

**Table 2 Association between current tobacco use (cigarettes and/or other forms) and sociodemographic characteristics and parental monitoring in adolescent school students in Afghanistan, Kuwait and Oman**

Variable	Afghanistan (n = 2563 <sup>a</sup> )		Oman (n = 3453 <sup>a</sup> )		Kuwait (n = 3485 <sup>a</sup> )	
	Current tobacco user					
	Yes No. (%)	No No. (%)	Yes No. (%)	No No. (%)	Yes No. (%)	No No. (%)
<b>Age (years)</b>						
12 years or less	21 (0.8)	97 (3.2)	11 (0.3)	67 (2.0)	31 (0.9)	50 (1.3)
13	22 (0.7)	327 (10.8)	14 (0.5)	342 (9.8)	85 (2.3)	482 (12.6)
14	43 (1.7)	490 (18.6)	27 (0.9)	504 (16.3)	131 (3.8)	569 (15.1)
15	45 (2.1)	466 (18.0)	70 (2.1)	669 (18.8)	170 (5.6)	472 (15.2)
16	48 (2.1)	418 (17.0)	66 (1.8)	690 (18.5)	196 (6.1)	429 (12.6)
17	27 (1.4)	240 (11.0)	79 (2.4)	648 (19.0)	240 (7.1)	383 (10.9)
18 years or more	35 (1.7)	247 (10.9)	45 (1.4)	209 (6.3)	99 (3.0)	116 (3.5)
Missing values	7	30	2	10	11	21
Mean (SD)	15.4 (1.7)	15.2 (1.7)	15.9 (1.5)	15.4 (1.5)	15.6 (1.5)	15.0 (1.5)
P-value <sup>b</sup>	0.496		0.006		0.001	
<b>Sex</b>						
Male	135 (74.9)	908 (53.2)	236 (81.7)	1377 (46.6)	586 (65.1)	1024 (43.7)
Female	86 (25.1)	1350 (46.8)	58 (18.3)	1718 (53.4)	339 (34.9)	1467 (56.3)
Missing values	27	57	20	44	38	31
P-value	0.003		< 0.0001		0.008	
<b>Parents/guardians use tobacco</b>						
Neither	134 (58.4)	1905 (81.8)	160 (53.8)	2747 (88.0)	366 (40.6)	1685 (68.0)
Father/male guardian	56 (25.4)	320 (15.2)	55 (18.2)	223 (7.3)	305 (34.1)	659 (26.5)
Mother/female guardian	16 (7.0)	24 (1.3)	23 (8.0)	7 (0.3)	80 (8.9)	23 (0.9)
Both	15 (5.4)	13 (0.5)	19 (6.8)	15 (0.5)	88 (9.6)	39 (1.6)
Don't know	11 (3.8)	29 (1.2)	38 (13.2)	124 (3.9)	60 (6.8)	77 (3.0)
Missing values	16	24	19	23	64	39
<b>Parental monitoring (understand your problems and worries)</b>						
Yes	48 (20.2)	1159 (54.1)	87 (10.3)	1263 (6.6)	221 (23.8)	877 (36.0)
No	174 (79.8)	977 (45.9)	203 (89.7)	1787 (93.4)	686 (76.2)	1564 (64.0)
Missing values	26	179	24	89	56	81
P-value	< 0.0001		0.001		< 0.0001	
<b>Parental monitoring (aware of your free-time activities)</b>						
Yes	60 (27.6)	1189 (54.8)	72 (24.2)	1360 (43.9)	238 (26.7)	1143 (47.1)
No	156 (72.4)	940 (45.2)	227 (75.8)	1728 (56.1)	651 (73.3)	1286 (52.9)
Missing values	32	186	15	51	74	93
P-value	< 0.0001		< 0.0001		< 0.0001	
<b>Parental monitoring (go through your things without permission)</b>						
Yes	38 (20.2)	432 (19.9)	54 (19.2)	185 (6.0)	167 (19.1)	333 (13.9)
No	190 (79.8)	1768 (80.1)	241 (80.8)	2914 (94.0)	712 (80.9)	2078 (86.1)
Missing values	20	115	19	40	84	111
P-value	0.9476		< 0.0001		0.008	
<b>Parental monitoring (check your homework is done)</b>						
Yes	55 (24.1)	1003 (44.8)	103 (35.4)	1552 (50.7)	355 (28.3)	882 (37.3)
No	178 (75.9)	1178 (55.2)	189 (64.6)	1515 (49.3)	640 (71.7)	1544 (62.7)
Missing values	15	134	22	72	68	96
P-value	0.001		0.0001		0.0003	

SD: standard deviation.

<sup>a</sup>For 16 records in Afghanistan, 15 records in Oman, and 152 records in Kuwait, information on current tobacco use (defined as current cigarette smoker and/or current tobacco user) were missing.

<sup>b</sup>For differences between the mean ages of smokers and non-smokers.