

# Person—tobacco smoking status, code N

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Tobacco smoking status
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	270311
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health!</a> , Standard 01/03/2005 <a href="#">Indigenous</a> , Standard 13/03/2015
<b>Definition:</b>	A person's current and past smoking behaviour, as represented by a code.
<b>Context:</b>	Public health and health care
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Person—tobacco smoking status</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Tobacco smoking status code N</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code
<b>Data type:</b>	Number
<b>Format:</b>	N
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	1

	<b>Value</b>	<b>Meaning</b>
<b>Permissible values:</b>	1	Daily smoker
	2	Weekly smoker
	3	Irregular smoker
	4	Ex-smoker
	5	Never smoked

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	CODE 1 Daily smoker A person who smokes daily
	CODE 2 Weekly smoker A person who smokes at least weekly but not daily
	CODE 3 Irregular smoker A person who smokes less than weekly
	CODE 4 Ex-smoker A person who does not smoke at all now, but has smoked at least 100 cigarettes or a similar amount of other tobacco products in his/her lifetime.
	CODE 5 Never-smoker A person who does not smoke now and has smoked fewer than 100 cigarettes or similar amount of other tobacco products in his/her lifetime.

## Source and reference attributes

**Reference documents:** Standard Questions on the Use of Tobacco Among Adults (1998)

## Data element attributes

### Collection and usage attributes

**Collection methods:** The recommended standard for collecting this information is the Standard Questions on the Use of Tobacco Among Adults - interviewer administered (Questions 1 and 4) and self-administered (Questions 1 and 1a) versions. The questionnaires are designed to cover persons aged 18 years and over.

**Comments:** There are two other ways of categorising this information:

- Regular and irregular smokers where a regular smoker includes someone who is a daily smoker or a weekly smoker. 'Regular' smoker is the preferred category to be reported in prevalence estimates.
- Daily and occasional smokers where an occasional smoker includes someone who is a weekly or irregular smoker. The category of 'occasional' smoker can be used when the aim of the study is to draw contrast between daily smokers and other smokers.

Where this information is collected by survey and the sample permits, population estimates should be presented by sex and 5-year age groups. Summary statistics may need to be adjusted for age and other relevant variables.

Smoker type is used to define subpopulations of adults (age 18+ years) based on their smoking behaviour.


Smoking has long been known as a health risk factor. Population studies indicate a relationship between smoking and increased mortality/morbidity.

This data element can be used to estimate smoking prevalence. Other uses are:

- To evaluate health promotion and disease prevention programs (assessment of interventions)
- To monitor health risk factors and progress towards National Health Goals and Targets

It is recommended that in surveys of smoking, data on age, sex and other socio-demographic variables should be collected. It is also recommended that when smoking is investigated in relation to health, data on other risk factors including pregnancy status, physical activity, overweight and obesity, and alcohol consumption should be collected.

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:** Is re-engineered from  [Tobacco smoking status, version 1, DE, NHDD, NHIMG, Superseded 01/03/2005.pdf](#) (18.5 KB)  
*No registration status*

See also [Person—tobacco smoking status, code NN Health!](#), Standard 13/03/2015  
[Indigenous](#), Standard 13/03/2015

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:** [Acute coronary syndrome \(clinical\) DSS Health!](#), Superseded 07/12/2005

**DSS specific information:** Smoker type is used to define sub-populations of adults (age 18+ years) based on their smoking behaviour. Smoking has long been known as a health risk factor. Population studies indicate a relationship between smoking and increased mortality/morbidity. This metadata item can be used to estimate smoking prevalence.

