

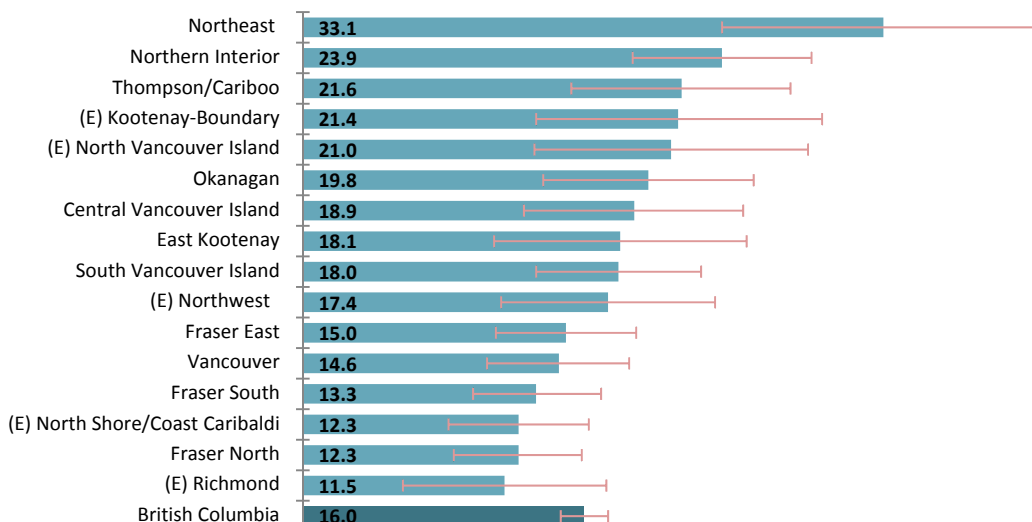
# British Columbia, 2009

## Key indicators, 2009

Current smoking (daily and occasional) by health unit	2009	2009
<i>Statistics Canada: Canadian Community Health Survey, 2009</i>	<i>Percentage of population</i>	<i>Number of People</i>
<b>Canada</b>	<b>20.1</b> 19.6–20.7	<b>5,730,321</b>
<b>British Columbia</b>	<b>16.0</b> 14.7–17.4	<b>617,778</b>
• Central Vancouver Island	<b>18.9E</b> 12.6E–25.1E	41,992
• East Kootenay	<b>18.1</b> 10.9–25.3	13,024
• Fraser East	<b>15</b> 11–19	34,961
• Fraser North	<b>12.3</b> 8.6–15.9	64,217
• Fraser South	<b>13.3</b> 9.7–17	79,742
• Kootenay-Boundary	<b>21.4E</b> 13.3E–29.6E	15,286
• North Shore/Coast Caribaldi	<b>12.3E</b> 8.3E–16.3E	29,776
• North Vancouver Island	<b>21E</b> 13.2E–28.8E	22,779
• Northeast	<b>33.1</b> 23.9–42.3	17,408
• Northern Interior	<b>23.9</b> 18.8–29	27,323
• Northwest	<b>17.4E</b> 11.3E–23.5E	9,385
• Okanagan	<b>19.7</b> 13.7–25.7	61,019
• Richmond	<b>11.5E</b> 5.7E–17.3E	19,649
• South Vancouver Island	<b>18</b> 13.3–22.7	56,632
• Thompson/Cariboo	<b>21.6</b> 15.3–27.8	40,326
• Vancouver	<b>14.6</b> 10.5–18.6	84,259

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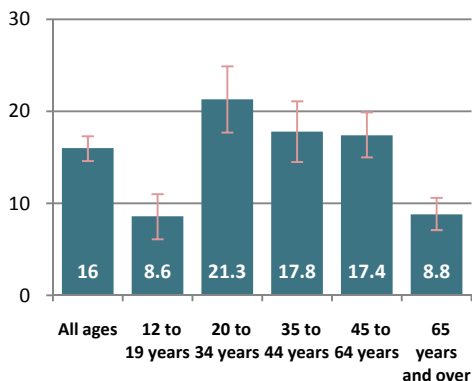
**Smoking prevalence by health unit, British Columbia  
daily or occasional smoking, 2009**



