

# Smoking, drinking and drug use among young people

## Chapter 2 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 / 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)

**Table 2.1**  
**Smoking status, by sex**  
1982 - 2016

Lookups

		Year																				Numbers / Percentages								
		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		
		%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%		
Gender	Behav	<b>Boys</b>																												
		1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
		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		
		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		
		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		
		26	24	23	23	22	22	22	21	22	20	22	20	18	20	19	18	18	16	16	15	13	13	12	11	11	10	10		
		45	44	55	58	56	57	57	53	54	57	56	58	61	60	63	63	64	69	69	71	75	75	77	80	82	82			
		19	22	12	12	15	15	15	19	19	17	12	16	15	13	11	12	11	9	9	9	8	8	7	7	7	4	5		
		55	56	45	42	44	43	43	47	46	43	44	42	39	40	37	37	36	31	31	29	25	25	23	21	18	18			
		<b>Girls</b>																												
		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		
		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		
		10	10	10	9	7	7	10	8	9	10	11	8	8	8	8	8	7	6	5	5	4	4	4	4	3	3	3		
		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		
		49	46	53	59	58	57	53	52	48	51	55	53	55	56	56	59	58	59	64	67	70	72	74	76	77	81	80		
		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		
		51	54	47	41	42	43	47	48	52	49	45	47	45	44	44	41	42	41	36	33	30	28	26	24	24	19	20		
		<b>Total</b>																												
		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		
		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	4		
		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		
		24	23	21	21	20	20	20	19	20	19	20	19	19	17	18	17	17	17	15	15	14	13	12	12	11	10	10		
		47	45	54	58	57	57	55	53	51	53	56	55	56	56	58	61	60	61	67	68	71	73	75	77	78	82	81		
		19	22	15	13	16	17	18	21	22	19	14	19	18	17	16	14	15	14	11	11	9	9	8	7	6	6	6		
		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		
		<b>Unweighted bases</b>																												
		1460	1928	1676	1489	1643	1662	1813	1522	1445	2311	4791	3654	4652	5064	5179	4989	4823	4018	4021	3950	3820	3683	3166	3785	2713	3101	5742		
		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	2963	5930		
		2979	3658	3189	3018	3121	3295	3140	3045	2854	4723	9333	7061	9277	9796	10260	9618	9392	8152	7738	7750	7612	7254	6446	7538	5121	6084	11697		
		<b>Weighted bases</b>																												
		:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	3085	5915
		:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	3000	5739
		:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	6085	11891

**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 school children in England

**Table 2.2**  
**Smoking status, by age and sex**  
 2016

*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	1	3	6	2
Occasional smoker	0	1	2	4	6	3
Used to smoke	1	1	3	3	5	3
Tried smoking	3	6	9	11	16	10
Never smoked	95	91	86	79	68	82
<b>Current smokers</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>5</b>
<b>Ever smoked</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>21</b>	<b>32</b>	<b>18</b>
<b>Girls</b>						
Regular smoker	0	0	1	5	7	3
Occasional smoker	0	1	2	6	11	4
Used to smoke	-	2	2	5	5	3
Tried smoking	4	5	9	11	17	10
Never smoked	96	92	86	75	60	80
<b>Current smokers</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>8</b>
<b>Ever smoked</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>40</b>	<b>20</b>
<b>Total</b>						
Regular smoker	0	0	1	4	7	3
Occasional smoker	0	1	2	5	8	4
Used to smoke	0	1	3	4	5	3
Tried smoking	3	6	9	11	17	10
Never smoked	96	92	86	77	64	81
<b>Current smokers</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>6</b>
<b>Ever smoked</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>14</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>36</b>	<b>19</b>
Unweighted bases						
Boys	884	1049	1300	1221	1284	5742
Girls	882	1038	1395	1170	1443	5930
Total	1771	2098	2714	2405	2741	11897
Weighted bases						
Boys	950	1096	1181	1203	1481	5915
Girls	882	1048	1187	1101	1519	5739
Total	1845	2160	2397	2314	3015	11891

