

Table 1 Prevalence of current smoking by demographic characteristics in Eastern province of Saudi Arabia

Variable	Total <sup>a</sup>		Men		Women	
	No. of respondents	% smoking	No. of respondents	% smoking	No. of respondents	% smoking
<b>Age (years)</b>						
30-40	95 385	17.9	48 849	32.5	46 534	2.5
41-50	56 872	16.9	28 348	28.4	28 519	5.4
51-60	24 201	16.7	12 045	25.1	12 154	8.4
61-69	11 870	12.7	6 395	17.5	5 474	7.1
≥ 70	6 369	10.6	3 732	12.1	2 637	8.5
<b>Marital status</b>						
Single	11 636	20.9	5 475	41.7	6 161	2.4
Married	172 081	17.1	92 992	28.0	79 069	4.4
Widowed	8 296	8.5	416	18.5	7 879	8.0
Divorced	2 662	8.2	260	40.4	2 402	4.7
<b>Occupation</b>						
Self-employed	14 286	30.7	13 797	31.3	487	15.6
Housewife	71 789	5.0	n/a	n/a	71 784	5.0
Military	21 859	33.4	21 857	33.4	n/a	n/a
Professional <sup>b</sup>	21 577	14.2	12 348	23.6	9 229	1.6
Technical <sup>c</sup>	8 312	22.5	6 089	29.6	2 222	2.9
Non-technical <sup>d</sup>	6 376	27.7	5 184	32.5	1 192	6.8
Administrative	34 193	23.6	27 916	28.3	6 274	2.7
Unemployed	12 796	18.1	9 948	22.2	2 848	3.7
<b>Education</b>						
Illiterate	44 875	10.5	11 188	22.7	33 685	6.5
Read & write	13 790	13.1	5 043	25.8	8 745	5.9
Primary	28 332	20.8	14 934	34.5	13 396	5.6
Intermediate	26 811	23.4	17 727	33.5	9 081	3.7
Secondary	41 074	20.5	27 128	29.9	13 943	2.2
University	35 218	13.9	20 160	23.2	15 056	1.4
Higher degree	1 889	17.0	1 419	21.6	470	3.0
<b>Income (Saudi riyals/month)</b>						
< 2000	35 917	14.1	12 904	29.0	23 012	5.7
2000-< 5000	50 332	20.0	28 141	32.1	22 188	4.6
5000-< 7000	35 946	19.5	22 466	29.5	13 474	2.9
≥ 7000	47 273	17.1	29 843	25.6	17 428	2.4

<sup>a</sup>Totals vary due to missing data; <sup>b</sup>All occupations requiring university bachelor or higher degree; <sup>c</sup>Graduates from health, technical or commercial institutes; <sup>d</sup>No academic studies.

All differences were statistically significant  $P < 0.001$ .

n/a = not applicable.