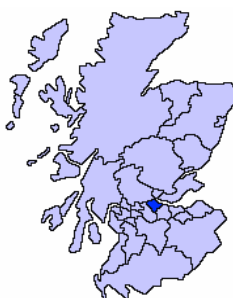


# Falkirk



## Falkirk Council Smoking Statistics

Smoking Prevalence	%	Above / Below Scottish Average
Current smoking prevalence – local authority area (16 yrs plus) <sup>1</sup>	Male 28.4% Female 27.7% Total 28%	0.8% above
Deaths attributed to smoking between 2000-2004: health board area <sup>1</sup>	24%	Equals Scottish average
Smoking in first trimester of pregnancy: health board area <sup>2</sup>	23.1%	0.4% above
15 year olds who smoke regularly (Scotland figure) <sup>3</sup>	Girls 18% Boys 12%	/
13 year olds who smoke regularly (Scotland figure) <sup>3</sup>	Girls 5% Boys 3%	/
15 and 13 year old regular smokers who reported buying cigarettes from a shop <sup>3</sup>	15 yrs 82% 13 yrs 47%	/

### In your area

At 29%, NHS Forth Valley has the joint second highest deaths of females aged 35-69 attributable to smoking. Within the NHS Forth Valley area, smoking prevalence is highest in the 25-34 age group and drops progressively in older age groups<sup>1</sup>.

An Action Plan was produced by the Tobacco Action Group within the Forth Valley area. The Action Group is made of health organisations and local councils<sup>4</sup>.

Falkirk Children's Services has a smoking cessation worker offering support in schools and clubs<sup>4</sup>.

The 'Smokebusters' teaching pack is available for all primary schools with support available from Forth Valley Health Promotion. The Smokefree class initiative is supported in secondary schools<sup>4</sup>.

Forth Valley Health Promotion runs the 'Quit' programme within workplaces, Job Centre Plus and the Child Support Agency<sup>4</sup>.

Evening smoking cessation drop-in sessions are run in each of the Community Health Partnership areas and GP practices provide support sessions<sup>4</sup>.

### National View

It is estimated that 24% (13,500 deaths) of all deaths in Scotland in 2004 were attributable to smoking with 89.5% of all lung cancer deaths attributable to smoking<sup>1</sup>. Amongst those in middle age (35-69) an average of 22 years of life are lost per death from smoking<sup>1</sup>.

In 2003/04 it is estimated that there were approximately 1.1 million adult smokers in Scotland, 27.2% of the adult population<sup>1</sup>.

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<sup>1</sup> NHS Health Scotland, ISD Scotland and ASH Scotland. [2007] *An atlas of tobacco smoking in Scotland*. Edinburgh: NHS Health Scotland.

<sup>2</sup> ISD Scotland. *Smoking at booking (revised) - Scotland*. [online]. 2 November 2006. Available from: [www.isdscotland.org/isd/files/mat\\_bb\\_Smoking%20at%20Booking\\_revised.xls](http://www.isdscotland.org/isd/files/mat_bb_Smoking%20at%20Booking_revised.xls) [accessed 1/6/07]

<sup>3</sup> BMRB Social Research. 2007. *Scottish Schools Adolescent Lifestyle and Substance Use Survey (SALSUS) - National Report 2006* [online]. Available from: [www.drugmisuse.isdscotland.org/publications/abstracts/salsus\\_national06.htm](http://www.drugmisuse.isdscotland.org/publications/abstracts/salsus_national06.htm) [accessed 1/6/07]

<sup>4</sup> ASH Scotland. [2007] *Mapping local tobacco control alliances in Scotland*. Edinburgh: ASH Scotland.