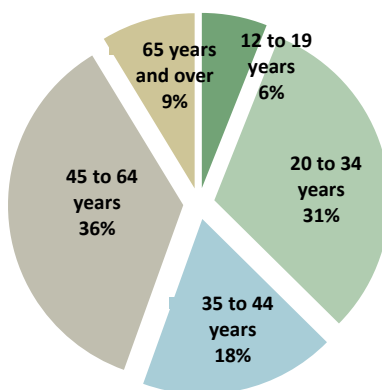
Current smoking (daily and occasional) by age	2009	2009
<i>Statistics Canada: Canadian Community Health Survey, 2009</i>	<i>Percentage of population</i>	<i>Number of People</i>
<b>12 years and over</b>	<b>16</b> 14.7–17.4	<b>617,778</b>
• Men	<b>17.7</b> 15.6–19.7	335,648
• Women	<b>14.5</b> 12.8–16.1	282,131
<b>12 to 19 years of age</b>	<b>8.6</b> 6.2–11.1	37,166
• Boys	<b>10.7E</b> 6.6E–14.8E	23,623
• Girls	<b>6.5E</b> 3.7E–9.2E	13,543
<b>20-34 years of age</b>	<b>21.3</b> 17.7–24.9	193,930
• Men	<b>25.2</b> 19.7–30.8	14,694
• Women	<b>17.4</b> 13.1–21.7	79,236
<b>25-44 years of age</b>	<b>17.8</b> 14.5–21.1	111,768
• Men	<b>19.9</b> 15–24.8	61,983
• Women	<b>15.7</b> 11.5–19.9	49,785
<b>45-64 years of age</b>	<b>17.4</b> 14.9–19.8	221,192
• Men	<b>17.8</b> 14.5–21	111,625
• Women	<b>17</b> 13.8–20.2	109,567
<b>65 years and over</b>	<b>8.8</b> 7–10.5	53,722
• Men	<b>8.3</b> 6–10.5	23,723
• Women	<b>9.2</b> 6.4–11.9	29,999

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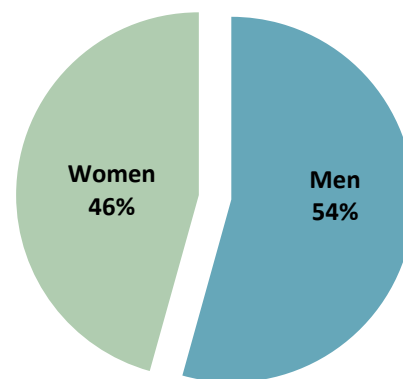
Prevalence of smoking by age



