International
Smoking
Statistics
Web Edition

A collection of worldwide historical data

Appendix V
(Bibliography)

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Preface

International Smoking Statistics is a collection of smoking data covering most of Europe and various other economically developed countries. The second edition (published by Wolfson Institute of Preventive Medicine and OUP, 2002, www.oup.co.uk/isbn/0-19-850856-5) included data for 30 countries up to 1995. Since 2006, work has been ongoing to make individual country updates available online. Please register at www.pnlee.co.uk if you wish to be informed when updates are posted.

The methods used in the web edition are essentially unchanged from those of the second edition, although some minor changes are included in the online Methods chapter. Readers are strongly recommended to consult the Methods chapter.

The two main types of data presented are sales data and survey data. We give the results of the original authors as closely as possible, whilst presenting them in a uniform format.

Sales data give the total national consumption of tobacco. Data on sales of cigarettes and of all tobacco products are presented, usually from about 1920. Estimates of the consumption of hand-rolled cigarettes are included where possible, as are data on the types of manufactured cigarettes sold. The Tobacco Research Council provided most of the sales data until 1973, while later sales data were obtained from government and industry sources.

Survey data provide information on the prevalence and amount of smoking according to age and sex. These were obtained from a wide variety of surveys. Some survey data are available for the early part of the 20th century, but for most countries they are available only from the 1950s or 1960s onwards.

In additional tables we calculate further statistics by combining sales and survey data using certain standardized assumptions. The figures are intended to provide an easily interpretable summary of the data presented in the tables, and the commentary has deliberately been kept to a minimum.

Downloads

Updates currently available to download from http://www.pnlee.co.uk/iss.htm include:

Methods, including

Appendix I: Estimated size of adult population;
Appendix II: Comparisons of manufactured and hand-rolled cigarettes and differences in the way they are smoked;
Appendix III: Consumption category estimation;

Comparisons between countries;

Updated country chapters (see Methods for current list);

Tables from each updated chapter, in Excel format, including extended versions of Tables 4 and 6 and a customisable version of Figure 3;

Supplement 1: Estimation of sex-specific smoking statistics by standardized age groups and time periods. [The web edition comprises a brief Update}
Note, together with tables (in Excel format only) for all the included countries (although for countries with chapters only partially updated in the web edition, the original Supplement tables have been reproduced without being updated). The original Supplement 1 to the second edition (an extended version of Appendix IV to the second edition) is also available and gives a full description;

Also available from the same source are:

Supplement 2 to the second edition: *Estimating past smoking habits by an indirect method. An investigation into a method based on recall, with application to Great Britain.* [This supplement is an extended version of Appendix V to the second edition];

An updated version of Appendix V Bibliography. [This bibliography lists published papers that use an indirect method for estimating past smoking habits based on recall];

IMASS, a comprehensive Excel database system, based on WHO mortality data and smoking statistics from Supplement 1. The IMASS system includes powerful routines for creating graphs and tables.

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We alone bear the responsibility for the analysis and interpretation of the data presented.
Appendix V of the second edition of International Smoking Statistics (Forey et al 2002) described an investigation into an indirect method for estimating past smoking habits based on recall, and applied the method to Great Britain. The Appendix included a bibliography listing published papers that had used the same or similar methods. An extended version of the Appendix was made available as Supplement 2, and is available to download from www.pnlee.co.uk/iss.htm, but did not include the bibliography. This report now provides an updated version of the bibliography.


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