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INTRODUCTION

An enquiry was carried out in the General Household Survey during the quarters ending July 1982, and January and September 1983 to collect information on the state of health of the population.

2. In practice, the health status of a person is something very difficult to measure. In these surveys, respondents were not asked to give their subjective assessment of their health. Instead, more objective information limited specifically to whether they had consulted a doctor during the seven days before enumeration was sought. It is realised that not all people feeling ill seek medical advice or treatment from doctors. The rates derived from the survey therefore do not represent the prevalence of the corresponding illnesses. Furthermore, since the nature of complaint was reported by respondents in the survey and not obtained from diagnostic records, inaccurate reporting was bound to take place although the extent of this is not known. It is also noted that some illnesses which would cause embarrassment to respondents to report were more likely to be under-reported. However, it is believed that by repeating the same survey from time to time, some indication of the underlying health trends of the population and seasonal patterns can be discerned.

3. The sample for the three surveys consisted of about 5 000 households, and some 98% of them were successfully enumerated. In all three surveys, each person in the sample was asked to recall whether he had consulted a doctor during the seven days before enumeration, the type of doctor consulted and the nature of complaint for each consultation. For children under the age of 15, the questions were directed to the adult members of the household. In this report, data for the first consultation only were analysed.

4. The following analyses place more emphasis on the two most recent surveys but reference is made to the first one wherever appropriate.

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5. It was estimated that the rate of consulting a doctor during the quarter ending January 1983 was 94 per 1 000 population. The rate was 85 per 1 000 for males and 103 per 1 000 for females. There was a slight decrease in the rate during the quarter ending September 1983; the overall rate was 88 per 1 000, that for males 81 and for females 95. (Table 1)

6. The rate of consulting a doctor was highest for children aged 0-4 (210 per 1 000 in the quarter ending January 1983 and 200 per 1 000 in the quarter ending September 1983). It decreased substantially for those in the 5-44 age group and increased again among those aged 45 and over. The rates for the young and old age groups were more susceptible to seasonal influence. (Table 1)

7. In all three surveys, the most common complaint related to diseases of the respiratory system. This was true for all age groups and

was especially so among young children aged 0-4. Except for females aged 45 to 64, the rate of consulting a doctor due to this type of diseases decreased in all age-sex groups and in particular for children aged 0-4 during the summer months. (Table 1)

8. Diseases of the circulatory system were the second most common complaint among males aged 65 and over; the rate of consulting a doctor due to these diseases rose rapidly from 14 per 1 000 in the winter months (November 1982 to January 1983) to 30 per 1 000 in the summer months (July to September of 1983). The rate for females in this age group, however, fell from 21 to 13 per 1 000. (Table 1)

9. The rate of consulting a doctor due to skin and rheumatoid-like diseases increased in the summer months for all age-sex groups, with females aged 45-64 as the only exception. The magnitude of increase was most significant for males aged 65 and over; the rate increased fivefold from 5 per 1 000 in the quarter ending January 1983 to 25 per 1 000 in the quarter July - September 1983. (Table 1)

10. The rate of consulting a doctor for diseases of the digestive system decreased somewhat among the younger population during the summer months. The overall rate of consulting a doctor due to headaches, dizziness, fever and other symptoms was significantly higher in summer than in winter; the seasonal influence was particularly high for children aged under 15. (Table 1)

11. Again, diseases of the respiratory system were the most frequently reported complaints among all occupational groups of the economically active population (aged 15 and over). The rate of consulting a doctor due to these diseases, however, fell from 37 per 1 000 during November 1982 - January 1983 to 29 per 1 000 during July - September 1983. Diseases of the digestive system were more common among those in professional and managerial occupations during the summer months; the rate was 20 per 1 000 as compared with only 7 per 1 000 in winter. (Table 2)

12. Of those who had consulted a doctor during the survey period, a majority consulted registered physicians rather than acupuncturists/bone-setters/herbalists. This was true irrespective of the nature of complaints and the time of the year. As regards acupuncturists/herbalists, they were favoured most for skin or rheumatoid-like diseases. The overall proportion of those consulting registered physicians was 92% in all three surveys. (Table 3)

