

ASH Omnibus Questions (July 2005)

Attitudes to smoking in workplaces and other public places

- 996 interviews conducted by telephone with residents in Great Britain aged 16 years and over.
- Fieldwork conducted on one wave of the BMRB Access Omnibus - (15-17 July 2005).
- Base – 996 unless stated
- All figures are %
- Totals may not equal 100% due to rounding

Q1 Which of the following statements best applies to you?

	All %	M %	F %
I have never smoked	47	43	51
I used to smoke but I have given up now	27	29	26
I smoke but I don't smoke every day	5	6	3
I smoke every day	21	22	19
Total	100	100	99
Non smokers (net)	75	72	77
Smokers (net)	25	28	22

Q2 Ireland, Canada, Norway and New Zealand have each passed laws to ensure all enclosed workplaces are smokefree. How strongly, if at all, would you support or oppose a proposal to bring in a similar law in this country?

	All %	Non smokers %	Smokers %
Strongly support	56	64	30
Tend to support	16	16	16
Neither support nor oppose	14	12	19
Tend to oppose	5	3	9
Strongly oppose	9	3	24
Don't know	1	1	1
Total	101	99	99
Support*	72	81	47
Oppose*	13	6	34

* Excludes 'don't knows'

Q3 If the indoor premises of *restaurants and cafes* were smoke free by law, do you think you would use them more often, less often or about the same?

	All	Non smokers	Smokers
	%	%	%
More often	34	42	10
It would make no difference	59	56	68
Less often	7	2	21
Don't know	1	1	1
Total	101	101	100

Q4 If the indoor premises of *pubs and bars* were smokefree by law, do you think you would use them more often, less often or about the same?

	All	Non smokers	Smokers
	%	%	%
More often	28	36	4
It would make no difference	57	59	52
Less often	12	2	42
Don't know	2	2	2
Total	99	99	100

Q5 The Government has announced plans to make most public places smokefree from 2008. Would you support a proposal to make ALL workplaces – including all pubs and all restaurants smokefree?

	All	Non smokers	Smokers	Jan 05*
	%	%	%	All
	%	%	%	%
Yes	73	82	46	75
No	24	14	52	23
Don't know	3	3	3	2
Total	100	99	101	100

* BMRB Access Omnibus January 2005, 1003 respondents

Q6 How much do you agree or disagree with the following statements?
The Government ought to try to make people's lives healthier by actively discouraging smoking.

	All	Non smokers	Smokers
	%	%	%
Strongly agree	52	60	30
Tend to agree	27	25	33
Neither agree nor disagree	8	7	9
Tend to disagree	6	5	9
Strongly disagree	7	3	18
Don't know	1	*	2
Total	101	100	101
Agree*	79	85	62
Disagree*	12	8	27

* Excludes 'don't knows'

Q7 Smoking in the workplace ought to be prohibited to prevent people from doing things that might harm others.

	All	Non smokers	Smokers
	%	%	%
Strongly agree	55	62	34
Tend to agree	25	24	28
Neither agree nor disagree	7	6	9
Tend to disagree	6	4	12
Strongly disagree	6	3	15
Don't know	1	1	3
Total	100	100	101
Agree*	80	86	62
Disagree*	12	8	27

* Excludes 'don't knows'