
Tobacco smoking - duration (daily smoking)

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHDD
Knowledgebase ID: 000404 Version number: 1
Metadata type: DERIVED DATA ELEMENT
Registration Authority: NHIMG Admin status: SUPERSEDED
Effective date: 01-MAR-05
Definition: Duration (in years) of daily smoking for a person who is now a daily smoker or has been a daily smoker in the past.
Context: Public health and health care:
Duration of daily smoking is an indicator of exposure to increased risk to health. In this data element, duration is measured as the years elapsed from the time the person first started smoking daily and when they most recently quit smoking daily (or the present for those persons who still smoke daily). There may have been intervening periods when the person did not smoke daily. However, as the negative health effects of smoking accumulate over time, the information on duration of daily smoking, as measured in this data element, remains useful, despite any intervening periods of non-daily smoking.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric
Representational form: QUANTITATIVE VALUE
Representation layout: NN
Minimum Size: 1
Maximum Size: 2
Data Domain: 99 Not stated/inadequately described
NOVAL Number of completed years
Guide For Use: In order to estimate duration of smoking the person's date of birth or current age should also be collected. If a person reports that they smoke daily now then duration is the difference between the start-age and the person's current age.
If a person reports that they smoked daily in the past but do not

smoke daily now then duration is the difference between the quit age and the start age.

Record duration of less than one year as 0.

Collection Methods: The recommended standard for collecting this information is the Standard Questions on the Use of Tobacco Among Adults - interviewer administered (Question 1, 5, 6, 7) and self-administered (Question 1, 3, 3a, 4) versions. The questions cover persons aged 18 years and over.

Related metadata: is qualified by Tobacco smoking - ever daily use version 1
is derived from Tobacco smoking - quit age (daily smoking) version 1

is derived from Tobacco smoking - start age (daily smoking) version 1

is qualified by Date of birth version 4

Administrative Attributes

Source Document: Standard Questions on the Use of Tobacco Among Adults (1998)

Source Organisation: Australian Institute of Health and Welfare

Comments: 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.

The Standard Questions on the Use of Tobacco Among Adults Available etc. are available from the National Centre for Monitoring Cardiovascular Disease at the AIHW, telephone (02) 6244 1000.

Data Element Links

Information Model Entities linked to this Data Element

NHIM Lifestyle characteristic

Data Agreements which include this Data Element