**Source**

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

**Table 2.3**  
**Proportion of pupils who were regular smokers, by sex and age**  
 1982 - 2016

	Year																				Numbers / Percentages						
	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
<b>All pupils</b>																											
<b>Regular smokers</b>	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%	%
<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
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	
14 years	18	16	6	8	10	14	14	13	15	10	11	12	13	9	11	10	10	7	6	5	5	5	4	2	2	3	
15 years	24	28	18	17	25	21	19	26	28	19	21	19	20	18	16	16	16	12	11	14	10	11	10	8	6	6	
Total (11-15)	11	13	7	7	9	9	8	10	11	9	8	9	8	9	7	7	7	5	5	5	4	4	4	3	3	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
13 years	6	9	5	4	9	9	5	8	11	9	8	10	8	8	6	6	7	4	6	4	4	3	2	1	2	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	6	7	6	5	
15 years	25	28	27	22	25	25	26	30	33	29	25	26	25	26	26	25	24	19	17	16	14	11	10	8	9	7	
Total (11-15)	11	13	12	9	11	10	11	13	15	12	10	12	11	11	11	10	10	8	8	7	6	5	4	4	4	3	
<b>Total</b>																											
11 years	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	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
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	
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	
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	
Total (11-15)	11	13	10	8	10	10	10	12	13	11	9	10	10	10	9	9	9	6	6	5	5	4	4	3	3	3	
<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
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
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
14 years	277	376	352	311	305	311	337	306	298	612	918	752	902	961	1015	983	937	804	779	722	711	625	781	551	604	1221	
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
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
<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
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
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
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
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
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	2963	5930
<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
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
13 years	608	771	613	615	605	688	674	636	560	692	1870	1433	1907	1994	2132	1959	1908	1650	1609	1545	1566	1477	1297	1558	1022	1296	2714
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
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
Total (11-15)	3038	3606	3183	3017	3116	3274	3140	3045	2854	4728	9333	7061	9277	9798	10260	9618	9092	8152	7738	7750	7612	7254	6446	7538	5121	6084	11897

Weighted bases

Boys

11 years	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	455	950
12 years	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	580	1096
13 years	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	647	1181
14 years	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	629	1203
15 years	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	773	1481
Total (11-15)	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	3085	5915
<b>Girls</b>																									
11 years	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	461	882
12 years	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	563	1048
13 years	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	629	1187
14 years	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	579	1101
15 years	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	768	1519
Total (11-15)	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	3000	5739
<b>Total</b>																									
11 years	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	916	1845
12 years	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	1143	2160
13 years	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	1276	2397
14 years	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	1209	2314
15 years	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	1541	3015
Total (11-15)	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	:	6085	11891

Footnotes

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

Source

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**Table 2.4**
**Pupils who smoked in the last week, by age and sex**

2016

*All pupils*

Numbers / Percentages

Smoked in the last week	Age					Total (11-15) %
	11 years %	12 years %	13 years %	14 years %	15 years %	
Boys	1	2	2	6	9	4
Girls	1	1	3	9	13	6
Total	1	1	3	7	11	5
Unweighted bases						
Boys	809	962	1201	1152	1218	5346
Girls	821	978	1338	1130	1415	5683
Total	1634	1950	2557	2293	2642	11230
Weighted bases						
Boys	876	1023	1104	1155	1402	5565
Girls	825	987	1130	1062	1495	5499
Total	1714	2025	2262	2225	2908	11283

**Source**

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**Table 2.5**
**Cigarettes smoked in the last week, by smoking behaviour**

2016

All pupils

Numbers / Percentages

Cigarettes smoked in the last week	Smoking status						Total <sup>1</sup>
	Never smoked	Tried smoking once	Used to smoke, never now	Less than one a week	1 to 6 a week	More than 6 a week	
	%	%	%	%	%	%	
None	100	95	87	43	11	4	95
1 to 6	0	4	10	45	30	5	2
7 to 13	0	1	1	8	32	7	1
14 to 20	-	0	2	2	18	10	0
21 to 34	0	0	0	1	6	27	1
35 to 69	0	0	-	1	3	31	0
70 or more	0	0	-	-	1	17	0
Unweighted bases	9216	928	359	269	127	167	11177
Weighted bases	9302	920	343	275	132	149	11233

