

Who smokes? Answers

Question	Answer
In 2023, what % of adults reported smoking?	In 2023, 11.9% of adults in England reported smoking, compared with 22% in 2006 and 39% in 1980.
What percentage of adults that are or were regular smokers began smoking in adulthood?	Approximately 30% of people who are or have been regular smokers began smoking during adulthood (18 and over). Around 70% began smoking before they were 18.
Of young people aged 11-15, what percentage have NOT tried smoking?	Approximately 89% of 11-15 year olds have not tried smoking, according to 2023 data.
What percentage of young people aged between 11 and 15 are NOT regular smokers? Note: Regular young smokers are classed as smoking at least one cigarette per week.	99% of young people are NOT regular smokers. 1% of 11–15 year olds admit to being regular smokers (that is at least one cigarette per week), according to 2023 data.
Of current smokers aged 16 and over, what percentage want to give up?	63% of smokers want to give up and 75% have tried to give up in the past.
What is the cost of smoking to health and social care in Hampshire?	Around £67.3 million annually. This includes the cost of treating smoking-related diseases and providing social care.
Is the percentage of young people who smoke in Hampshire higher or lower than the national average?	About the same. In the 2023 #BeeWell survey of secondary school pupils (Years 8 and 10), 3% reported currently or previously using tobacco.