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Response to your request for official information

Thank you for your request under the Official Information Act 1982 (the Act) to the Ministry of Health – Manatū Hauora (the Ministry) on 22 October 2025 for information regarding smoking and vaping consumption. You requested:

"I want to see all data related to consumption of all people of all age at all communities, who does vape and smoking separately over last 5 years till 2025 specially in Palmerston north. if also by area in Palmerston north it would be good."

The New Zealand Census collects location-specific data on smoking every five years. The results of the most recent Census are publicly available at: www.stats.govt.nz/2023-census/#data You can use the Aotearoa Data Explorer feature to look at data related to Palmerston North.

The New Zealand Health Survey (NZHS) also collects information each year about smoking and vaping use for people aged 15 and over. The most recent results of the NZHS are publicly available here: www.health.govt.nz/publications/annual-update-of-key-results-202425-new-zealand-health-survey Please note that the NZHS does not breakdown results by city.

Additionally, the ASH (Action for Smokefree 2025) Year 10 Snapshot Survey collects information on year 10 students' smoking and vaping use. The most recent results are publicly available here: www.ash.org.nz/2024-topline-youth-smoking-and-vaping-factsheet Results from the 2025 survey will be available on the ASH website later this year. Please note that the ASH survey does not breakdown results by city.

As the information you seek is publicly available, section 18(d) of the Act applies to your request.

If you wish to discuss any aspect of your request with us, including this decision, please feel free to contact the OIA Services Team on: oiagr@health.govt.nz.

Under section 28(3) of the Act, you have the right to ask the Ombudsman to review any decisions made under this request. The Ombudsman may be contacted by email at: info@ombudsman.parliament.nz or by calling 0800 802 602.

Please note that this response, with your personal details removed, may be published on the Ministry website at: www.health.govt.nz/about-ministry/information-releases/responses-official-information-act-requests

Nāku noa, nā

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Gill Hall". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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