
Tobacco smoking - quit age (daily smoking)

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Identifying and Definitional Attributes

Data Dictionary: NHDD
Knowledgebase ID: 000408 Version number: 1
Metadata type: DATA ELEMENT
Registration Authority: NHIMG Admin status: SUPERSEDED
 Effective date: 01-MAR-05
Definition: 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:
 Quit-age and start-age provide information on the duration of daily smoking and exposure to increased risk to health.

Relational and Representational Attributes

Datatype: Numeric
Representational form: QUANTITATIVE VALUE
Representation layout: NN
Minimum Size: 2
Maximum Size: 2
Data Domain: 99 Not stated/inadequately described
 NOVAL Age in completed years
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 data element 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.

Related metadata: is used in the derivation of Tobacco smoking - duration (daily smoking) version 1
is used in conjunction with Tobacco smoking - start age (daily smoking) version 1
is qualified by Tobacco smoking status version 1
is used in the derivation of Tobacco smoking - time since quitting (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 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.

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
