2014 Factsheet 2  
ASH Year 10 Snapshot Survey: Smoking by District Health Board

This factsheet describes the ‘daily’, ‘regular’ and ‘never’ smoking rates by District Health Board (DHB) for ASH Year 10 Snapshot Survey students in 2014.

Methodology

To measure if they had ever tried smoking, students were asked: Have you ever smoked a cigarette, even just a few puffs? They can answer either ‘yes’ or ‘no’.

To measure smoking frequency, students were asked: How often do you smoke now?

Options for response were: ‘I have never smoked/I am not a smoker now’, ‘At least once a day’, ‘At least once a week’, ‘At least once a month’, or ‘Less often than once a month’.

Daily smokers are those students who report smoking at least once a day. Regular smokers include daily smokers along with students who reported smoking weekly or monthly.

For more detailed information, please refer to the 2014 ASH Year 10 Snapshot Survey: Information and Methodology information sheet.

Discussion points

Daily smoking for the majority of DHBs was below the national average of 2.81%, with the exception of Bay of Plenty, Counties Manukau, Lakes, Northland, South Canterbury, Waikato and Wairarapa DHBs. Refer to Figure 1.

For regular smoking, only Auckland, Canterbury, Capital and Coast, Hutt, MidCentral, Southern, Tairawhiti and Waitemata DHBs were below the national average of 6.05%. Refer to Figure 2.

For never smoking, half of the DHBs were above the national average of 76%. Refer Figure 3.
Regular smoking

Figure 2 Percentage breakdown by DHB of ASH Year 10 Snapshot Survey students who were regular smokers, 2014

Never smoking

Figure 3 Percentage breakdown by DHB of ASH Year 10 Snapshot Survey students who were never smokers, 2014

Further information

Further results and information on methodology can be found at [www.ash.org.nz](http://www.ash.org.nz)