

## 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*.

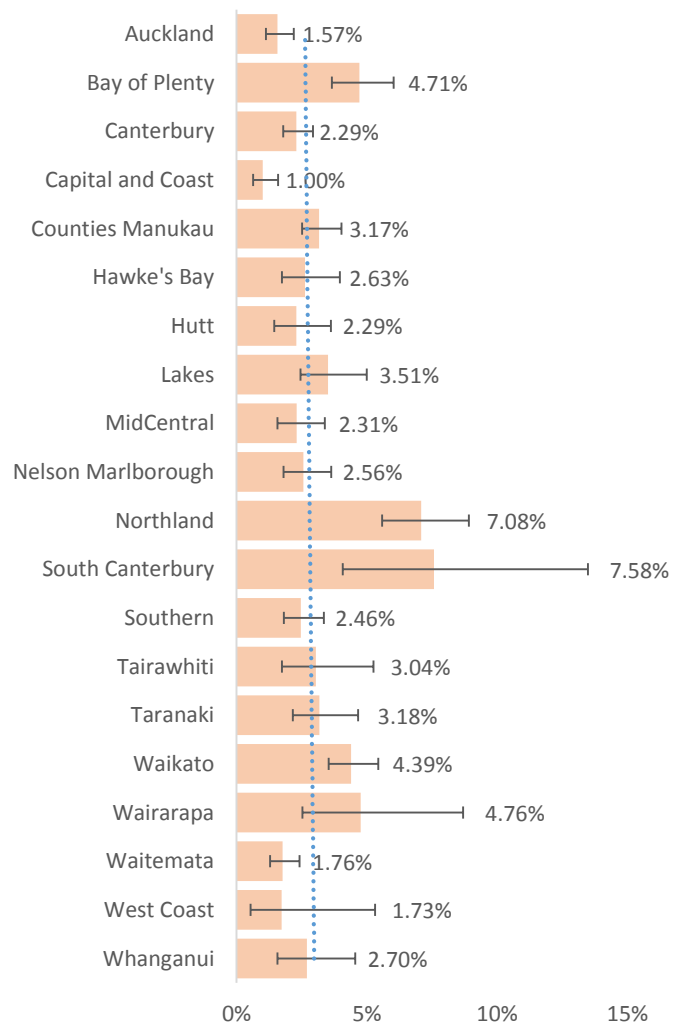
For regular smoking, only Auckland, Canterbury, Capital and Coast, Hutt, MidCentral, Southern, Tairawhiti and Waitemata

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*.

