



Feidhmeannacht na Seirbhíse Sláinte
Health Service Executive



Smoking Prevalence Tracker 2020 Half Year Infographic

(This information relates to data collected in the months
of March & June 2020)

Survey carried out by Ipsos MRBI on behalf of the HSE

Headline Data

Smoking Prevalence: 15.7%

E Cigarette Use: 5.8%

Roll Your Own (RYO): 29.3%

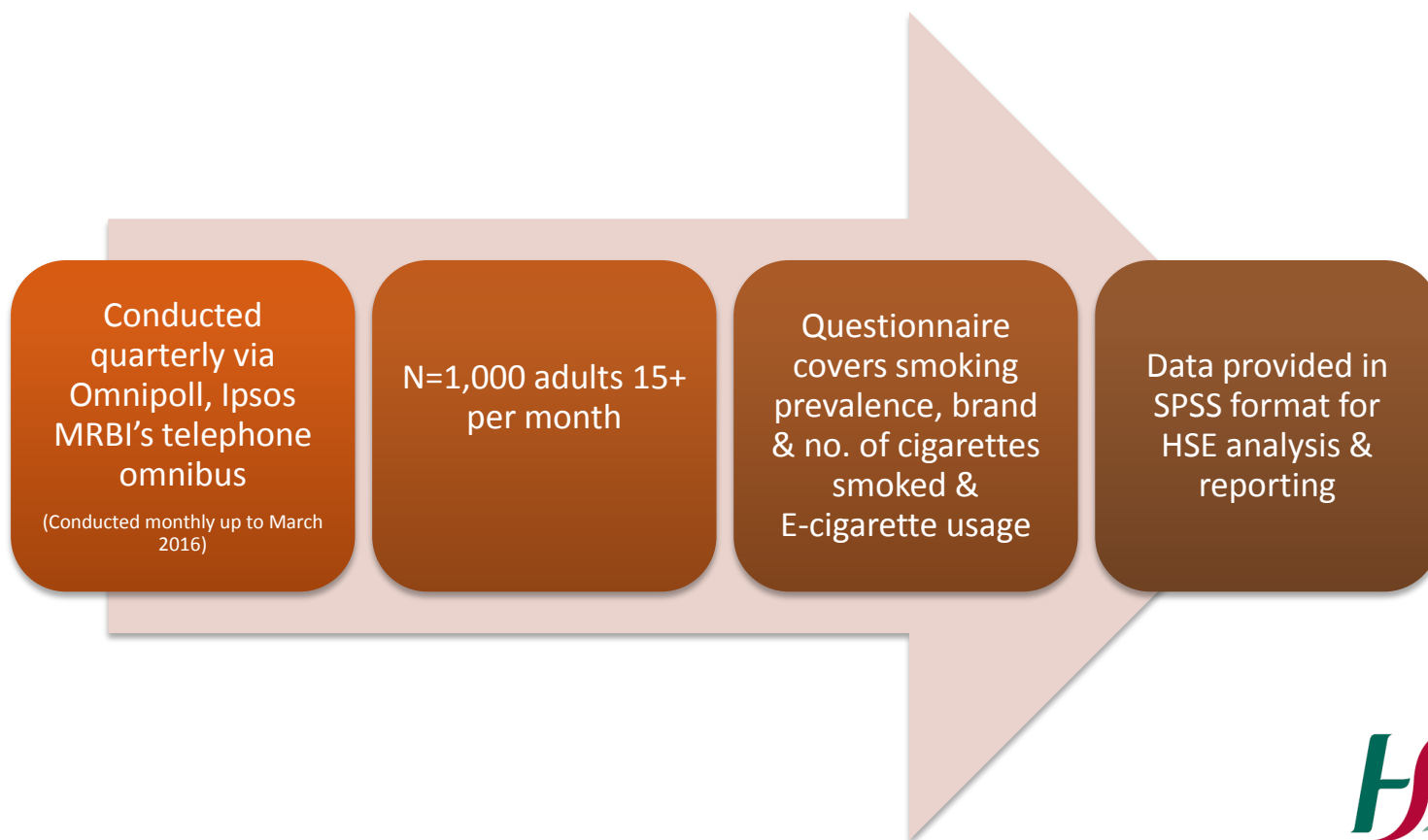
(% of Smokers using RYO)