**Footnotes**

1. Total includes pupils who did not say how many cigarettes smoked in the last week.

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**Table 2.6**  
**Mean and median number of cigarettes smoked in the last week, by sex and smoking status**

2003 - 2016

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
	<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
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
Median	29	35	35	42	38	36	29	28	28	30	29	31	15
<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
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
Median	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	2	1	1	1	2
<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
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
Median	30	35	37	36	38	23	29	29	24	25	20	21	16
<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
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
Median	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
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
Median	30	35	35	39	38	27	29	28	27	28	22	25	15
<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
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
Median	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1	1
<b>Unweighted bases</b>													
<b>Boys</b>													
Regular smokers	319	307	275	227	179	162	156	156	132	127	69	67	114
Occasional smokers	287	192	190	158	151	145	126	132	103	116	91	55	146
<b>Girls</b>													
Regular smokers	530	446	416	379	262	260	214	215	159	145	73	102	174
Occasional smokers	363	304	331	239	225	196	190	175	174	147	98	81	225
<b>Total</b>													
Regular smokers	849	753	691	606	441	422	370	371	291	272	142	169	294
Occasional smokers	650	496	521	397	376	341	316	307	277	263	189	136	376

**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 2.7**  
**Days on which pupils smoked cigarettes in the last week,**  
**by sex**

2016

*All pupils*

Numbers / Percentages

Days on which smoked	Sex		Total
	Boys	Girls	
	%	%	%
Monday	2	3	2
Tuesday	2	3	3
Wednesday	2	3	3
Thursday	2	3	3
Friday	3	3	3
Saturday	3	4	3
Sunday	2	3	3
<b>Any smoking in last week</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>5</b>
Unweighted bases	5324	5654	11177
Weighted bases	5542	5474	11233

**Source**

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**Table 2.8**
**Days on which pupils smoked cigarettes in the last week, by smoking status**

2016

	Numbers / Percentages		
	Smoking status		Current smokers
	Regular smoker	Occasional smoker <sup>1</sup>	
<b>Days on which smoked</b>	%	%	%
Monday	69	17	39
Tuesday	73	17	40
Wednesday	72	20	41
Thursday	73	21	43
Friday	75	30	49
Saturday	79	36	54
Sunday	66	28	44
<b>Any smoking in last week</b>	<b>93</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>77</b>
Unweighted bases	294	376	670
Weighted bases	281	393	674

**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 2.9**
**Mean number of cigarettes smoked per day, by sex**

2016

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

Days on which smoked	Sex		Total
	Boys	Girls	
	<i>Mean number of cigarettes</i>		
Monday	2.2	2.0	2.1
Standard error of mean	0.2	0.3	0.2
Tuesday	2.3	2.1	2.2
Standard error of mean	0.3	0.3	0.2
Wednesday	2.7	2.1	2.4
Standard error of mean	0.3	0.2	0.3
Thursday	2.6	2.0	2.3
Standard error of mean	0.3	0.2	0.2
Friday	2.8	3.0	2.9
Standard error of mean	0.3	0.2	0.2
Saturday	3.8	4.0	3.9
Standard error of mean	0.5	0.4	0.3
Sunday	3.3	2.5	2.9
Standard error of mean	0.4	0.2	0.3
All seven days <sup>2</sup>	18.6	16.0	17.2
Standard error of mean	1.7	1.3	1.2
Unweighted bases <sup>3</sup>	205	310	526
Weighted bases <sup>3</sup>	213	307	531

**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.
2. Not all smokers gave valid answers for all seven days; consequently the total for the week does not equal the sum of individual days.
3. Bases shown for smokers with valid answers for at least one day of the week. Bases for individual days are of a similar magnitude.