Distribution of smokers by age



Distribution of smokers by sex



# Historic Data

## Current Smoking, daily and occasional, 2003-2009

## Number of smokers

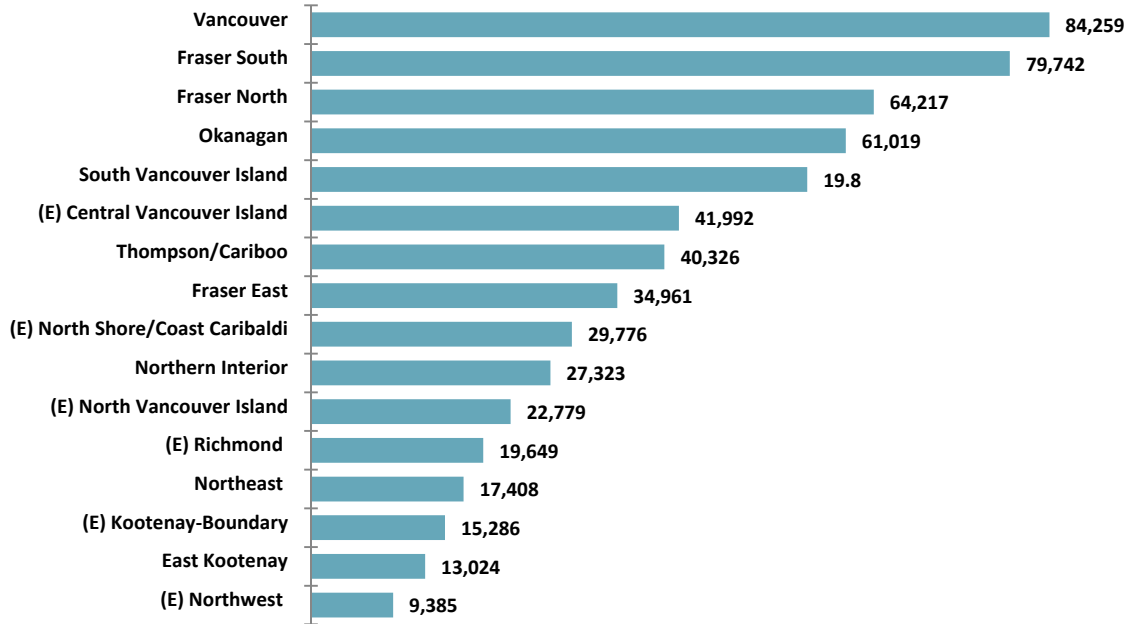
	2003	2005	2007	2008	2009
<b>Canada</b>	<b>6,080,504</b>	<b>5,874,689</b>	<b>6,112,442</b>	<b>6,009,311</b>	<b>5,730,321</b>
<b>British Columbia</b>	<b>658,728</b>	<b>639,351</b>	<b>662,026</b>	<b>700,691</b>	<b>617,778</b>
<b>By Health Unit</b>					
• Central Vancouver Island	45,864	39,948	54,732	52,369	41,992
• East Kootenay	15,385	14,741	10,973	16,486	13,024
• Fraser East	40,660	38,113	36,384	38,167	34,961
• Fraser North	89,165	69,597	75,302	96,213	64,217
• Fraser South	77,636	94,132	89,426	102,197	79,742
• Kootenay-Boundary	15,056	15,581	14,390	18,521	15,286
• North Shore/Coast Caribaldi	33,246	35,450	33,531	36,784	29,776
• North Vancouver Island	21,209	20,831	20,949	22,496	22,779
• Northeast	11,380	15,449	14,433	15,944	17,408
• Northern Interior	29,629	30,911	27,926	25,900	27,323
• Northwest	14,926	12,807	14,908	11,246	9,385
• Okanagan	59,199	50,771	59,093	70,702	61,019
• Richmond	21,972	19,063	27,999	18,054	19,649
• South Vancouver Island	53,627	47,759	43,745	49,438	56,632
• Thompson/Cariboo	35,307	43,050	50,368	42,515	40,326
• Vancouver	94,468	91,149	87,867	83,658	84,259
<b>By Age</b>					
<b>12 years and over</b>	658,728	639,351	662,026	700,691	617,778
• Men	369,716	347,419	368,833	400,559	335,648
• Women	289,012	291,932	293,193	300,132	282,131
<b>12 to 19 years of age</b>	42,192	42,481	48,738	39,452	37,166
• Boys	19,675	21,716	24,268	20,468	23,623
• Girls	22,517	20,765	24,470	18,984	13,543
<b>20-34 years of age</b>	203,105	212,712	213,048	226,004	193,930
• Men	116,014	113,885	123,489	131,007	14,694
• Women	87,090	98,827	89,560	94,997	79,236
<b>35-44 years of age</b>	157,632	132,451	117,651	119,394	111,768
• Men	94,909	81,590	69,412	74,821	61,983
• Women	62,723	50,861	48,238	44,573	49,785
<b>45-64 years of age</b>	199,079	200,554	225,088	254,310	221,192
• Men	108,516	107,297	119,954	144,776	111,625
• Women	90,563	93,257	105,134	109,534	109,567
<b>65 years and over</b>	56,721	51,153	57,501	61,531	53,722
• Men	30,603	22,931	31,710	29,487	23,723
• Women	26,119	28,222	25,791	32,044	29,999