Smoking Prevalence Tracker - Methodology

Tracker Commenced in July 2002

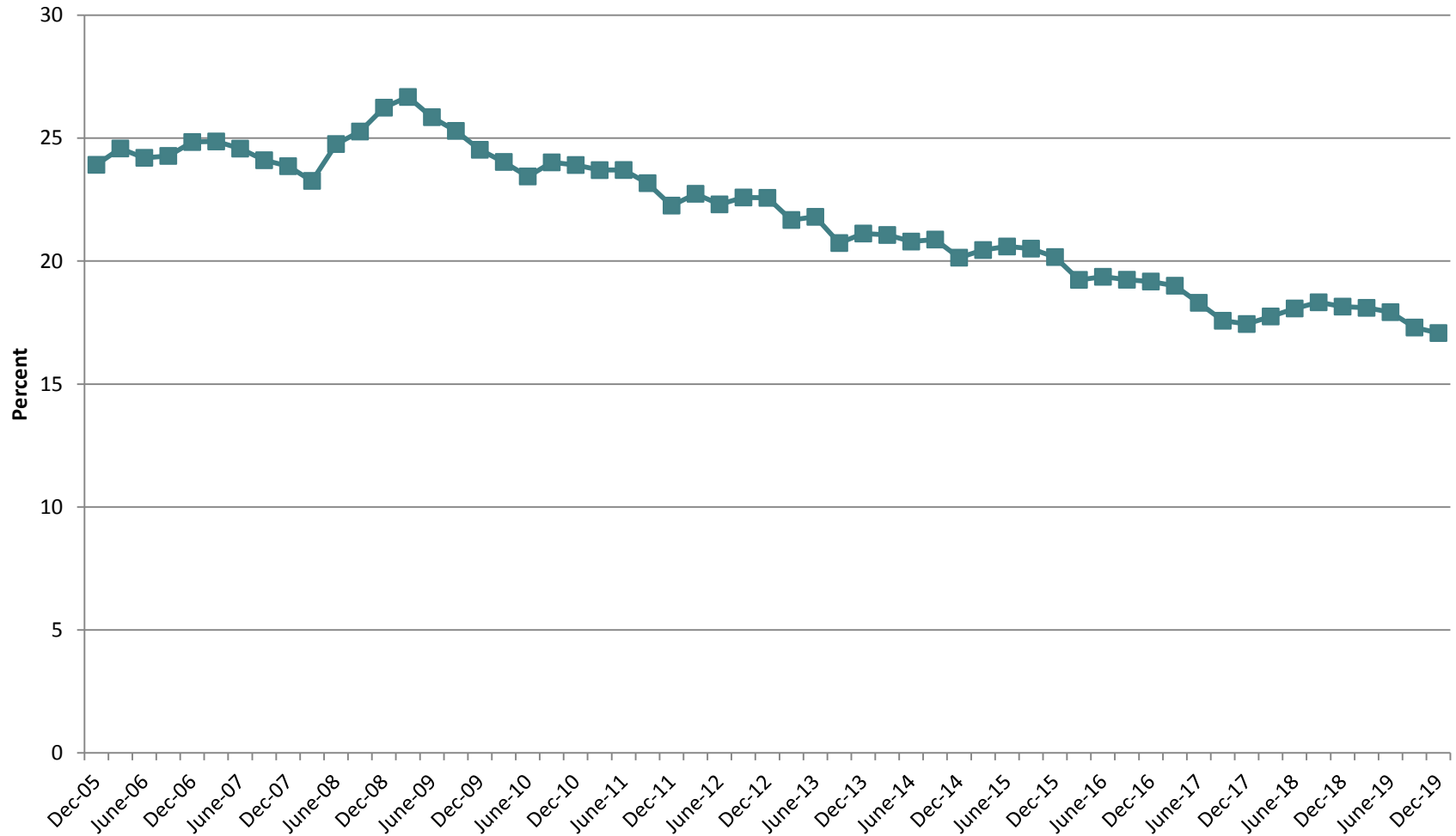
(Conducted monthly up to March 2016, now quarterly; results relate to surveys conducted in March & June, 2020)