Other uses are:

- To evaluate health promotion and disease prevention programs (assessment of interventions)

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[Acute coronary syndrome \(clinical\) DSS](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 01/10/2008

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- To evaluate health promotion and disease prevention programs (assessment of interventions)
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[Acute coronary syndrome \(clinical\) DSS](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 01/09/2012

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- To evaluate health promotion and disease prevention programs (assessment of interventions)
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[Acute coronary syndrome \(clinical\) DSS](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 02/05/2013

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- To monitor health risk factors and progress towards National Health Goals and Targets

[Acute coronary syndrome \(clinical\) NBPDS 2013-](#)

[Health!](#), Standard 02/05/2013

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2013

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[Cardiovascular disease \(clinical\) DSS](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 15/02/2006

[Cardiovascular disease \(clinical\) DSS](#)  
[Health!](#), Superseded 04/07/2007

[Cardiovascular disease \(clinical\) DSS](#)  
[Health!](#), Superseded 22/12/2009

[Cardiovascular disease \(clinical\) DSS](#)  
[Health!](#), Superseded 01/09/2012

[Cardiovascular disease \(clinical\) NBPDS](#)  
[Health!](#), Superseded 17/10/2018

[Cardiovascular disease \(clinical\) NBPDS](#)  
[Health!](#), Standard 17/10/2018

[Indigenous primary health care DSS 2015-17](#)  
[Health!](#), Superseded 25/01/2018  
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 27/02/2018

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2015

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2017

**Conditional obligation:**

Reporting of this data element is conditional on a 'yes' answer to 'Person—smoking status recorded indicator, yes/no code N'.

[Indigenous primary health care NBEDS 2017–18](#)  
[Health!](#), Superseded 06/09/2018

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 22/10/2018

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2017

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2018

**Conditional obligation:**

Reporting of this data element is conditional on a 'yes' answer to 'Person—smoking status recorded indicator, yes/no code N'.

[Indigenous primary health care NBEDS 2018–19](#)  
[Health!](#), Superseded 12/12/2018

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 02/04/2019

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2018

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2019

**Conditional obligation:**

Reporting of this data element is conditional on a 'yes' answer to 'Person—smoking status recorded indicator, yes/no code N'.

[Indigenous primary health care NBEDS 2019–20](#)  
[Health!](#), Superseded 16/01/2020

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 14/07/2021

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2019

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2020

**Conditional obligation:**

Reporting of this data element is conditional on a 'yes' answer to 'Person—smoking status recorded indicator, yes/no code N'.

[Indigenous primary health care NBEDS 2020–21](#)  
[Health!](#), Retired 13/10/2021

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2020

**Implementation end date:** 30/06/2021

**Conditional obligation:**

Reporting of this data element is conditional on a 'yes' answer to 'Person—smoking status recorded indicator, yes/no code N'.

[Indigenous-specific primary health care NBEDS December 2020](#)  
[Indigenous](#), Standard 14/07/2021

**Implementation start date:** 01/07/2020

**Implementation end date:** 31/12/2020

**Conditional obligation:**

Reporting against this data element is conditional on a person being aged  $\geq 15$  years at the census date, and having a 'CODE 1 Yes' response to '[Person—smoking status recorded indicator, yes/no code N](#)'.

**DSS specific information:**

Data are provided to the AIHW twice, for smoking status results recorded within the previous 12 months and within the previous 24 months (up to the census date.)

Data relating to only the most recently recorded result is provided to the AIHW.

Where the smoking status does not have an assessment date assigned, it should be treated as being up to date (that is, as having been updated in the 12 or 24 months up to the census date).

Data for CODE 1, CODE 2 and CODE 3 are combined into the category 'Current smoker'.

[Lung cancer \(clinical\) DSS](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 14/05/2015

[Lung cancer \(clinical\) NBPDS](#)

[Health!](#), Standard 14/05/2015

**Implementation in Indicators:**

**Used as Numerator**

[Indigenous primary health care: P110a-Number of regular clients with a smoking status result, 2013](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 21/11/2013

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 21/11/2013

[Indigenous primary health care: P110a-Number of regular clients with a smoking status result, 2014](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 13/03/2015

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 13/03/2015

[Indigenous primary health care: P110a-Number of regular clients with a smoking status result, 2015](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 05/10/2016

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 20/01/2017

[Indigenous primary health care: P110a-Number of regular clients with a smoking status result, 2015-2017](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 17/10/2018

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 17/10/2018

[Indigenous primary health care: P110a-Number of regular clients with a smoking status result, 2015-2017](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 25/01/2018

