

## ATHRA response to inquiries

### 1) ATHRA membership

ATHRA has no members.

WE do have supporters. Supporters are people who endorse ATHRA's aims and activities. There is no fee for being a supporter.

<https://athra.org.au/become-a-supporter/>

Listed on the website are a range of health professionals and health organisations who support tobacco harm reduction. Being a supporter of THR 'This does not necessarily imply endorsement of ATHRA.'

- Australian health professionals
- Australian health and medical organisations
- International health and medical organisations

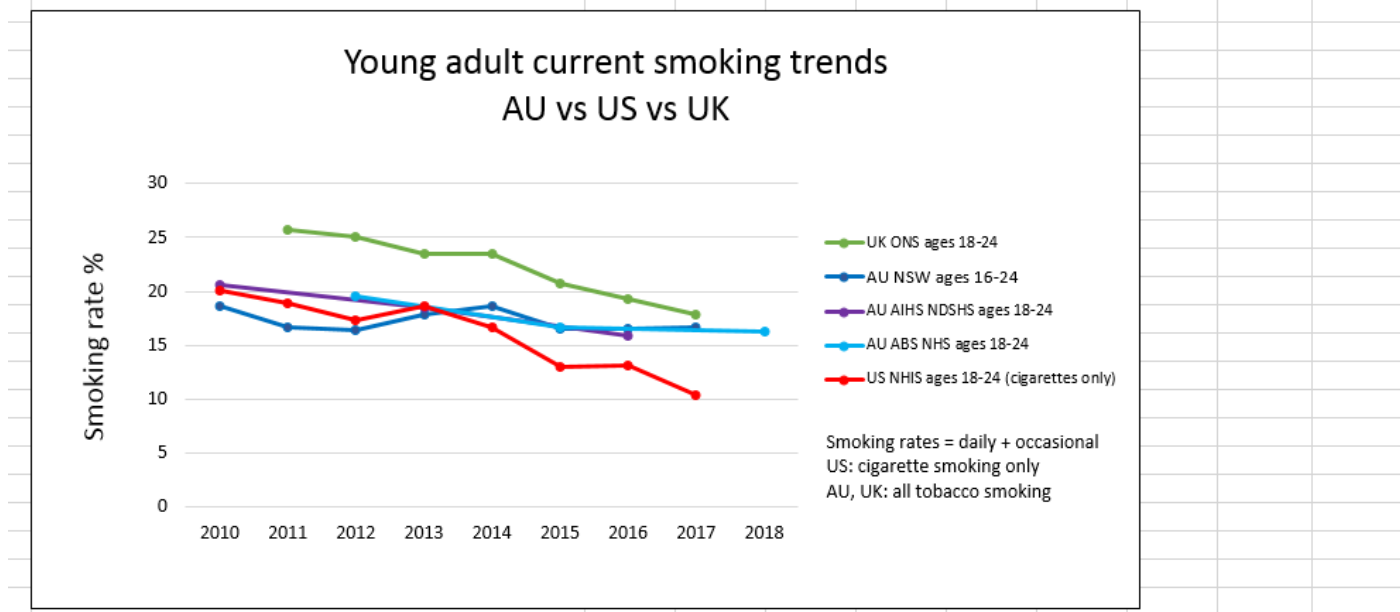
<https://athra.org.au/supporters/>

### 2) Youth and young adult smoking rates AU, UK, US

#### Young adult smoking rates ages 18-24y

The rate of decline in smoking in this age group is much faster in the UK and US where vaping is available. It is likely that vaping is diverting young people from smoking

	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018
UK ONS ages 18-24		25.7	25	23.5	23.5	20.7	19.3	17.8	
AU NSW ages 16-24	18.7	16.7	16.4	17.8	18.6	16.6	16.6	16.7	
AU AIHS NDSHS ages 18-24	20.6			18.5			15.9		
AU ABS NHS ages 18-24			19.5			16.7			16.3
US NHIS ages 18-24 (cigarettes only)	20.1	18.9	17.3	18.7	16.7	13	13.1	10.4	



#### Smoking rates in adolescents

Australia. AIHW, NDSHS 2016

Age 12-17: Daily smoker 1.6%; occasional smoke 0.6%. Total 2.1%

<https://www.aihw.gov.au/getmedia/15db8c15-7062-4cde-bfa4-3c2079f30af3/21028.pdf.aspx?inline=true>

