

# Vaping profile of 14 and 15-year-olds

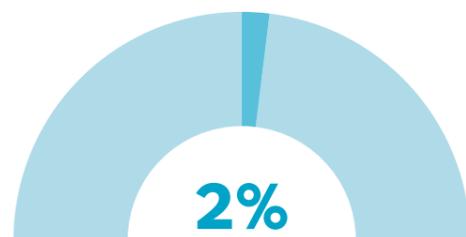
## Results from the 2018 Youth Insights Survey (YIS)



Current vapers were those who reported vaping 'at least once a month'.



of 14 and 15-year-olds vaped **at least monthly**, also known as **current vapers**



of 14 and 15-year-olds vaped **daily\***

The current vaping rate **more than doubled** between 2014 and 2018  
This **increase** of current vapers was seen among:



Both males and females



Māori and NZ European/Other



Low and mid school decile groups

**1 in 5** **ex or experimental smokers\*\*** were current vapers



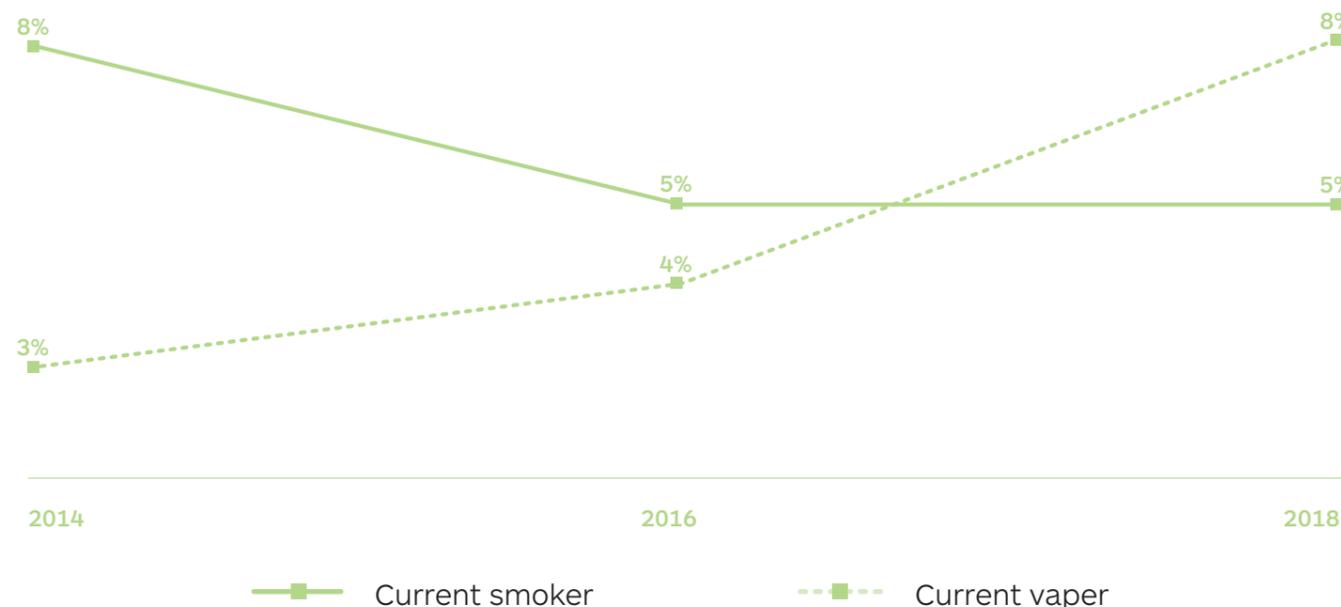
**2 in 5** **current smokers** were current vapers



**1 in 50** **never smokers** were current vapers



While the current vaping rate has increased, the current smoking rate has declined between 2014 and 2018



### Notes:

\* Daily vapers vaped at least once a day. Daily vapers are included in current vapers. Action for Smokefree 2025's (ASH) census-style survey also found around 2% of Year 10 students were daily vapers in 2018 (n = 28,756). Retrieved from <http://ash.org.nz>.

\*\* Ex or experimental smokers were those that had tried smoking in the past but did not smoke in the last month. Current smokers had smoked in the last month. Never smokers had never smoked.

1. Vaping refers to using devices that heat liquids into an aerosol (vapour) which is inhaled into the lungs. They are commonly known as e-cigarettes, e-cigs, vaporisers, and vapes. They may or may not contain nicotine

2. Prioritised ethnicity was used to compare differences over time. School decile groups were grouped into low (deciles 1 to 4), medium (deciles 5 to 7), and high (deciles 8 to 10). Only significant differences are described.

See the YIS methodology report for more information.

3. The YIS is a nationally representative survey conducted every two years since 2006 and the 2018 YIS consisted of 2,689 participants aged 14 to 15-years-old.