13. Registered physicians were more frequently chosen among workers of all occupations. The rate of consulting acupuncturists/bone-setters/herbalists increased significantly among professional and managerial workers and service workers during the summer months. (Table 4)

14. Regardless of household income, registered physicians were more likely to be consulted, as reported in all three surveys. Persons living in households with monthly income of less than \$1,000 had the highest rate of consulting acupuncturists/bone-setters/herbalists (19 per 1 000) and those living in households with monthly household income of \$10,000 or more had the lowest rate (4 per 1 000). (Table 5)

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Table 1 : Rates of consulting doctors by nature of complaint, sex and age, for the total population

| Nature of Complaint | | Nov 82 - Jan 83 | | | | | | | | | | Jul - Sep 83 | | | | | | | | | | (Rate per 1 000 persons) | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--|-----------------|--------|---------|---------|---------|-------------|---------|-------|--------|---------|--------------|---------|-------------|---------|-------|--------|---------|---------|---------|-------------|--------------------------|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | | Age Group | | | | | | | | | | Age Group | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | 0 - 4 | 5 - 14 | 15 - 24 | 25 - 44 | 45 - 64 | 65 and over | Overall | 0 - 4 | 5 - 14 | 15 - 24 | 25 - 44 | 45 - 64 | 65 and over | Overall | 0 - 4 | 5 - 14 | 15 - 24 | 25 - 44 | 45 - 64 | 65 and over | Overall | | | | | | | | | |
| Both sexes | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Diseases of the nervous system and sense organ, and mental disorders | | 0.7 | 1.6 | 2.6 | 2.7 | 4.0 | 8.8 | 3.0 | 0.8 | 2.0 | 2.1 | 5.2 | 4.1 | 9.1 | 3.3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Diseases of the circulatory system | | - | 0.3 | - | 0.6 | 9.4 | 18.4 | 3.3 | - | 1.0 | - | 1.3 | 13.5 | 20.1 | 4.6 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Diseases of the respiratory system | | 158.5 | 67.0 | 30.7 | 41.4 | 36.5 | 40.4 | 51.4 | 109.8 | 38.2 | 29.2 | 30.0 | 31.1 | 34.5 | 37.5 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Diseases of the digestive system | | 14.3 | 6.7 | 10.5 | 10.1 | 13.7 | 8.8 | 10.4 | 8.4 | 2.6 | 6.8 | 9.9 | 10.9 | 14.4 | 8.5 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Skin and rheumatoid-like diseases | | 1.4 | 3.8 | 3.3 | 6.3 | 16.1 | 19.8 | 7.6 | 9.9 | 5.3 | 4.5 | 8.4 | 17.0 | 33.0 | 10.7 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Headaches, dizziness, fever and other symptoms | | 27.3 | 8.6 | 4.3 | 3.4 | 8.5 | 4.4 | 7.3 | 65.6 | 22.4 | 7.9 | 6.9 | 7.1 | 10.8 | 14.2 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Others | | 7.2 | 8.6 | 3.8 | 12.9 | 16.4 | 14.0 | 10.5 | 5.3 | 4.6 | 6.1 | 11.7 | 13.2 | 8.6 | 9.0 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Overall | | 209.5 | 96.5 | 55.3 | 77.2 | 104.6 | 114.6 | 93.5 | 199.8 | 76.1 | 56.6 | 73.4 | 96.9 | 124.3 | 87.7 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Male | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Diseases of the nervous system and sense organ, and mental disorders | | - | 1.8 | 3.0 | 2.5 | 1.8 | 10.8 | 2.6 | - | 1.9 | 3.6 | 5.0 | 3.4 | 1.8 | 3.3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Diseases of the circulatory system | | - | - | - | 0.7 | 7.1 | 14.3 | 2.3 | - | 0.6 | - | 1.1 | 9.6 | 30.0 | 4.1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Diseases of the respiratory system | | 162.6 | 68.1 | 26.3 | 35.5 | 38.1 | 43.0 | 50.3 | 112.4 | 41.1 | 24.9 | 26.5 | 26.6 | 38.8 | 35.7 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Diseases of the digestive system | | 17.5 | 5.4 | 7.6 | 10.3 | 9.5 | 10.8 | 9.3 | 8.8 | 2.6 | 6.7 | 7.8 | 14.1 | 15.9 | 8.5 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Skin and rheumatoid-like diseases | | 1.3 | 2.4 | 3.0 | 4.3 | 9.5 | 5.4 | 4.4 | 11.7 | 4.5 | 5.2 | 6.7 | 12.4 | 24.7 | 8.6 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Headaches, dizziness, fever and other symptoms | | 36.3 | 7.8 | 5.6 | 1.1 | 3.6 | 3.6 | 6.6 | 65.7 | 31.5 | 3.6 | 5.3 | 4.5 | 5.3 | 13.6 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Others | | 12.1 | 13.2 | 3.5 | 5.7 | 16.7 | 10.8 | 9.3 | 5.8 | 7.7 | 5.2 | 7.8 | 9.6 | 7.1 | 7.4 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Overall | | 229.8 | 98.6 | 49.1 | 60.0 | 86.4 | 98.6 | 84.9 | 204.4 | 89.9 | 49.2 | 60.2 | 80.2 | 123.5 | 81.1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Female | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Diseases of the nervous system and sense organ, and mental disorders | | 1.5 | 1.4 | 2.1 | 2.9 | 6.2 | 7.5 | 3.4 | 1.6 | 2.0 | 0.5 | 5.5 | 4.9 | 3.6 | 3.3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Diseases of the circulatory system | | - | 0.7 | - | 0.4 | 11.8 | 21.2 | 4.3 | - | 1.4 | - | 1.6 | 17.7 | 13.3 | 5.1 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Diseases of the respiratory system | | 153.8 | 65.7 | 35.1 | 48.1 | 34.8 | 38.6 | 52.6 | 107.0 | 35.2 | 33.8 | 33.8 | 36.1 | 31.5 | 39.3 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Diseases of the digestive system | | 10.8 | 8.1 | 13.4 | 9.8 | 18.0 | 7.5 | 11.6 | 8.0 | 2.7 | 7.0 | 12.2 | 7.3 | 13.3 | 8.5 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Skin and rheumatoid-like diseases | | 1.5 | 5.4 | 3.6 | 8.6 | 23.0 | 29.9 | 11.0 | 8.0 | 6.1 | 3.8 | 10.2 | 22.0 | 38.8 | 12.8 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Headaches, dizziness, fever and other symptoms | | 16.9 | 9.5 | 3.1 | 6.1 | 13.7 | 5.0 | 8.1 | 65.5 | 12.8 | 12.3 | 8.6 | 9.8 | 14.5 | 14.8 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Others | | 1.5 | 3.4 | 4.1 | 21.2 | 16.1 | 16.2 | 11.8 | 4.8 | 1.4 | 7.0 | 16.1 | 17.1 | 9.7 | 10.6 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Overall | | 186.2 | 94.1 | 61.5 | 97.0 | 123.5 | 125.8 | 102.7 | 194.9 | 61.5 | 64.3 | 88.1 | 115.1 | 124.8 | 94.5 | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |

Table 2 : Rates of consulting doctors by nature of complaint and occupation, for the economically active population

| Nature of Complaint | (Rate per 1 000 persons) | | | | | | | | | | | |
|--|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|--------------|--|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------|
| | Nov 82 - Jan 83 | | | | | Jul - Sep 83 | | | | | | |
| | Occupation | | | | | Occupation | | | | | | |
| | Professional, technical, administrative and managerial workers | Clerical, sales and related workers | Service workers and related workers | Production and related workers | Other economically active workers | Overall | Professional, technical, administrative and managerial workers | Clerical, sales and related workers | Service workers and related workers | Production and related workers | Other economically active workers | Overall |
| Diseases of the nervous system and sense organ, and mental disorders | 2.2 | 1.9 | 3.0 | 2.3 | 7.8 | 2.6 | 6.1 | 1.8 | 6.4 | 3.4 | 4.3 | 3.8 |
| Diseases of the circulatory system | 2.2 | 1.4 | 1.5 | 1.5 | - | 1.5 | - | 2.7 | 5.7 | 2.9 | 4.3 | 3.1 |
| Diseases of the respiratory system | 27.7 | 42.8 | 37.9 | 37.3 | 25.2 | 37.0 | 19.4 | 33.1 | 25.8 | 29.3 | 25.7 | 28.6 |
| Diseases of the digestive system | 19.9 | 11.2 | 7.6 | 9.4 | 11.6 | 10.8 | 7.3 | 8.1 | 8.6 | 10.8 | 4.3 | 9.1 |
| Skin and rheumatoid-like diseases | 3.3 | 7.4 | 6.8 | 5.6 | 7.8 | 6.1 | 8.5 | 9.9 | 8.6 | 7.3 | 6.4 | 8.2 |
| Headaches, dizziness, fever and other symptoms | - | 3.3 | 1.5 | 5.1 | 5.8 | 3.6 | 2.4 | 5.8 | 9.3 | 5.1 | 6.4 | 5.8 |
| Others | 7.8 | 7.9 | 8.3 | 11.2 | 9.7 | 9.5 | 10.9 | 10.7 | 10.0 | 7.8 | 4.3 | 9.0 |
| Overall | 63.1 | 75.8 | 66.6 | 72.5 | 67.8 | 71.2 | 54.6 | 72.1 | 74.4 | 66.7 | 55.7 | 67.6 |

Table 3 : Persons consulting doctors by nature of complaint and type of doctor consulted

| Nature of Complaint | May - Jul 82 | | | | Nov 82 - Jan 83 | | | | Jul - Sep 83 | | | |
|--|--------------------------|--|-------|---|--------------------------|--|-------|---|--------------------------|--|-------|---|
| | Type of Doctor Consulted | | | | Type of Doctor Consulted | | | | Type of Doctor Consulted | | | |
| | Registered physicians | Acupuncturists/ Bone-setters/ Herbalists | Total | % | Registered physicians | Acupuncturists/ Bone-setters/ Herbalists | Total | % | Registered physicians | Acupuncturists/ Bone-setters/ Herbalists | Total | % |
| | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| Diseases of the nervous system and sense organ, and mental disorders | 96.2 | 3.8 | 100.0 | | 96.4 | 3.6 | 100.0 | | 100.0 | - | 100.0 | |
| Diseases of the circulatory system | 93.5 | 6.5 | 100.0 | | 96.7 | 3.3 | 100.0 | | 96.4 | 3.6 | 100.0 | |
| Diseases of the respiratory system | 93.3 | 6.7 | 100.0 | | 94.6 | 5.4 | 100.0 | | 91.7 | 8.3 | 100.0 | |
| Diseases of the digestive system | 92.2 | 7.8 | 100.0 | | 92.2 | 7.8 | 100.0 | | 92.9 | 7.1 | 100.0 | |
| Skin and rheumatoid-like diseases | 88.6 | 11.4 | 100.0 | | 85.0 | 15.0 | 100.0 | | 89.7 | 10.3 | 100.0 | |
| Headaches, dizziness, fever and other symptoms | 94.8 | 5.2 | 100.0 | | 89.6 | 10.4 | 100.0 | | 95.8 | 4.2 | 100.0 | |
| Others | 86.4 | 13.6 | 100.0 | | 81.9 | 18.1 | 100.0 | | 81.1 | 18.9 | 100.0 | |
| Overall | 91.9 | 8.1 | 100.0 | | 91.9 | 8.1 | 100.0 | | 91.7 | 8.3 | 100.0 | |