## Current Smoking, daily and occasional, 2003-2009

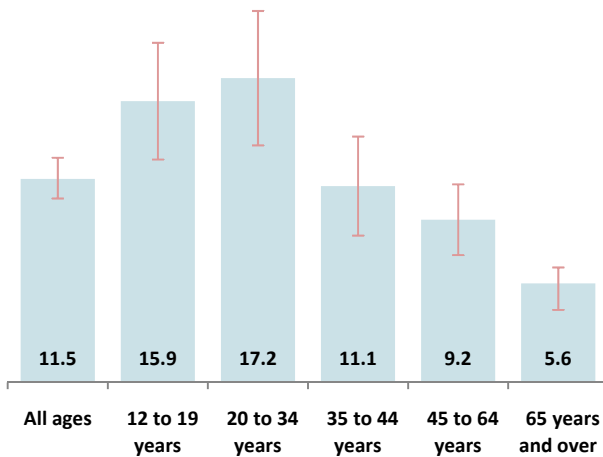
## Percentage of population

	2003	2005	2007	2008	2009
<b>Canada</b>	<b>23.0</b> 22.7-23.4	<b>21.8</b> 21.4-22.1	<b>22.0</b> 21.6-22.5	<b>21.4</b> 20.9-21.9	<b>20.1</b> 19.6-20.7
<b>British Columbia</b>	<b>18.8</b> 17.9-19.6	<b>17.8</b> 17-18.6	<b>17.8</b> 16.8-18.9	<b>18.6</b> 17.3-19.9	<b>16.0</b> 14.7-17.4
<b>By Health Unit</b>					
• Central Vancouver Island	<b>22.4</b> 17.8-27	<b>18.6</b> 15.9-21.2	<b>24.4</b> 18.7-30.2	<b>23.3</b> 18.6-28.1	<b>18.9E</b> 12.6E-25.1E
• East Kootenay	<b>22.4</b> 18.4-26.4	<b>20.8</b> 16.3-25.3	<b>16.2</b> 11.8-20.7	<b>22.2</b> 17.5-26.9	<b>18.1</b> 10.9-25.3
• Fraser East	<b>19.5</b> 16.3-22.8	<b>17.8</b> 14.7-20.9	<b>16.3</b> 12.3-20.2	<b>16.8</b> 11.6-21.9	<b>15</b> 11-19
• Fraser North	<b>18.5</b> 15.9-21	<b>14.5</b> 12.1-16.8	<b>15.2</b> 11.8-18.5	<b>19</b> 14.4-23.7	<b>12.3</b> 8.6-15.9
• Fraser South	<b>14.8</b> 12.5-17.1	<b>17.6</b> 15.2-20	<b>15.8</b> 12.2-19.4	<b>17.7</b> 13.9-21.5	<b>13.3</b> 9.7-17
• Kootenay-Boundary	<b>21.5</b> 17.2-25.8	<b>22.1</b> 17.3-26.9	<b>19.2</b> 12-26.4	<b>25</b> 18.1-31.9	<b>21.4E</b> 13.3E-29.6E
• North Shore/Coast Caribaldi	<b>14.5</b> 11.5-17.6	<b>15.3</b> 12.2-18.4	<b>15</b> 11-18.9	<b>16.2</b> 11.7-20.7	<b>12.3E</b> 8.3E-16.3E
• North Vancouver Island	<b>22.4</b> 18.4-26.4	<b>21</b> 16-26	<b>19.8</b> 12.7-26.9	<b>23.2</b> 15.6-30.8	<b>21E</b> 13.2E-28.8E
• Northeast	<b>22.5</b> 17.7-27.2	<b>28</b> 22.1-34	<b>26.4</b> 16.6-36.1	<b>28.3</b> 20.6-36.1	<b>33.1</b> 23.9-42.3
