.8-36.6)	34.8 (20.2-53.0)
Rodrigues				
Total	34.9 (27.1-43.6)	38.8 (33.8-44.1)	30.1 (21.8-39.8)	35.9 (24.2-49.5)
Male	33.7 (24.2-44.7)	38.1 (29.9-47.0)	33.0 (24.9-42.2)	27.2 (13.8-46.6)
Female	35.7 (26.2-46.4)	39.6 (32.4-47.3)	25.7 (14.7-41.0)	*

Write up for Table 22- Mauritius

In 2003, among both never and current smokers, with no significant difference by gender, one in four (27.3% and 26.7% respectively) definitely thought that once you start smoking it is difficult to quit.

In 2008, almost one-third of never smokers (32.2%) definitely thought that once you start smoking it is difficult to quit with no significant difference by gender. Among current smokers, one in four (27.6%) definitely thought that once you start smoking it is difficult to quit with no significant difference by gender.

Write up for Table 22- Rodrigues

In 2003, among both never and current smokers, with no significant difference by gender, around one in three (34.9% and 30.1% respectively) definitely thought that once you start smoking it is difficult to quit.

In 2008, among both never and current smokers, more than one in three (38.8% and 35.9% respectively) definitely thought that once you start smoking it is difficult to quit.

Table 23: Desire to quit smoking

Category	Percentage of current smokers who want to stop smoking		Percentage of current smokers who tried to stop smoking in the past years (but could not)		Percentage of current smokers who have ever received help to stop smoking	
	2003	2008	2003	2008	2003	2008
Mauritius						
Total	64.2 (54.5-72.9)	62.3 (46.0-76.2)	64.0 (59.2-68.6)	58.5 (45.5-70.4)	74.9 (69.4-79.6)	76.1 (67.3-83.1)
Male	68.7 (56.7-78.7)	70.3 (52.2-83.7)	68.5 (63.8-72.9)	66.1 (53.1-77.0)	74.6 (66.9-81.0)	80.2 (73.3-85.7)
Female	52.0 (41.7-62.2)	44.3 (22.6-68.4)	54.7 (42.5-66.3)	48.0 (32.1-64.3)	74.6 (62.0-84.2)	66.2 (52.5-77.6)
Rodrigues						
Total	65.6 (50.2-78.2)	67.9 (50.7-81.4)	67.7 (55.6-77.7)	46.0 (27.9-65.2)	75.7 (68.1-82.0)	78.5 (66.1-87.2)
Male	69.8 (50.7-83.8)	*	62.7 (44.7-77.8)	*	77.0 (66.6-84.9)	85.4 (71.1-93.3)
Female	*	*	*	*	74.0 (58.2-85.3)	*

Write up of Table 23- Mauritius

In 2003:

- 64.2 % of current smokers said they wanted to stop smoking;
- 64.0 % of current smokers tried to stop smoking in the past year but could not do so; and
- 76.9 % of current smokers said they have ever received help to stop smoking.

In 2008:

- 62.3% of current smokers said they wanted to stop smoking;
- 58.5% of current smokers tried to stop smoking in the past year but could not do so; and
- 76.1% of current smokers said they have ever received help to stop smoking.

Write up of Table 23- Rodrigues

In 2003:

- 65.6% of current smokers expressed the desire to stop smoking;
- 67.7% tried to stop smoking but could not do so; and
- 75.7 % of current smokers said they have ever received help to stop smoking..

In 2008:

- 67.9 % of current smokers expressed the desire to stop smoking;
- 46.0 % tried to stop smoking but could not do so; and
- 78.5 % of current smokers said they have ever received help to stop smoking.

Table 24: Reasons to give up smoking

Ever smokers (who are not current smokers) who gave up smoking...								
Category	For health reasons		To save money		Family does not like it		Friends do not like it	
	2003	2008	2003	2008	2003	2008	2003	2008
Mauritius								
Total	61.2 (46.1-74.3)	46.6 (32.0-61.8)	3.9 (1.6-9.3)	0.8 (0.1-7.4)	8.7 (5.0-14.9)	12.8 (7.6-20.8)	1.2 (0.3-5.7)	0.8 (0.1-7.2)
Male	77.9 (66.8-86.0)	55.0 (35.4-73.2)	4.9 (1.7-13.2)	1.5 (0.2-13.3)	4.1 (1.3-12.5)	18.5 (9.6-32.6)	1.3 (0.2-8.9)	0.0
Female	38.6 (22.7-57.4)	37.2 (21.6-56.0)	2.4 (0.5-10.3)	0.0	15.3 (8.3-26.4)	7.0 (3.4-14.1)	1.2 (0.1-10.3)	1.8 (0.2-13.9)
Rodrigues								
Total	62.5 (51.1-72.6)	61.4 (49.9-71.8)	2.8 (0.8-9.1)	3.8 (1.2-11.3)	4.8 (2.1-10.7)	6.3 (2.9-13.4)	4.4 (2.0-9.3)	3.9 (1.0-14.4)
Male	65.8 (51.9-77.4)	68.0 (49.1-82.4)	5.4 (1.7-16.2)	5.1 (1.1-20.2)	8.3 (4.0-16.4)	12.3 (5.9-24.2)	4.6 (1.4-13.8)	2.4 (0.3-15.6)
Female	58.6 (41.3-74.0)	54.5 (41.5-66.9)	0.0	2.6 (0.3-17.7)	1.3 (0.2-9.7)	0.0	4.3 (1.2-14.2)	5.5 (1.4-19.0)

Write up for Table 24 - Mauritius

The percentage of ever smokers who gave up smoking for the following reasons was as follows:

- health reasons: 61.2% in 2003 and 46.6% in 2008;
- families did not like it: 8.7% in 2003 and 12.8% in 2008;
- to save money: 3.9% in 2003 and 0.8% in 2008; and
- friends did not like it: 1.2% in 2003 and 0.8% in 2008

Write up for Table 24 -Rodrigues

The percentage of ever smokers who gave up smoking for the following reasons was as follows:

- health reasons: 62.5% in 2003 and 61.4% in 2008;
- families did not like it: 4.8% in 2003 and 6.3% in 2008;
- to save money: 2.8% in 2003 and 3.8% in 2008; and
- friends did not like it: 4.4% in 2003 and 3.9% in 2008