

National Health Interview Survey Tobacco Topics for Adults, by year																			
	1965	1966	1970	1974	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1983	1985	1987	1988	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995
Smoking Status Recode (cigarettes only)																			
Current/Former/Never			X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Everyday/Someday/Former/Never															X	X	X	X	X
Current Cigarette Smoker																			
Smoked at least 100 cigarettes	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Now smokes cigarettes (yes/no) ¹	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X			
Now smokes every day, some days, not at all															X	X	X	X	X
Number of days smoked in past 30 days ²															X	X	X	X	X
Number of cigarettes per day ³ : now	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
Number of cigarettes per day: 12 months ago	X	X	X																
Number of cigarettes per day: when smoked most	X	X	X				X	X	X										
Type of cigarette ⁴			X				X	X	X			X							
Brand of cigarette							X	X	X			X							
Time before first cigarette, after awakening												X							
Age first TRIED a cigarette																			X
Age first smoked fairly regularly/every day			X				X	X	X			X	X			X			X
Ever smoked every day ⁵															X	X			X
Smoking status one year ago															X		X	X	X
Number of years (total) a regular smoker												X				X			
Reasons for smoking												X							
Quitting:																			
Desire to quit smoking																	X	X	X
Believe you could quit												X							
Reasons for trying to quit												X			X	X			
Reasons for starting again												X							
Plans/intentions to quit																X	X	X	X
Ever tried to quit				X	X		X	X	X	X ⁶		X		X	X	X	X		
Tried to quit in past year																X	X	X	X
Number of quit attempts: past 12 months							X	X	X			X			X	X		X	
Number of quit attempts: lifetime							X	X	X			X			X	X			
Time since last quit attempt							X	X	X			X		X	X	X			
Duration of last quit attempt							X	X	X			X		X	X	X			
Duration of longest quit attempt												X							
Quit methods: ever used												X				X			
Quit methods: last used												X				X			
Ever been asked not to smoke in a public place																X			
Smoking behavior in public places												X							

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Bidis																			
Ever smoked																			
Ever smoked 20 bidis in lifetime																			
Now smokes every day, some days, not at all																			
Chewing Tobacco & Snuff																			
Ever used												X			X	X		X	
Ever used 20 times												X			X	X		X	
Now uses any			X									X			X	X	X	X	
Now uses every day, some days, not at all															X				
Number of days per month												X				X			
Amount used on days used												X	X			X			
Age of first use												X							
Number of years/months used in lifetime												X				X			
Method of snuff use												X				X			
Ever advised to stop using																X			
Pregnancy & Cigarette Smoking																			
Smoked any time during {last} pregnancy											X			X	X				
Smoking in past 30 days															X				
Smoked during most of pregnancy											X			X					
Amount smoked before/after learned of pregnancy											X			X					
Quitting:																			
Ever advised to quit											X			X					
Quit smoking any time during pregnancy/month quit															X				
Stayed quit or started again															X				
Started again after birth of child															X				
Environmental Tobacco Smoke (ETS)																			
Response when exposed to ETS in public places												X				X			
Smoking anywhere inside the home by ANYONE															X	X	X	X	
Smoking anywhere inside the home by RESIDENT													X					X	
Number of people who smoke inside the home																X		X	
Days per week there is smoking inside the home																X		X	

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Knowledge of health risks of smoking											X	X		X		X			
Knowledge of health risks of smokeless tobacco												X				X			
Knowledge of health risks of ETS												X				X			
Attitudes toward/discomfort around smoking												X				X			
Medical Surveillance																			
Asked about smoking by a doctor																	X	X	
Advised to quit smoking by health professional				X	X						X	X		X	X	X			
Type of medical professional who advised quitting																			
Advised to quit smoking due to specific condition				X	X														
Workplace Smoking																			
Workplace smoking policy												X	X		X	X	X	X	
Ever smoke while at work																X		X	
Smoke fewer cigarettes due to workplace policy																X		X	
Exposure to smoke in the workplace												X	X		X	X			
Bothered by workplace ETS												X	X			X			
Workplace offers quit smoking program															X	X	X	X	
Participated in employer-based quit smoking program																X		X	

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Bothered by workplace ETS													
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1/ In 1965 and 1966, the question was asked but the variable was not included on the data file. Information from a followup question (number of cigarettes currently smoked) serves to identify current smokers in these years. In 1992, questions about current smoking status were asked in two ways in a split sample experiment. The original "Do you smoke now?" question was asked in the Cancer Control questionnaire and followed

2/ Asked only of adults who said they smoked "some days."

3/ For someday smokers the question asked about number of cigarettes on days smoked.

4/ Information about type {size/filter or non-filter/plain or menthol/hard or soft pack} varies by year. See questionnaires for details.

5/ In 1992, the question was limited to ever smoked every day in the past 6 months.

6/ In 1983, the question asked about quit methods ever used in the past 5 years only.

7/ The minimum number of pipefuls of tobacco and minimum number of cigars vary by year. See questionnaires for details.

8/ In some years, question was phrased in terms of the past 30 days and asked for cigar smokers only. See questionnaires for details.

9/ Asked of both current and former tobacco users.

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