Table 4 : Rates of consulting doctors by occupation, and type of doctor consulted,
for the economically active population

| Occupation | (Rate per 1 000 persons) | | | | | |
|--|--|--|--|--|--|--|
| | May - Jul 82 | | Nov 82 - Jan 83 | | Jul - Sep 83 | |
| | Type of Doctor Consulted Registered physicians | Type of Doctor Consulted Acupuncturists/ Bone-setters/ Herbalists | Type of Doctor Consulted Registered physicians | Type of Doctor Consulted Acupuncturists/ Bone-setters/ Herbalists | Type of Doctor Consulted Registered physicians | Type of Doctor Consulted Acupuncturists/ Bone-setters/ Herbalists |
| Professional, technical, administrative and managerial workers | 70.1 | 4.5 | 59.8 | 3.3 | 44.9 | 9.7 |
| Clerical, sales and related workers | 61.0 | 6.8 | 69.8 | 6.0 | 65.8 | 6.3 |
| Service workers | 64.8 | 5.5 | 65.1 | 1.5 | 64.4 | 10.0 |
| Production and related workers | 61.5 | 7.0 | 65.3 | 7.1 | 60.1 | 6.6 |
| Other economically active workers | 74.2 | 9.3 | 52.3 | 15.5 | 53.5 | 2.1 |
| Overall | 63.4 | 6.6 | 65.1 | 6.1 | 60.5 | 7.1 |

Table 5 : Rates of consulting doctors by household income, and type of doctor consulted, for the total population

| Household Income (HK\$) | (Rate per 1 000 persons) | | | | | |
|-------------------------------|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|--|--------------------------|--|
| | May - Jul 82 | | Nov 82 - Jan 83 | | Jul - Sep 83 | |
| | Type of Doctor Consulted | | Type of Doctor Consulted | | Type of Doctor Consulted | |
| | Registered physicians | Acupuncturists/ Bone-setters/ Herbalists | Registered physicians | Acupuncturists/ Bone-setters/ Herbalists | Registered physicians | Acupuncturists/ Bone-setters/ Herbalists |
| Under 1,000 | 106.1 | 18.5 | 119.9 | 18.5 | 115.7 | 18.6 |
| 1,000 - 2,999 | 83.8 | 7.4 | 97.7 | 7.9 | 95.6 | 9.9 |
| 3,000 - 4,999 | 78.8 | 6.9 | 91.9 | 9.1 | 81.6 | 6.5 |
| 5,000 - 9,999 | 68.3 | 6.1 | 79.8 | 6.9 | 76.2 | 6.9 |
| 10,000 and over | 76.8 | 4.2 | 61.2 | 3.2 | 60.9 | 4.2 |
| Overall | 77.4 | 6.9 | 85.9 | 7.6 | 80.4 | 7.3 |

Smoking Patterns

INTRODUCTION

An enquiry on smoking patterns was carried out in March 1983 via the General Household Survey. Its aim was to estimate the number of cigarette smokers in Hong Kong and their daily cigarette consumption, and to measure changes since the first survey conducted between January and March 1982.

2. The sample for this survey consisted of 4 963 households, of which 4 854 were successfully enumerated. All persons aged 12 and over in the sample were asked their cigarette smoking patterns. A total of 15 261 persons were interviewed.

3. 'Smokers' in both this survey and the previous one refers to only those persons who claimed to smoke cigarettes regularly. It should be noted that the following analysis has excluded teenage smokers (those aged 12-14) since their number in the sample was too small to give reliable estimates.

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4. Some 20% of the population aged 15 and over were cigarette smokers. The estimate in the previous survey was 23%. In absolute terms, the number of smokers was 784 000, which was 104 500 less than the previous estimate. (Table 1)

5. Cigarette smokers were more common among males than females. 34% of males aged 15 and over claimed to smoke cigarettes regularly, as compared with 5% for females; the corresponding figures in the last survey were 40% and 6% respectively. (Table 1)

6. In both surveys, the tendency to smoke generally increased with age for both sexes. There was an abrupt increase in the percentage of cigarette smokers after their teens among males. Among males aged 40 and over, almost one in every two was a smoker. As regards females, the rate of smoking increased steadily with age, from below 1% among those aged 15-19 to 13% among those aged 60 and over. (Table 1)

7. Over half of the cigarette smokers consumed 11-20 cigarettes a day. On average, the number of cigarettes consumed per day by male smokers was 14 and by female smokers, 11. The corresponding figures in the previous survey were 17 and 11 respectively. (Table 2)