**Source**

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**Table 2.10**
**Mean number of cigarettes smoked per day, by smoking status**

2016

*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>
	Mean number of cigarettes		
Monday	3.5	0.5	2.1
Standard error of mean	0.4	0.1	0.2
Tuesday	3.6	0.6	2.2
Standard error of mean	0.4	0.1	0.2
Wednesday	3.8	0.7	2.4
Standard error of mean	0.5	0.1	0.3
Thursday	3.7	0.7	2.3
Standard error of mean	0.4	0.1	0.2
Friday	4.6	1.2	2.9
Standard error of mean	0.3	0.2	0.2
Saturday	5.8	1.9	3.9
Standard error of mean	0.4	0.4	0.3
Sunday	4.3	1.3	2.9
Standard error of mean	0.4	0.2	0.3
All seven days <sup>3</sup>	28.2	6.1	17.2
Standard error of mean	2.1	0.7	1.2
Unweighted bases <sup>4</sup>	270	243	526
Weighted bases <sup>4</sup>	260	258	531

**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.

3. Not all smokers gave valid answers for all seven days; consequently the total for the week does not equal the sum of individual days.

4. Bases shown for smokers with valid answers for at least one day of the week. Bases for individual days are of a similar magnitude.

**Source**

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**Table 2.11**  
**Estimated odds ratios for being a regular smoker, by individual and school-level measures**

2016

All pupils

Variable	N	Odds Ratio	p-value	95% confidence interval	
				Lower	Upper
Numbers					
<b>Age (p=&lt;0.001)</b>					
11 or 12	1,915	1			
13	1,429	1.03	0.965	0.26	4.10
14	1,187	5.28	0.009	1.51	18.48
15	1,335	5.43	0.009	1.50	19.63
<b>Drinking alcohol (p=0.003)</b>					
Never	3,065	1			
Drank alcohol, not in the last week	1,866	4.20	0.127	0.66	26.83
Drank alcohol in the last week	559	10.24	0.012	1.64	64.07
Missing	376	7.54	0.061	0.90	63.23
<b>Drug use (p=&lt;0.001)</b>					
Never	3,468	1			
Has taken drugs but not in the last year	301	2.11	0.191	0.68	6.53
Took drugs in the last year	303	5.49	< 0.001	2.45	12.32
Took drugs in the last month	399	23.46	< 0.001	11.71	46.97
Missing	1,395	2.34	0.062	0.95	5.75
<b>Exclusion (p=&lt;0.001)</b>					
Never excluded from school	5,138	1			
Has been excluded from school	349	2.90	< 0.001	1.62	5.18
Missing	379	6.85	< 0.001	3.39	13.84
<b>Family's attitude to pupil's smoking (p=0.002)</b>					
Does/would try to stop me	4,123	1			
Does/would try to persuade me to stop	898	2.47	0.020	1.15	5.33
Does nothing/encourages me	63	7.47	< 0.001	2.88	19.39
Don't know	424	2.56	0.066	0.93	7.02
Missing	358	3.18	0.021	1.18	8.54
<b>Smokers at home (p=&lt;0.001)</b>					
None	4,103	1			
One	1,053	3.55	< 0.001	2.26	5.57
Two	531	4.01	< 0.001	2.10	7.66
Three or more	179	2.24	0.218	0.62	8.16
<b>Friends who smoke (p=&lt;0.001)</b>					
Does not have friends who smoke	2,759	1			
Has friends who smoke	2,713	11.28	< 0.001	2.88	44.21
Missing	394	2.02	0.379	0.42	9.79
<b>Region (p=0.005)</b>					
North East	1,014	1			
North West	837	0.45	0.017	0.23	0.87
Yorkshire and the Humber	944	0.53	0.139	0.22	1.24
East Midlands	467	0.33	0.009	0.14	0.76
West Midlands	411	0.29	0.012	0.11	0.76
East of England	705	0.69	0.301	0.34	1.40
London	190	0.69	0.575	0.19	2.56
South East	593	0.43	0.074	0.17	1.10
South West	705	0.16	< 0.001	0.07	0.41

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**Table 2.12**
**Proportions of pupils who have ever smoked, by region and sex**