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 27/02/2018

[Indigenous primary health care: P110a-Number of regular clients with a smoking status result, 2018-2019](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 16/01/2020

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 14/07/2021

[Indigenous primary health care: P110a-Number of regular clients with a smoking status result, June 2020](#)

[Health!](#), Retired 13/10/2021

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 14/07/2021

[Indigenous primary health care: P110b-Proportion of regular clients with a smoking status result, 2013](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 21/11/2013

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 21/11/2013

[Indigenous primary health care: P110b-Proportion of regular clients with a smoking status result, 2014](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 13/03/2015

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 13/03/2015

[Indigenous primary health care: P110b-Proportion of regular clients with a smoking status result, 2015](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 05/10/2016  
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 20/01/2017

[Indigenous primary health care: PI10b-Proportion of regular clients with a smoking status result, 2015-2017](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 17/10/2018  
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 17/10/2018

[Indigenous primary health care: PI10b-Proportion of regular clients with a smoking status result, 2015-2017](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 25/01/2018  
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 27/02/2018

[Indigenous primary health care: PI10b-Proportion of regular clients with a smoking status result, 2018-2019](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 16/01/2020  
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 14/07/2021

[Indigenous primary health care: PI10b-Proportion of regular clients with a smoking status result, June 2020](#)

[Health!](#), Retired 13/10/2021  
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 14/07/2021

[Indigenous primary health care: PI11a-Number of regular clients who gave birth within the previous 12 months with a smoking status of 'current smoker', 'ex-smoker' or 'never smoked', 2014](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 13/03/2015  
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 13/03/2015

[Indigenous primary health care: PI11a-Number of regular clients who gave birth within the previous 12 months with a smoking status of 'current smoker', 'ex-smoker' or 'never smoked', 2015](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 05/10/2016  
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 20/01/2017

[Indigenous primary health care: PI11a-Number of regular clients who gave birth within the previous 12 months with a smoking status of 'current smoker', 'ex-smoker' or 'never smoked', 2015-2017](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 17/10/2018  
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 17/10/2018

[Indigenous primary health care: PI11a-Number of regular clients who gave birth within the previous 12 months with a smoking status of 'current smoker', 'ex-smoker' or 'never smoked', 2015-2017](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 25/01/2018  
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 27/02/2018

[Indigenous primary health care: PI11a-Number of regular clients who gave birth within the previous 12 months with a smoking status of 'current smoker', 'ex-smoker' or 'never smoked', 2018-2019](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 16/01/2020  
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 14/07/2021

[Indigenous primary health care: PI11a-Number of regular clients who gave birth within the previous 12 months with a smoking status of 'current smoker', 'ex-smoker' or 'never smoked', June 2020](#)

[Health!](#), Retired 13/10/2021  
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 14/07/2021

[Indigenous primary health care: PI11b-Proportion of regular clients who gave birth within the previous 12 months with a smoking status of 'current smoker', 'ex-smoker' or 'never smoked', 2014](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 13/03/2015  
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 13/03/2015

[Indigenous primary health care: PI11b-Proportion of regular clients who gave birth within the previous 12 months with a smoking status of 'current smoker', 'ex-smoker' or 'never smoked', 2015](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 05/10/2016  
[Indigenous](#), Superseded 20/01/2017

[Indigenous primary health care: PI11b-Proportion of regular clients who gave birth within the previous 12 months with a smoking status of 'current smoker', 'ex-smoker' or 'never smoked', 2015-2017](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 25/01/2018

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 27/02/2018

[Indigenous primary health care: PI1 1b-Proportion of regular clients who gave birth within the previous 12 months with a smoking status of 'current smoker', 'ex-smoker' or 'never smoked', 2015-2017](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 17/10/2018

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 17/10/2018

[Indigenous primary health care: PI1 1b-Proportion of regular clients who gave birth within the previous 12 months with a smoking status of 'current smoker', 'ex-smoker' or 'never smoked', 2018-2019](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 16/01/2020

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 14/07/2021

[Indigenous primary health care: PI1 1b-Proportion of regular clients who gave birth within the previous 12 months with a smoking status of 'current smoker', 'ex-smoker' or 'never smoked', June 2020](#)

