

## Child uptake of smoking by area across the United Kingdom

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The relevant data sources for the study are listed below:

1 - Cancer Research UK. New childhood smokers as estimated from the Smoking, Drinking and Drug Use Among Young People in England survey (2013)

<http://www.cancerresearchuk.org/cancer-info/cancerstats/types/lung/smoking/lung-cancer-and-smoking-statistics>

### **Population**

2 - Office for National Statistics. Mid-year Population Estimates: Single year of age and sex for local authorities in England and Wales (2010 & 2011)

<http://www.ons.gov.uk/ons/rel/pop-estimate/population-estimates-for-england-and-wales/mid-2011--2011-census-based-/stb---mid-2011-census-based-population-estimates-for-england-and-wales.html>

3 - General Register Office for Scotland. Estimated mid-year population by sex, single year of age and administrative area (2010 & 2011)

<http://www.gro-scotland.gov.uk/statistics/theme/population/estimates/mid-year/2011/tables.html>

4 - Northern Ireland Statistics and Research Agency. Mid-year population estimates for Local Government Districts (2010 & 2011)

<http://www.nisra.gov.uk/demography/default.asp17.htm>

### **Smoking rates**

6 - Statistics for Wales. Welsh Health Survey - smoking (2011)

<http://wales.gov.uk/topics/statistics/headlines/health2012/120919/?lang=en>

7 - The Scottish Government. The Scottish Health Survey - Smoking (2011)

<http://www.scotland.gov.uk/Topics/Statistics/Browse/Health/TrendSmoking>

8 - Northern Ireland Department of Health, Social Services and Public Safety. Health Survey Northern Ireland (2011/12)

[http://www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/index/stats\\_research/stats-public-health.htm](http://www.dhsspsni.gov.uk/index/stats_research/stats-public-health.htm)

Table E1 Smoking uptake among children 11-15 years old by country and region

Region	Adult population	Smoking prevalence	Number of adult smokers	% of UK smokers	Number of new childhood smokers per:					
					Year	6 months	Month	Week	Day	Hour
United Kingdom	49,790,339	20.52%	10,214,507	100.00%	207,000	103,500	17,250	3,981	567	24
England	41,766,418	19.96%	8,338,497	81.63%	168,982	84,491	14,082	3,250	463	19
Scotland	4,218,391	23.30%	982,885	9.62%	19,918	9,959	1,660	383	55	2
Wales	2,431,325	22.60%	549,573	5.38%	11,137	5,569	928	214	30	1
Northern Ireland	1,374,205	25.00%	343,551	3.36%	6,962	3,481	580	134	19	1
East Midlands	3,584,293	19.82%	710,548	6.96%	14,399	7,200	1,200	277	39	2
East England	4,604,976	19.55%	900,395	8.81%	18,247	9,123	1,521	351	50	2
London	6,388,233	18.95%	1,210,335	11.85%	24,528	12,264	2,044	472	67	3
North East	2,070,981	21.23%	439,739	4.31%	8,911	4,456	743	171	24	1
North West	5,555,330	22.07%	1,226,020	12.00%	24,846	12,423	2,070	478	68	3
South East	6,791,986	18.56%	1,260,602	12.34%	25,546	12,773	2,129	491	70	3
South West	4,242,125	19.19%	814,108	7.97%	16,498	8,249	1,375	317	45	2
West Midlands	4,368,703	19.50%	851,776	8.34%	17,261	8,631	1,438	332	47	2
Yorkshire and The Humber	4,159,791	22.16%	921,919	9.03%	18,683	9,341	1,557	359	51	2