

Table 1 Sociodemographic characteristics of the students by current smoking status

Variable	Total (n = 1382)		Current smoking status						Statistics
			Smoker (n = 388)		Ex-smoker (n = 129)		Never smoker (n = 865)		
	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	No.	%	
College									$\chi^2 = 38.24$; df = 14; $P < 0.001$
Education	429	31.0	151	39.0	48	37.2	230	26.6	
Agriculture	268	19.4	78	20.1	26	20.2	164	19.0	
Management	191	13.8	51	13.1	20	15.5	120	13.9	
Science	162	11.7	35	9.0	13	10.1	114	13.2	
Community services	100	7.2	31	8.0	7	5.4	62	7.2	
Medicine	94	6.8	11	2.8	8	6.2	75	8.7	
Veterinary	60	4.3	16	4.1	5	3.9	39	4.5	
Computer	54	3.9	14	3.6	1	0.8	39	4.5	
Pharmacy	24	1.7	1	0.3	1	0.8	22	2.5	
Age group (years)									$\chi^2 = 33.62$; df = 4; $P < 0.001$
< 20	371	26.8	65	16.8	42	32.6	264	30.5	
20–< 24	820	59.3	262	67.5	73	56.6	485	56.1	
24+	191	13.8	61	15.7	14	10.9	116	13.4	
Mean age (years) (SD)	20.89 (2.03)		21.50 (2.10)		20.60 (2.20)		20.74 (1.93)		$F = 22.05$; $P < 0.001$
Year of enrolment									$\chi^2 = 29.54$; df = 8; $P = 0.002$
1st year	371	26.8	114	29.4	48	37.2	209	24.1	
2nd year	374	27.1	93	24.0	27	21.0	254	29.4	
3rd year	385	27.9	106	27.3	39	30.2	261	30.2	
4th year	195	14.1	63	16.2	12	9.3	136	15.7	
5th year	20	1.4	12	3.1	3	2.3	5	0.6	
Current residence									$\chi^2 = 36.01$; df = 4; $P < 0.001$
Urban	873	63.2	265	68.3	71	55.0	537	62.1	
Rural	317	22.9	63	16.2	24	18.6	230	26.6	
Hostel/other	192	13.9	60	15.5	34	26.4	98	11.3	
Permanent residence									$\chi^2 = 6.63$; df = 2; $P = 0.041$
Urban	979	70.8	293	75.5	93	72.1	593	68.6	
Rural	403	29.2	95	24.5	36	27.9	272	31.4	
Living with parents									$\chi^2 = 24.18$; df = 2; $P < 0.001$
Yes	1057	76.5	281	72.4	81	62.8	695	80.3	
No	325	23.5	107	27.6	48	37.2	170	19.7	
Smokers at home									$\chi^2 = 60.99$; df = 2; $P < 0.001$
Yes	572	41.4	223	57.5	55	42.6	294	34.0	
No	810	58.6	165	42.5	74	57.4	571	66.0	
Smokers among relatives									$\chi^2 = 112.87$; df = 10; $P < 0.001$
Father only	239	17.3	68	17.5	14	10.9	157	18.2	
Brothers only	163	11.8	73	18.8	22	17.1	68	7.9	
Father + brothers	132	9.6	66	17.0	17	13.2	49	5.7	
Father + brothers + others	23	1.7	14	3.6	0	0.0	9	1.0	
Others only	10	0.7	2	0.5	0	0.0	8	0.9	
None	815	59.0	165	42.5	76	58.9	574	66.4	
Smokers among close friends									$\chi^2 = 347.28$; df = 6; $P < 0.001$
All	74	5.4	48	12.4	6	4.7	20	2.3	
Most	342	24.7	200	51.5	25	19.4	117	13.5	
Some	616	44.6	133	34.3	69	53.5	414	47.9	
None	350	25.3	7	1.8	29	22.5	314	36.3	

df = degrees of freedom.