



Supporting Information

Supplementary results

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Table 1. E-cigarette use among 10 004 participants in the Cancer Institute NSW Tobacco Tracking Survey (CITTS), 2016–2020, by age group and survey year*

Age (years)	Interview year				
	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
All people	126 (6.6%) [5.3–7.9%]	147 (7.7%) [6.3–9.1%]	213 (12.4%) [10.6–14.2%]	249 (15.3%) [13.3–17.3%]	211 (13.0%) [11.2–14.9%]
18–24	19 (8.0%) [4.1–11.9%]	24 (11.9%) [7.1–16.7%]	38 (18.4%) [12.9–23.9%]	61 (32.1%) [25.2–39.1%]	51 (27.2%) [20.5–33.9%]
25–39	35 (7.7%) [5.1–10.3%]	39 (8.6%) [5.8–11.3%]	65 (16.2%) [12.4–20.1%]	66 (17.2%) [13.2–21.2%]	65 (16.1%) [12.4–19.8%]
40–44	16 (10.3%) [5.1–15.5%]	13 (7.2%) [3.0–11.4%]	10 (8.5%) [3.1–13.9%]	16 (13.2%) [6.4–19.9%]	21 (15.0%) [8.7–21.4%]
45–54	17 (4.0%) [1.8–6.3%]	29 (6.8%) [4.2–9.4%]	41 (10.5%) [7.2–13.7%]	37 (10.5%) [7.0–14.1%]	31 (7.9%) [5.0–10.8%]
55–64	22 (4.9%) [2.7–7.0%]	27 (6.7%) [4.0–9.4%]	39 (8.6%) [5.7–11.4%]	45 (10.2%) [7.1–13.4%]	24 (4.3%) [2.4–6.1%]
65 or older	17 (6.1%) [3.2–9.1%]	15 (4.4%) [1.7–7.2%]	20 (6.6%) [3.5–9.6%]	23 (4.9%) [2.7–7.1%]	19 (4.3%) [2.2–6.4%]

* Proportions weighted by age, sex, and region (metropolitan v non-metropolitan).

Table 2. Complete list of reasons for using e-cigarettes in the Cancer Institute NSW Tobacco Tracking Survey (CITTS)

Reason	Number (proportion with 95% confidence interval)*
To help me quit cigarettes	315 (33%) [30–37%]
To cut down on the number of cigarettes I smoke	230 (25%) [22–28%]
Not as bad for your health as cigarettes	208 (22%) [19–25%]
Cheaper than cigarettes	190 (19%) [17–22%]
Taste better than cigarettes	129 (15%) [12–18%]
So I can smoke places where cigarettes are not allowed	75 (8%) [6–10%]
I was curious	70 (8%) [6–10%]
I use them exclusively instead of smoking cigarettes	53 (5%) [4–7%]
So I don't have to quit smoking	32 (4%) [2–5%]
No reason	30 (3%) [2–4%]
For social reasons	18 (5%) [3–8%]
Enjoyment/recreation	14 (3%) [1–5%]
Habit	5 (1%) [0–2%]

* Proportions weighted by age, sex, and region (metropolitan v non-metropolitan). Multiple responses possible.