

# Person—time since quitting tobacco smoking (daily smoking), code NN

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## Identifying and definitional attributes

<b>Metadata item type:</b>	Data Element
<b>Short name:</b>	Tobacco smoking—time since quitting (daily smoking)
<b>METEOR identifier:</b>	270356
<b>Registration status:</b>	<a href="#">Health</a> , Standard 01/03/2005
<b>Definition:</b>	The time since a person most recently quit daily smoking, as represented by a code.
<b>Context:</b>	Public health and health care
<b>Data Element Concept:</b>	<a href="#">Person—time since quitting tobacco smoking</a>
<b>Value Domain:</b>	<a href="#">Time since quitting smoking code NN</a>

## Value domain attributes

## Representational attributes

<b>Representation class:</b>	Code
<b>Data type:</b>	String
<b>Format:</b>	NN
<b>Maximum character length:</b>	2

	Value	Meaning
<b>Permissible values:</b>	01	12 months (1 year)
	02	2 years etc. to 78
	79	79+ years
	80	Less than 1 month
	81	1 month
	82	2 months
	83	3 months
	84	4 months
	85	5 months
	86	6 months
	87	7 months
	88	8 months
	89	9 months
	90	10 months
	91	11 months
	92	months, not specified
	93	years, not specified
<b>Supplementary values:</b>	99	not stated

# Data element attributes

## Collection and usage attributes

**Guide for use:** In order to estimate time since quitting for all respondents, the person's date of birth or current age should also be collected.

For optimal flexibility of use, the time since quitting is coded as months or years. However, people may report the time that they quit smoking in various ways (e.g. age, a date, or a number of days or weeks ago). When the information is reported in weeks and is less than 4, or in days and is less than 28, then code 80.

When the person reports the time since quitting as weeks ago, convert into months by dividing by 4 (rounded down to the nearest month).

If days reported are between 28 and 59, then code 81.

Where the information is about age only, time since quitting (daily use) is the difference between quit-age and age at survey.

**Collection methods:** The recommended standard for collecting this information is the Standard Questions on the Use of Tobacco Among Adults (1998) - interviewer administered (Question 6) and self-administered (Question 3) versions.


**Comments:** Time since quitting daily smoking may give an indication of improvement in the health risk profile of a person. It is also useful in evaluating health promotion campaigns.

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.

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 formed using [Person—tobacco smoking quit age \(daily smoking\), total years NN Health](#), Standard 01/03/2005

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