Differences in HSE Tracker and Healthy Ireland Smoking Prevalence Surveys

- **The tracker survey is a smaller survey: (n=4000) taken quarterly whereas Healthy Ireland (HI) samples over 7,500 people annually.**
- **The tracker is a telephone survey whereas HI is a face to face household survey.**
- **The questions on smoking prevalence are slightly different (smoke one or more weekly in tracker whereas daily or occasionally in the Healthy Ireland survey).**
- **The tracker has been undertaken since 2002 whereas the Healthy Ireland survey started in 2015.**
- **Both surveys indicate an underlying downward trend in smoking prevalence, as indicated in Figure 1 for the tracker below:**

Figure 1: Trend in smoking prevalence to 2019



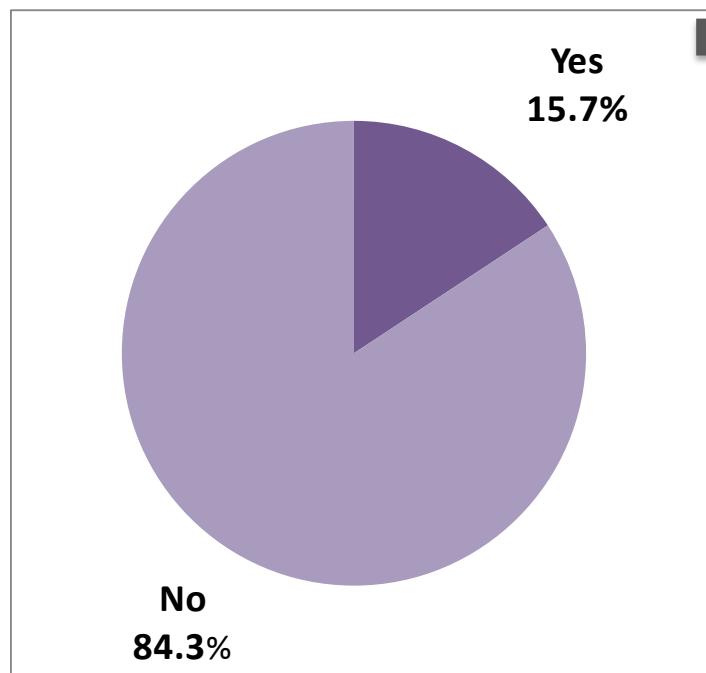
Source: HSE Tracker Survey

Cigarette Smoking Prevalence

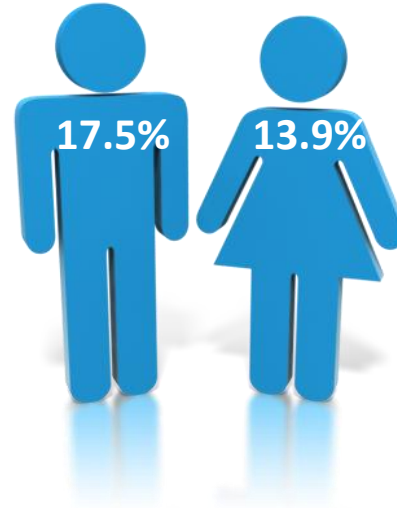
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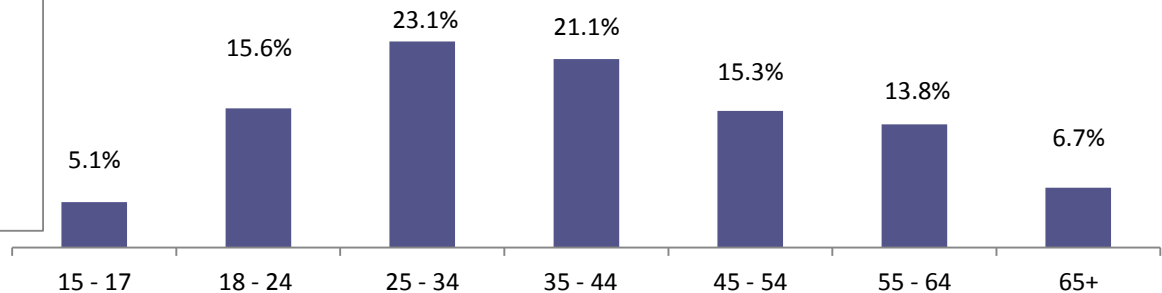
Smokers



