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

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| Identifying and definitional attributes | |
| Metadata item type: | Data Element |
| Short name: | Tobacco smoking start age |
| METEOR identifier: | 399292 |
| Registration status: | [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Superseded 19/11/2015 |
| Definition: | The age in years at which a person first started to smoke. |
| Data Element Concept: | [Person—tobacco smoking start age](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/269762) |
| Value Domain: | [Total years N[NN]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/290412) |

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| Value domain attributes | | |
| Representational attributes | | |
| Representation class: | Total | |
| Data type: | Number | |
| Format: | N[NN] | |
| Maximum character length: | 3 | |
|  | **Value** | **Meaning** |
| Supplementary values: | 999 | Unknown/not stated |
| Unit of measure: | Year | |



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| Data element attributes | |
| Collection and usage attributes | |
| Guide for use: | In this data collection, cigarette includes manufactured cigarettes, roll-your-own cigarettes, cigars, pipes and other tobacco products. |
| Comments: | The 2007 National Drug Strategy Household Survey includes a question on the age at which a person smoked their first full cigarette.  Questions on age first smoked full cigarette can provide some insight into the pattern of drug use among younger children (DHFS 1996). |
| Source and reference attributes | |
| Submitting organisation: | Australian Institute of Health and Welfare |
| Origin: | 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 |
| Reference documents: | 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.  DHFS (Commonwealth Department of Health and Family Services) 1996. National Drug Strategy Household Survey: survey report 1995 Canberra: AGPS |
| Relational attributes | |
| Related metadata references: | Has been superseded by [Person—tobacco smoking start age, total years N[NN]](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/376322)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), Standard 19/11/2015 |
| Implementation in Data Set Specifications: | [Smoking status cluster](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/content/413060)  [Health](https://meteor.aihw.gov.au/RegistrationAuthority/12), 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. |