• Northern Interior	<b>24.1</b> 19.5-28.7	<b>24.4</b> 20.2-28.5	<b>23.7</b> 18.1-29.4	<b>21.6</b> 16.9-26.3	<b>23.9</b> 18.8-29
• Northwest	<b>25.9</b> 22-29.8	<b>20.9</b> 16.7-25.1	<b>25.7</b> 19.8-31.5	<b>20.3</b> 15-25.5	<b>17.4E</b> 11.3E-23.5E
• Okanagan	<b>22.4</b> 19-25.8	<b>18.4</b> 15.2-21.6	<b>20.4</b> 16.1-24.6	<b>23.7</b> 18.7-28.7	<b>19.7</b> 13.7-25.7
• Richmond	<b>14.4</b> 11.5-17.4	<b>12.6</b> 9.9-15.4	<b>17.8</b> 13.3-22.3	<b>11.1</b> 7.5-14.6	<b>11.5E</b> 5.7E-17.3E
• South Vancouver Island	<b>18.4</b> 15.6-21.1	<b>15.9</b> 13.6-18.3	<b>13.9</b> 10.6-17.3	<b>15.6</b> 12.1-19	<b>18</b> 13.3-22.7
• Thompson/Cariboo	<b>19.9</b> 16.8-23	<b>23.3</b> 19.5-27.1	<b>27.3</b> 21-33.7	<b>22.7</b> 17.1-28.3	<b>21.6</b> 15.3-27.8
• Vancouver	<b>18.6</b> 16.1-21.1	<b>17.5</b> 15.1-20	<b>16</b> 13-18.9	<b>15.1</b> 12.1-18	<b>14.6</b> 10.5-18.6
<b>By Age</b>					
<b>12 years and over</b>	<b>18.8</b> 17.9-19.6	<b>17.8</b> 17-18.6	<b>17.8</b> 16.8-18.9	<b>18.6</b> 17.3-19.9	<b>16</b> 14.7-17.4
• Men	<b>21.4</b> 20.2-22.7	<b>19.6</b> 18.4-20.9	<b>20.2</b> 18.4-22	<b>21.6</b> 19.7-23.6	<b>17.7</b> 15.6-19.7
• Women	<b>16.2</b> 15.1-17.4	<b>16</b> 15-17.1	<b>15.6</b> 14.1-17.1	<b>15.7</b> 14.1-17.4	<b>14.5</b> 12.8-16.1
<b>12 to 19 years of age</b>	<b>10</b> 8-12	<b>10</b> 8-12	<b>12</b> 9-15	<b>9.3</b> 7-11.5	<b>8.6</b> 6.2-11.1
• Boys	<b>9</b> 7-11	<b>10</b> 8-12	<b>11</b> 6-16	<b>9.5</b> 6.3-12.6	<b>10.7E</b> 6.6E-14.8E