8. Cigarette consumption was higher among the adult smokers aged 30-59. The first survey in 1982 reported a quarter of them smoking more than 20 cigarettes a day, as compared with 6% for those aged 15-19 and 15% for those aged 60 and over. A similar pattern of daily consumption was found in the March 1983 survey, but with fewer smoking more than 20 cigarettes a day. (Table 3)

9. As regards the occupational pattern of cigarette smokers, professionals and technical and clerical workers had the lowest rates of smoking among the economically active population. The rates for full-time students and home-makers were also very low. (Table 4)

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| 3. | Cigarette smokers by daily consumption of cigarettes and age | | | | | |
| 4. | Cigarette smokers by occupation | | | | | |

Table 1 : Cigarette smokers by age and sex

| Age Group | Male | | Female | | Overall | |
|---------------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| | No. ('000) | Rate (%) | No. ('000) | Rate (%) | No. ('000) | Rate (%) |
| <u>Jan - Mar 82</u> | | | | | | |
| 15 - 19 | 21.7 | 7.9 | 0.9 | 0.4 | 22.6 | 4.2 |
| 20 - 29 | 181.3 | 32.0 | 7.9 | 1.5 | 189.2 | 17.5 |
| 30 - 39 | 167.6 | 45.1 | 8.0 | 2.6 | 175.6 | 25.9 |
| 40 - 49 | 151.1 | 53.9 | 14.9 | 6.6 | 165.9 | 32.8 |
| 50 - 59 | 143.8 | 56.9 | 26.9 | 11.7 | 170.7 | 35.4 |
| 60 and over | 120.9 | 51.6 | 43.4 | 14.8 | 164.3 | 31.1 |
| Overall | 786.3 | 39.7 | 102.0 | 5.6 | 888.4 | 23.3 |
| <u>Mar 83</u> | | | | | | |
| 15 - 19 | 15.9 | 6.3 | 0.8 | 0.3 | 16.7 | 3.4 |
| 20 - 29 | 150.2 | 26.1 | 8.2 | 1.5 | 158.4 | 14.1 |
| 30 - 39 | 150.5 | 38.0 | 10.4 | 3.0 | 160.9 | 21.5 |
| 40 - 49 | 121.1 | 46.1 | 8.5 | 3.9 | 129.6 | 26.9 |
| 50 - 59 | 134.5 | 51.0 | 22.5 | 9.4 | 157.0 | 31.2 |
| 60 and over | 120.0 | 45.9 | 41.2 | 12.9 | 161.2 | 27.8 |
| Overall | 692.2 | 34.4 | 91.7 | 4.8 | 783.9 | 19.9 |

**Table 2 : Cigarette smokers by daily consumption
of cigarettes and sex**

| Cigarettes Smoked Per Day | Male | | Female | | Total | |
|--|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|----------------|-------|
| | No. ('000) | % | No. ('000) | % | No. ('000) | % |
| <u>Jan - Mar 82</u> | | | | | | |
| 1 - 10 | 186.4 | 23.7 | 54.8 | 53.7 | 241.2 | 27.1 |
| 11 - 20 | 424.2 | 53.9 | 40.0 | 39.2 | 464.2 | 52.3 |
| 21 and over | 175.7 | 22.4 | 7.2 | 7.1 | 182.9 | 20.6 |
| Total | 786.3 | 100.0 | 102.0 | 100.0 | 888.4 | 100.0 |
| Average number of cigarettes smoked | 17 | | 11 | | 16 | |
| <u>Mar 83</u> | | | | | | |
| 1 - 10 | 237.5 | 34.3 | 51.1 | 55.7 | 288.6 | 36.8 |
| 11 - 20 | 366.8 | 53.0 | 32.7 | 35.6 | 399.5 | 51.0 |
| 21 and over | 87.9 | 12.7 | 8.0 | 8.7 | 95.8 | 12.2 |
| Total | 692.2 | 100.0 | 91.7 | 100.0 | 783.9 | 100.0 |
| Average number of cigarettes smoked | 14 | | 11 | | 14 | |

