

Table 3.47.: Percent of students who report smoking daily and legal age for smoking

	11 Year-Olds		13 Year-Olds		15 Year-Olds		Legal age for buying cigarettes
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	
Austria	0.3	0.1	5	3	20	26	16
Belgium (Flemish)	1	0	6	4	21	20	NR
Canada	1	1	8	6	17	21	18-19
Czech Republic	1	0.2	6	3	16	11	16
Denmark	0.4	0.1	3	4	15	21	NR
England	1	1	7	8	21	24	16
Estonia	0	1	4	1	17	8	N/A
Finland	0.2	0.4	7	8	19	20	18
France*	1	0.5	5	6	20	25	NR
Germany*	1	0.1	9	9	22	25	16
Greece	0.1	0.5	3	2	13	14	NR
Greenland	2	2	19	29	45	56	15
Hungary	1	0	6	3	29	20	18
Ireland	1	0.4	8	6	19	16	16
Israel	4	2	6	3	17	7	NR
Latvia	2	0.1	8	3	27	12	18
Lithuania	1	0.3	6	1	15	6	18
Northern Ireland	1	1	7	10	16	24	16
Norway	1	0.1	5	4	18	21	18
Poland	1	0.4	3	2	22	14	18
Portugal	1	1	3	2	13	10	NR
Russian Federation*	0.4	0	7	3	20	14	18
Scotland	1	2	5	8	19	24	16
Slovakia	1	0.3	4	2	20	10	18
Sweden	0	0.3	2	2	10	16	18
Switzerland	0.5	0	3	4	17	17	NR
USA	2	1	5	3	13	12	18-21**
Wales	1	1	6	12	18	23	16

Source: WHO Policy Series: *Health policy for children and adolescents, Issue 1*. Copenhagen, DK: WHO, 2000.
Data from HSBC Survey, 1997/1998

*France, Germany and Russia are represented only by regions. **Varies by state.

NR= not restricted. N/A= not available.