• Girls	<b>11</b> 8-14	<b>10</b> 7-13	<b>12</b> 8-16	<b>9.1</b> 5.4-12.8	<b>6.5E</b> 3.7E-9.2E
<b>20-34 years of age</b>	<b>25.4</b> 23.2-27.6	<b>25.2</b> 23.2-27.1	<b>24.4</b> 21.6-27.2	<b>26.1</b> 22.8-29.4	<b>21.3</b> 17.7-24.9
• Men	<b>29.4</b> 26-32.7	<b>27.3</b> 24.4-30.3	<b>28.1</b> 23.6-32.6	<b>30.9</b> 25.9-35.9	<b>25.2</b> 19.7-30.8
• Women	<b>21.6</b> 18.9-24.3	<b>23</b> 20.3-25.8	<b>20.6</b> 16.8-24.4	<b>21.5</b> 17.5-25.6	<b>17.4</b> 13.1-21.7
<b>35-44 years of age</b>	<b>22.4</b> 20.2-24.5	<b>20.4</b> 18.5-22.4	<b>18.5</b> 15.7-21.3	<b>18.4</b> 15.3-21.5	<b>17.8</b> 14.5-21.1
• Men	<b>26.9</b> 23.7-30.1	<b>25</b> 21.8-28.2	<b>22.5</b> 18.2-26.7	<b>22.7</b> 17.8-27.6	<b>19.9</b> 15-24.8
• Women	<b>17.8</b> 15.1-20.6	<b>15.9</b> 13.3-18.4	<b>14.8</b> 11.1-18.4	<b>13.9</b> 10.4-17.4	<b>15.7</b> 11.5-19.9
<b>45-64 years of age</b>	<b>18.8</b> 17.2-20.4	<b>17.8</b> 16.3-19.4	<b>18.7</b> 16.9-20.6	<b>20.7</b> 18.3-23.1	<b>17.4</b> 14.9-19.8
• Men	<b>20.7</b> 18.3-23	<b>19.3</b> 16.9-21.7	<b>20.2</b> 17.4-23.1	<b>23.9</b> 20.3-27.5	<b>17.8</b> 14.5-21
• Women	<b>16.9</b> 14.8-19.1	<b>16.4</b> 14.4-18.3	<b>17.3</b> 14.7-20	<b>17.5</b> 14.5-20.6	<b>17</b> 13.8-20.2
<b>65 years and over</b>	<b>10.9</b> 9.7-12.2	<b>9.4</b> 8.1-10.6	<b>10</b> 8.3-11.7	<b>10.4</b> 8.6-12.2	<b>8.8</b> 7-10.5
• Men	<b>13.1</b> 10.9-15.2	<b>9.1</b> 7.1-11.2	<b>11.9</b> 9-14.9	<b>10.7</b> 7.8-13.5	<b>8.3</b> 6-10.5
• Women	<b>9.2</b> 7.7-10.6	<b>9.6</b> 8.1-11	<b>8.3</b> 6.4-10.3	<b>10.2</b> 8-12.4	<b>9.2</b> 6.4-11.9