Table 3 : Cigarette smokers by age and daily consumption of cigarettes

| Age Group | Jan - Mar 82 | | | | | | Mar 83 | | | | |
|--------------|---------------------------|-------|--------------|-------|-------|-------------------------------|---------------------------|-------|--------------|-------|-------------------------------|
| | Cigarettes Smoked Per Day | | | | | Ave. no. of cig. smoked | Cigarettes Smoked Per Day | | | | Ave. no. of cig. smoked |
| | 1-10 | 11-20 | 21 & over | Total | | | 1-10 | 11-20 | 21 & over | Total | |
| 15-19 | No. (1000) | 10.4 | 11.0 | 1.2 | 22.6 | 12 | 7.4 | 9.1 | 0.3 | 16.7 | 11 |
| | % | 46.0 | 48.5 | 5.5 | 100.0 | | 44.3 | 54.1 | 1.6 | 100.0 | |
| 20-29 | No. (1000) | 59.1 | 101.5 | 28.6 | 189.2 | 15 | 64.8 | 78.5 | 15.1 | 158.4 | 13 |
| | % | 31.2 | 53.7 | 15.1 | 100.0 | | 40.9 | 49.6 | 9.5 | 100.0 | |
| 30-39 | No. (1000) | 43.8 | 89.7 | 42.1 | 175.6 | 17 | 54.4 | 82.6 | 23.9 | 160.9 | 15 |
| | % | 24.9 | 51.1 | 24.0 | 100.0 | | 33.8 | 51.4 | 14.8 | 100.0 | |
| 40-49 | No. (1000) | 31.7 | 90.1 | 44.1 | 165.9 | 18 | 38.4 | 74.1 | 17.0 | 129.6 | 15 |
| | % | 19.2 | 54.3 | 26.5 | 100.0 | | 29.7 | 57.2 | 13.1 | 100.0 | |
| 50-59 | No. (1000) | 38.5 | 89.3 | 42.8 | 170.7 | 18 | 53.3 | 79.1 | 24.7 | 157.0 | 15 |
| | % | 22.6 | 52.3 | 25.1 | 100.0 | | 33.9 | 50.4 | 15.7 | 100.0 | |
| 60 & over | No. (1000) | 57.6 | 82.5 | 24.1 | 164.3 | 15 | 70.3 | 76.1 | 14.8 | 161.2 | 13 |
| | % | 35.1 | 50.2 | 14.7 | 100.0 | | 43.6 | 47.2 | 9.2 | 100.0 | |

Table 4 : Cigarette smokers by occupation

| Occupation | Jan - Mar 82 | | Mar 83 | |
|---|---------------|-------------|---------------|-------------|
| | No. ('000) | Rate (%) | No. ('000) | Rate (%) |
| <u>Economically active persons</u> | <u>737.2</u> | <u>29.4</u> | <u>643.8</u> | <u>25.5</u> |
| Professional, technical and related workers | 22.1 | 13.2 | 18.4 | 12.1 |
| Administrative and managerial workers | 33.0 | 35.5 | 26.4 | 32.4 |
| Clerical and related workers | 43.7 | 12.7 | 43.1 | 10.8 |
| Sales workers | 82.9 | 34.2 | 68.9 | 30.9 |
| Service workers | 129.8 | 35.4 | 126.3 | 30.9 |
| Agricultural workers and fishermen | 12.3 | 37.9 | 12.9 | 41.2 |
| Production and related workers, transport equipment operators and labourers | 380.0 | 32.2 | 303.7 | 27.8 |
| Unemployed persons | 33.4 | 40.6 | 44.2 | 31.8 |
| <u>Economically inactive persons</u> | <u>151.2</u> | <u>11.3</u> | <u>140.0</u> | <u>9.9</u> |
| Full-time students | 1.3 | 0.4 | 2.2 | 0.6 |
| Home-makers | 51.5 | 7.6 | 44.5 | 6.3 |
| Other inactive persons | 98.3 | 31.9 | 93.4 | 27.5 |
| Overall | 888.4 | 23.3 | 783.9 | 19.9 |