Gender

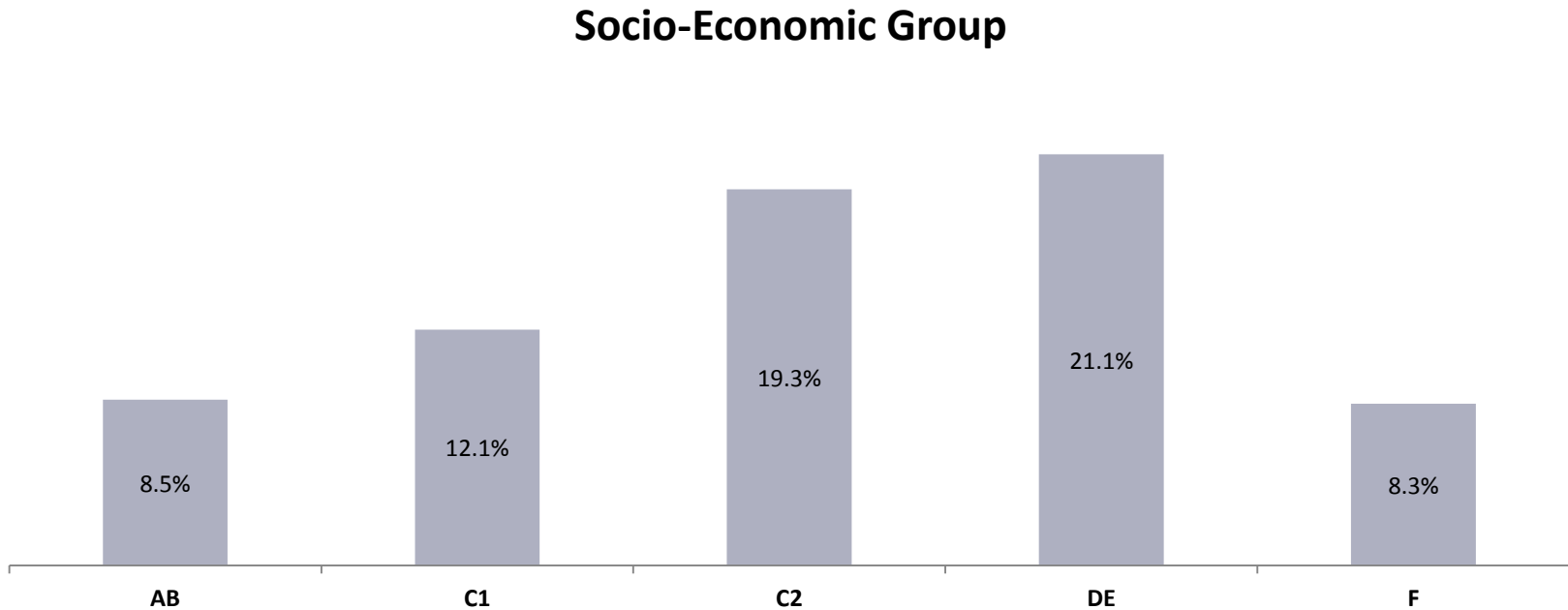


Age Group



Cigarette Smoking Prevalence by Socio-Economic Group

Q.1 Do you smoke one or more cigarettes each week, whether packaged or roll your own?



Smoking prevalence is highest amongst those in the DE and C2 socio-economic groups, with those in the AB & F categories being least likely to smoke.

Social Class Categorisation Source: AIMRO Standard Guide for Social Class
– Further details available on HSE website