[Health!](#), Retired 13/10/2021

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 14/07/2021

[Indigenous primary health care: PI20a-Number of regular clients who have had the necessary risk factors assessed to enable cardiovascular disease \(CVD\) assessment, 2018-2019](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 16/01/2020

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 14/07/2021

[Indigenous primary health care: PI20a-Number of regular clients who have had the necessary risk factors assessed to enable cardiovascular disease \(CVD\) assessment, June 2020](#)

[Health!](#), Retired 13/10/2021

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 14/07/2021

[Indigenous primary health care: PI20a-Number of regular clients who have had the necessary risk factors assessed to enable CVD assessment, 2015-2017](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 17/10/2018

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 17/10/2018

[Indigenous primary health care: PI20b-Proportion of regular clients who have had the necessary risk factors assessed to enable cardiovascular disease \(CVD\) assessment, 2018-2019](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 16/01/2020

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 14/07/2021

[Indigenous primary health care: PI20b-Proportion of regular clients who have had the necessary risk factors assessed to enable cardiovascular disease \(CVD\) assessment, June 2020](#)

[Health!](#), Retired 13/10/2021

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 14/07/2021

[Indigenous primary health care: PI20b-Proportion of regular clients who have had the necessary risk factors assessed to enable CVD assessment, 2015-2017](#)

[Health!](#), Superseded 17/10/2018

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 17/10/2018

[Indigenous-specific primary health care: PI10a-Number of Indigenous regular clients who have a smoking status result within specified categories, December 2020](#)

[Indigenous](#), Standard 14/07/2021

[Indigenous-specific primary health care: PI10b-Proportion of Indigenous regular clients who have a smoking status result within specified categories, December 2020](#)

[Indigenous](#), Standard 14/07/2021

[Indigenous-specific primary health care: PI1 1a-Number of Indigenous regular clients who gave birth within the previous 12 months who have a smoking status result within specified categories, December 2020](#)

[Indigenous](#), Standard 14/07/2021

[Indigenous-specific primary health care: PI1 1b-Proportion of Indigenous regular clients who gave birth within the previous 12 months who have a smoking status result within specified categories, December 2020](#)

[Indigenous](#), Standard 14/07/2021

[Indigenous-specific primary health care: PI20a-Number of Indigenous regular](#)



[clients who have the necessary risk factors recorded to assess absolute cardiovascular disease \(CVD\) risk, December 2020](#)

[Indigenous](#), Standard 14/07/2021

[Indigenous-specific primary health care: PI20b-Proportion of Indigenous regular clients who have the necessary risk factors recorded to assess absolute cardiovascular disease \(CVD\) risk, December 2020](#)

[Indigenous](#), Standard 14/07/2021

[National Health Performance Authority, Healthy Communities, Percentage of adults who are daily smokers, 2011–12](#)

National Health Performance Authority (retired), Retired 01/07/2016

[National Indigenous Reform Agreement: P04-Rates of current daily smokers, 2010 Community Services \(retired\), Superseded 04/04/2011](#)

[National Indigenous Reform Agreement: P04-Rates of current daily smokers, 2010 Community Services \(retired\), Superseded 04/04/2011](#)

[National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 03-Rates of current daily smokers, 2013](#)

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 13/12/2013

[National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 03-Rates of current daily smokers, 2013](#)

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 13/12/2013

[National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 03-Rates of current daily smokers, 2014](#)

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 24/11/2014

[National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 03-Rates of current daily smokers, 2014](#)

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 24/11/2014

[National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 03-Rates of current daily smokers, 2014](#)

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 24/11/2014

[National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 03-Rates of current daily smokers, 2014](#)

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 24/11/2014

[National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 04-Rates of current daily smokers, 2011](#)

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 01/07/2012

[National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 04-Rates of current daily smokers, 2011](#)

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 01/07/2012

[National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 04-Rates of current daily smokers, 2012](#)

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 13/06/2013

[National Indigenous Reform Agreement: PI 04-Rates of current daily smokers, 2012](#)

[Indigenous](#), Superseded 13/06/2013