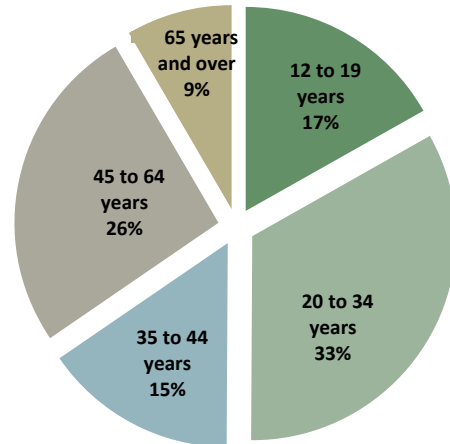
**Number of smokers by health unit, British Columbia  
(daily or occasional smoking), 2009**



**Percentage of non smokers exposed  
to cigarette smoke in public places  
(by age), B.C. 2009**



**Distribution of non-smokers  
exposed to second hand  
smoke in public places by age,  
B.C. 2009**



<b>Exposure to Second Hand Smoke</b>	<b>2009</b>	<b>2009</b>
<i>Statistics Canada: Canadian Community Health Survey, 2009</i>	<i>Percentage of population</i>	<i>Number of People</i>
<b>Exposure at Home (past month)</b>		
Total	<b>3.6</b> 2.8-4.4	116,034
• Men	<b>3.3</b> 2.3-4.3	51,791
• Women	<b>3.8</b> 2.7-5	64,242
• 12 to 19 years	<b>9.4</b> 6.6-12.2	37,076
• 20-34 years of age	<b>4E</b> 2E-5.9E	28,423E
• 35-44 years of age	F	F
• 45-64 years of age	<b>2.9E</b> 1.5E-4.2E	30,039E
• 65 years and over	<b>1.4E</b> 0.7E-2E	7,649E
<b>Exposure in public places (past month)</b>		
Total	<b>11.5</b> 10.3-12.6	370,693
• Men	<b>12.5</b> 10.7-14.4	196,227
• Women	<b>10.5</b> 8.8-12.2	174,466
• 12 to 19 years	<b>15.9</b> 12.6-19.2	62,385
• 20-34 years of age	<b>17.2</b> 13.4-21	123,345
• 35-44 years of age	<b>11.1</b> 8.3-13.9	56,944
• 45-64 years of age	<b>9.2</b> 7.2-11.2	96,955
• 65 years and over	<b>5.6</b> 4-7.1	31,164
<b>Exposure in vehicles (past month)</b>		
Total	<b>5.6</b> 4.7-6.5	180,049
• Men	<b>6.7</b> 5.2-8.2	105,472
• Women	<b>4.5</b> 3.3-5.6	74,577
• 12 to 19 years	<b>10.1</b> 7.6-12.7	39,755
• 20-34 years of age	<b>8.9</b> 6-11.8	63,604
• 35-44 years of age	<b>6.1E</b> 3.6E-8.7E	31,482E
• 45-64 years of age	<b>3.5E</b> 2.1E-4.9E	37,026E
• 65 years and over	<b>1.5E</b> .9E-2.1E	8,182E

**Smokers asked to refrain from smoking in the house**

Exposure to Second Hand Smoke	2009	2009
<i>Statistics Canada: Canadian Community Health Survey, 2009</i>	<i>Percentage of population</i>	<i>Number of People</i>
Total	<b>77.3</b> 76.1-78.6	2,903,062
• Men	<b>76.1</b> 74.2-77.9	1,412,899
• Women	<b>10.5</b> 8.8-12.2	174,466
• 12 to 19 years	<b>75.3</b> 71.5-79	318,351
• 20-34 years of age	<b>78.4</b> 75.2-81.5	679,081
• 35-44 years of age	<b>79.1</b> 75.9-82.4	513,179
• 45-64 years of age	<b>77.1</b> 74.9-79.4	947,141
• 65 years and over	<b>75.9</b> 73.5-78.2	445,309

Exposure to second hand smoke	2003	2005	2007	2008	2009
	<i>Percentage of population</i>	<i>Percentage of population</i>	<i>Percentage of population</i>	<i>Percentage of population</i>	<i>Percentage of population</i>
<b>Exposure at home (past month)</b>	<b>5.7</b> 5.1-6.2	<b>4.8</b> 4.3-5.3	<b>4.5</b> 3.8-5.1	<b>3.6</b> 3-4.2	<b>3.6</b> 2.8-4.4
<b>Exposure in Vehicles and/or public places (past month)</b>	<b>15.9</b> 15-16.8	<b>14.1</b> 13.2-14.9	<b>14.7</b> 13.4-16	<b>13.7</b> 12.2-15.1	<b>14.6</b> 13.2-15.9
<b>Exposure in public places (past month)</b>	<b>12.3</b> 11.4-13.1	<b>10.5</b> 9.7-11.3	<b>11.2</b> 10.1-12.4	<b>10.6</b> 9.3-11.8	<b>11.5</b> 10.3-12.6
	<i>Number of people</i>	<i>Number of people</i>	<i>Number of people</i>	<i>Number of people</i>	<i>Number of people</i>
<b>Exposure at home (past month)</b>	161,116	141,220	136,154	109,033	116,034
<b>Exposure in Vehicles and/or public places (past month)</b>	451,738	414,682	448,600	418,555	471,259
<b>Exposure in public places (past month)</b>	348,953	309,185	340,777	323,956	370,693