

Person—tobacco smoking quit age (daily smoking), total years NN

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Identifying and definitional attributes

Metadata item type:	Data Element
Short name:	Tobacco smoking—quit age (daily smoking)
METEOR identifier:	270323
Registration status:	Health , Standard 01/03/2005
Definition:	The age in years at which a person who has smoked daily in the past and is no longer a daily smoker most recently stopped smoking daily.
Context:	Public health and health care
Data Element Concept:	Person—tobacco smoking quit age
Value Domain:	Total years NN

Value domain attributes

Representational attributes

Representation class:	Total	
Data type:	String	
Format:	NN	
Maximum character length:	2	
	Value	Meaning
Supplementary values:	99	Not stated/inadequately described
Unit of measure:	Year	

Data element attributes

Collection and usage attributes

Guide for use: In order to estimate quit-age, the person's date of birth or current age should also be collected. Quit-age may be directly reported, or derived from the date the person quit smoking or the length of time since quitting, once the person's date of birth (or current age) is known.

Quit-age is relevant only to persons who have been daily smokers in the past and are not current daily smokers.

Collection methods: The recommended standard for collecting this information is the Standard Questions on the Use of Tobacco Among Adults - interviewer administered (Question 6) and self-administered (Question 3a) versions. The questions cover persons aged 18 years and over.

The relevant question in each version of the questionnaires refers to when the person finally stopped smoking daily, whereas the definition for this metadata item refers to when the person most recently stopped smoking daily. However, in order to provide information on when the person most recently stopped smoking daily, the most appropriate question to ask at the time of collecting the information is when the person finally stopped smoking daily.

Comments:

Quit-age and start-age provide information on the duration of daily smoking and exposure to increased risk to health.

Where the 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.

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 used in the formation of [Person—time since quitting tobacco smoking \(daily smoking\), code NN](#)

[Health](#), Standard 01/03/2005

Is used in the formation of [Person—tobacco smoking duration \(daily smoking\), total years N\[N\]](#)

[Health](#), Standard 01/03/2005

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No registration status

Implementation in Data Set Specifications:

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

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

Conditional obligation: Conditional on the patient not currently smoking but being a daily tobacco smoker in the past.

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

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

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