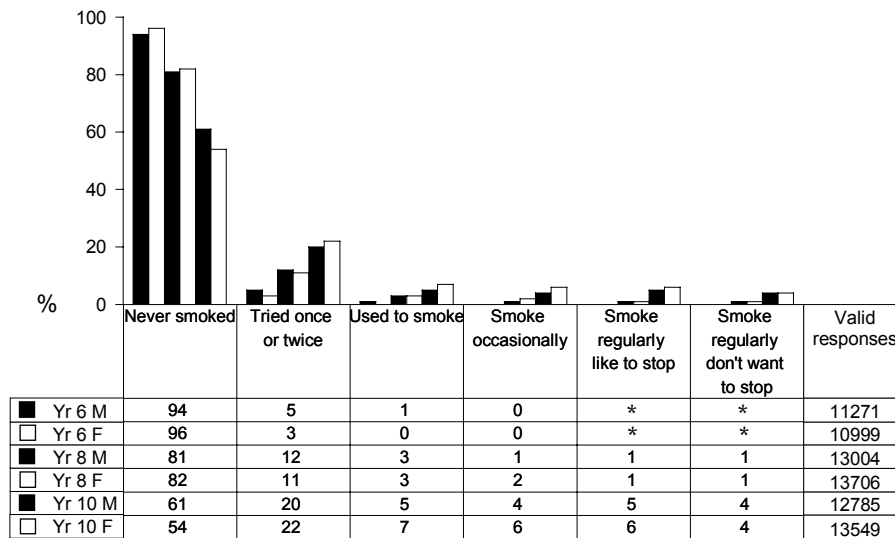


Type of smoker

Up to 46% will have smoked by Year 10

What kind of smoker are you?

1. In Year 6 around 95% report *never smoked*. By Year 10, this number declines to 61% for males and 54% for females.
4. 46% of Year 10 females have smoked.
5. The majority of the current smokers say that they would *like to stop*.



* Year 6 pupils were not asked about these activities

Comments

1. Two-thirds of smokers want to give up. If addiction is not their problem, can we help them? Raw et al., (1998) publication recommends interventions shown to be effective with adults should be considered for use with young people with the content modified as necessary - this includes stop-smoking groups and the possible use of nicotine replacement therapy.
2. Data from 1986 show a rising trend, from around the late 1990s, of those pupils who report 'never smoking at all'.