US: National Youth Tobacco Survey 2018

Daily smoking by 8-12 graders 14-18yo

13.9% reported using any combustible tobacco product in the last 30d  
<https://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/volumes/68/wr/mm6806e1.htm>

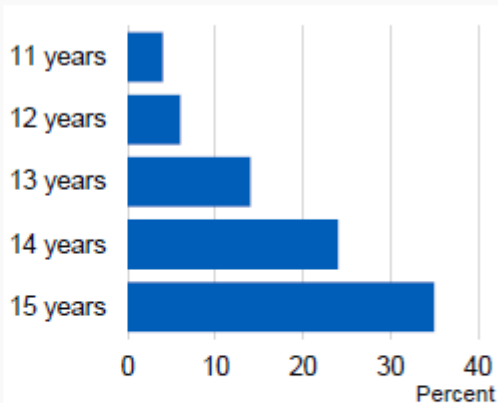
England

NHS Digital: Statistics on smoking, England 2017

Secondary school surveys (age mostly 11-15y)

### Smoking prevalence by age

Smoking prevalence increased with age. 35% of 15 year olds had ever smoked compared to 4% of 11 year olds.



### Smoking prevalence by gender

Girls were more likely to be regular smokers (at least once a week) than boys.



<https://webarchive.nationalarchives.gov.uk/20180328140333/https://www.digital.nhs.uk/home>

The rate of decline in smoking in youth in the US and UK is faster than Australia.

### 3) Updated smoking rates in Australian adults

ABS, National Health Survey 2017-2018 (Dec 2018)

15.2% of adults smoked daily

13.8% smoked daily

1.4% smoked less than daily

<http://www.abs.gov.au/ausstats/abs@.nsf/Lookup/by%20Subject/4364.0.55.001~2017-18~Main%20Features~Smoking~85#>

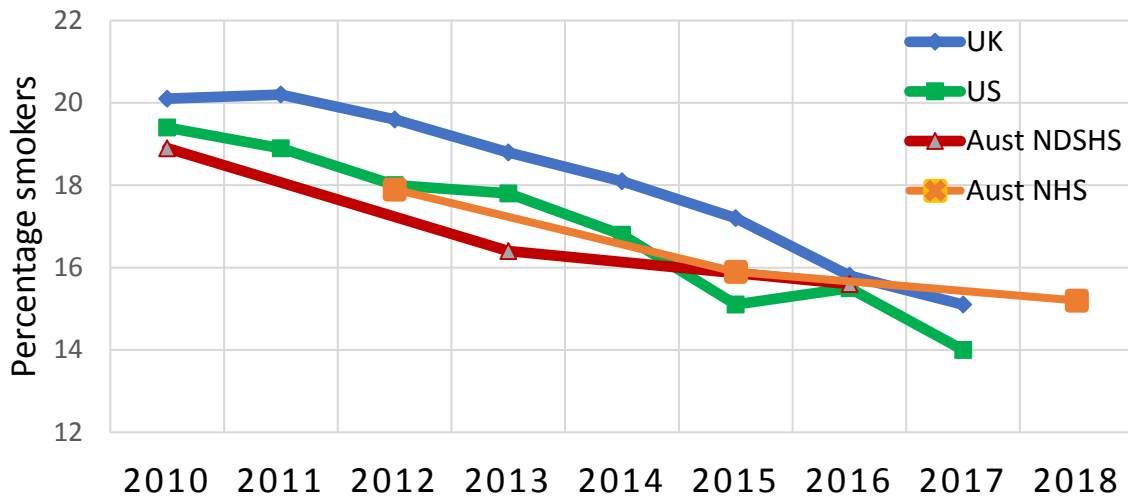
For comparison, the latest adult smoking rates in UK and US are

US 14.0% (National Health Survey 2017)

UK 15.1% (Office of National Statistics 2017)

The decline in adult smoking rates in Australia is considerably slower than in the US and UK where ecigs are widely available (see graph below)

## UK, US, Australia 18y+ smoking rates 2010-2018



Data: UK Office of National Statistics | US: NHIS | Australia: NDSHS; NHS

### 4) Smoking rates in Japan

I don't know the smoking rate in Japan, but there has been an unprecedented 27% fall in cigarette sales in 2 years during 2017-2018

<https://gsthr.org/download/report/Global-State-of-Tobacco-Harm-Reduction-2018.pdf#page=57>