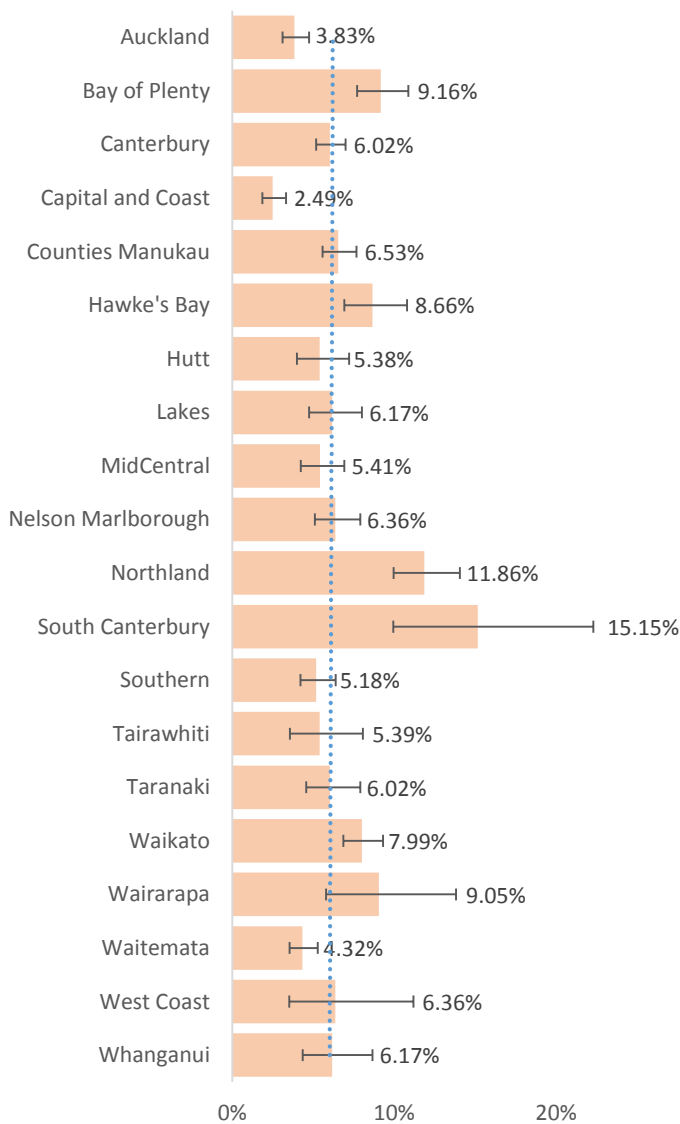
#### Daily smoking

**Figure 1. Percentage breakdown by DHB of ASH Year 10 Snapshot Survey students who were daily smokers, 2014**



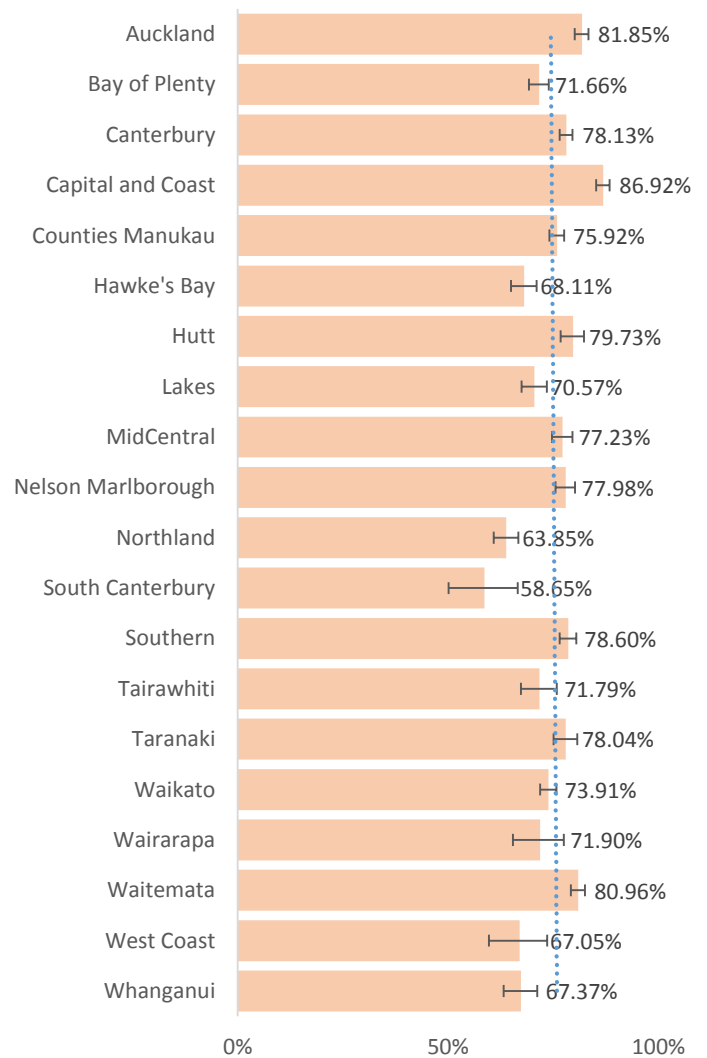
## Regular smoking

**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)