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Subject: Re: Definition of "Currently smokes cigarettes"

Posted by [Bridgette-DHS](#) on Tue, 02 Jan 2018 16:12:53 GMT

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Following is a response from DHS Senior Research Associate, Lindsay Mallick:

The definition of the variable depends on how the questions are asked in a given survey. There are slight variations in wording and probes across different surveys. The question generally asks something similar to, "Do you currently smoke cigarettes or use tobacco?" If you are interested in a particular survey, you can refer to the questionnaire at the end of the final report. Additionally, in 2013, The DHS Program published a Comparative Report that inventoried the questions across surveys and presented estimates of tobacco use. You can find it here or <https://www.dhsprogram.com/pubs/pdf/CR31/CR31.pdf>.

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