

# Person—tobacco smoking start age, total years N[NN]

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Tobacco smoking start age
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	399292
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health!</a> , Superseded 19/11/2015
<b>Definition:</b>	The age in years at which a person first started to smoke.
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Person—tobacco smoking start age</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Total years N[NN]</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Total				
<b>Data type:</b>	Number				
<b>Format:</b>	N[NN]				
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	3				
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	<table><thead><tr><th>Value</th><th>Meaning</th></tr></thead><tbody><tr><td>999</td><td>Unknown/not stated</td></tr></tbody></table>	Value	Meaning	999	Unknown/not stated
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<b>Unit of measure:</b>	Year				

## Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

<b>Guide for use:</b>	In this data collection, cigarette includes manufactured cigarettes, roll-your-own cigarettes, cigars, pipes and other tobacco products.
<b>Comments:</b>	<p>The 2007 National Drug Strategy Household Survey includes a question on the age at which a person smoked their first full cigarette.</p> <p>Questions on age first smoked full cigarette can provide some insight into the pattern of drug use among younger children (DHFS 1996).</p>

## Source and reference attributes

<b>Submitting organisation:</b>	Australian Institute of Health and Welfare
<b>Origin:</b>	AIHW (Australian Institute of Health and Welfare) 2008. 2007 National Drug Strategy Household Survey: first results. Drug Statistics Series number 20.Cat. no. PHE 98. Canberra: AIHW
<b>Reference documents:</b>	<p>AIHW 2009. From corrections to community: a set of indicators of the health of Australia's prisoners. Bulletin 75. Cat no. AUS 120. Canberra: AIHW.</p> <p>DHFS (Commonwealth Department of Health and Family Services) 1996. National Drug Strategy Household Survey: survey report 1995 Canberra: AGPS</p>

## Relational attributes

**Related metadata references:**

Has been superseded by [Person—tobacco smoking start age, total years N\[NN\] Health!](#), Standard 19/11/2015

**Implementation in Data Set Specifications:**

[Smoking status cluster Health!](#), Superseded 28/04/2016

**Conditional obligation:** Conditional on the person indicating that they have ever smoked a full cigarette.

**DSS specific information:**

In the Prisoner Health DSS 'tobacco smoking start age' refers to the age at which a person smoked their first full cigarette.

This data element is included in the Prisoner Health DSS as the National Prisoner Health Indicators includes the indicator: Mean age at which prison entrants smoked their first full cigarette.