

# Who smokes? Answers

Question	Answer
<b>In 2017, what % of adults reported smoking?</b>	In 2017, 14.9% of adults reported smoking, compared with 22% in 2006 and 39% in 1980.
<b>What percentage of adults that are or were regular smokers began smoking in adulthood?</b>	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.
<b>Of young people aged 11 – 15 what percentage have NOT tried smoking?</b>	Approximately 82% of young people have NOT tried smoking. (Pupils often vastly over estimate the number of other young people who smoke).
<b>What percentage of young people aged between 11 and 15 are NOT regular smokers? Note: Regular young smokers are classed as smoking at least 1 cigarette per week.</b>	97% of young people are NOT regular smokers. 3% of 11 – 15 year olds admit to being regular smokers (that is at least 1 cigarette per week).
<b>Of current smokers aged 16 and over what percentage want to give up?</b>	63% of smokers want to give up and 75% have tried to give up in the past.
<b>What is the cost of smoking to health and social care in Hampshire?</b>	Around £101million annually. This includes the cost of treating smoking-related diseases and providing social care.
<b>Is the percentage of young people who smoke Hampshire higher or lower than the national average?</b>	About the same. In 2018, 7.3% of 15 year olds in Hampshire smoked regularly (one or more cigarettes a week), compared to 7% across England. This had reduced from 8.4% in Hampshire in 2015.