2016

*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	20	20	19	19	15	16	15	19	16	18
Girls	23	25	20	17	21	18	22	20	17	20
Total	22	23	19	18	18	17	18	20	16	19
Unweighted bases										
Boys	975	869	954	410	449	672	243	577	593	5742
Girls	1048	800	927	511	369	734	133	601	807	5930
Total	2071	1689	1908	953	835	1441	385	1192	1423	11897
Weighted bases										
Boys	266	797	586	496	643	679	885	1002	561	5915
Girls	261	776	572	478	627	653	864	950	556	5739
Total	539	1592	1176	1005	1297	1365	1804	1977	1137	11891

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**Table 2.13**
**Proportions of pupils who were current smokers, by region and sex**

2016

*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	7	6	5	5	5	4	6	6	5	5
Girls	9	9	8	4	5	7	11	7	8	8
Total	8	8	6	5	5	5	8	7	6	6
Unweighted bases										
Boys	975	869	954	410	449	672	243	577	593	5742
Girls	1048	800	927	511	369	734	133	601	807	5930
Total	2071	1689	1908	953	835	1441	385	1192	1423	11897
Weighted bases										
Boys	266	797	586	496	643	679	885	1002	561	5915
Girls	261	776	572	478	627	653	864	950	556	5739
Total	539	1592	1176	1005	1297	1365	1804	1977	1137	11891

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**Table 2.14**
**Proportion of pupils who were regular smokers, by region and sex**  
 2016

*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	4	2	2	3	2	2	3	2	2	2
Girls	5	4	4	2	2	2	4	3	3	3
Total	5	3	3	3	2	2	3	3	2	3
Unweighted bases										
Boys	975	869	954	410	449	672	243	577	593	5742
Girls	1048	800	927	511	369	734	133	601	807	5930
Total	2071	1689	1908	953	835	1441	385	1192	1423	11897
Weighted bases										
Boys	266	797	586	496	643	679	885	1002	561	5915
Girls	261	776	572	478	627	653	864	950	556	5739
Total	539	1592	1176	1005	1297	1365	1804	1977	1137	11891

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**Table 2.15**
**Proportions of pupils who have ever smoked by ethnicity and sex**

2016

*All pupils*

Numbers / Percentages

	Ethnicity (grouped)				
	White	Mixed	Asian	Black	Other
<b>Ever smoked</b>	%	%	%	%	%
Boys	18	19	13	15	14
Girls	21	24	11	18	15
Total	20	22	13	16	14
Unweighted bases					
Boys	4420	302	471	133	89
Girls	4897	259	338	144	49
Total	9366	564	820	277	141
Weighted bases					
Boys	4098	355	740	223	98
Girls	4492	271	383	251	72
Total	8649	630	1141	474	175

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**Table 2.16**
**Proportions of pupils who were current smokers by ethnicity and sex**

2016

*All pupils*

Numbers / Percentages

	Ethnicity (grouped)				
	White	Mixed	Asian	Black	Other
<b>Current smoking</b>	%	%	%	%	%
Boys	5	5	6	1	3
Girls	8	9	2	2	0
Total	7	7	5	1	2
Unweighted bases					
Boys	4420	302	471	133	89
Girls	4897	259	338	144	49
Total	9366	564	820	277	141
Weighted bases					
Boys	4098	355	740	223	98
Girls	4492	271	383	251	72
Total	8649	630	1141	474	175

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**Table 2.17**
**Proportion of pupils who were regular smokers, by ethnicity and sex**

2016

*All pupils*

Numbers / Percentages

	Ethnicity (grouped)				
	White	Mixed	Asian	Black	Other
<b>Regular smoking</b>	%	%	%	%	%
Boys	2	2	3	-	0
Girls	3	2	1	0	0
Total	3	2	2	0	0
Unweighted bases					
Boys	4420	302	471	133	89
Girls	4897	259	338	144	49
Total	9366	564	820	277	141
Weighted bases					
Boys	4098	355	740	223	98
Girls	4492	271	383	251	72
Total	8649	630	1141	474	175

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