

Dear respondent,

Thank you for taking the time to answer this survey. As a result of the national lockdown, cigarette sales are prohibited.

This survey is targeted at regular and recent smokers. We would like to hear from you. We want to understand how you have responded to the unavailability of cigarettes in standard retail outlets.

This academic survey is being conducted by researchers at the University of Cape Town. We are independent of any government institution, such as the SA Revenue Services or the SA Police Service. The information we collect from you will be anonymous, and will not be used to trace you in any way. The survey is voluntary and you can stop at any point during the survey. It will take between 5 and 10 minutes to complete. This survey has been approved by the Ethics in Research Committee of the Commerce Faculty at the University of Cape Town.

By completing this survey, you have the opportunity to be entered into a draw to win one of ten R500 Takealot vouchers. The draw will take place on Friday the 15th of May. If you have any questions about the survey, please let us know. The Principal Investigator is Professor Corné van Walbeek. He can be contacted at cornelis.vanwalbeek@uct.ac.za.

1. Are you 18 or older?

☐ Yes

☐ No

2. Were you a regular cigarette smoker (at least 1 cigarette per day) in the week before the lockdown started (19-26 March)?

☐ Yes

☐ No

3. Did you attempt to quit smoking after the sale on cigarettes was banned due to lockdown (26 March)?

☐ Yes

☐ No

4. Had you ever tried quitting smoking before the ban on cigarette sales (lockdown)?

☐ Yes

☐ No

5. For your previous quit attempts (before lockdown), what was your main reason for trying to quit?

- ☐ Health concerns
- ☐ Requests/pressure from family and friends
- ☐ I did not want to be addicted to cigarettes
- ☐ I cannot afford cigarettes/cigarettes have become too expensive
- ☐ Other (please specify)

6. Have you successfully quit smoking over lockdown?

☐ Yes

☐ No

7. Do you intend to start smoking again after the lockdown is over?

☐ Yes

☐ No

For this section, answer all questions in relation to your usual smoking behaviour before the lockdown/ban on the sale of cigarettes.

8. How many cigarettes did you typically smoke per day?

9. In what quantities/packaging did you usually buy cigarettes?

- ☐ Single stick
- ☐ Pack of 10 cigarettes
- ☐ Pack of 20 cigarettes
- ☐ Pack of 30 cigarettes
- ☐ Carton of 200 cigarettes

(Continued) For this section, answer all questions in relation to your usual smoking behaviour before the lockdown/ban on the sale of cigarettes.

10. How much did you typically pay for one {{ Q9 }} (in Rands and cents)?

11. Which brand of cigarettes did you usually buy?

12. Where did you usually buy cigarettes?

- ☐ Formal retailer (e.g Checkers, Spar, etc.)
- ☐ Spaza shop
- ☐ House shop
- ☐ Street vendor
- ☐ Online platform
- ☐ From friends/family
- ☐ Other (please specify)

13. How many singles, packs and cartons of cigarettes did you buy in preparation for the lockdown?

Single sticks

Packs of 10 cigarettes

Packs of 20 cigarettes

Packs of 30 cigarettes

Cartons of 200 cigarettes

14. Which brand of cigarettes did you stock up on?

15. If you did not buy your usual/preferred cigarette brand, what was the reason for this?

☐ I bought a cheaper brand so I could buy more cigarettes

☐ I could not find my usual brand

☐ I bought my usual/preferred brand

☐ I did not stock up

☐ Other (please specify)

16. Do you think you have smoked more/less/the same number of cigarettes per day during the lockdown compared to before the lockdown?

- ☐ More than before lockdown
- ☐ Less than before lockdown
- ☐ The same as before lockdown
- ☐ Don't know

17. How many cigarettes did you smoke on average per day during the first two weeks of the lockdown (before the extension was announced on 9 April)?

18. Since the lockdown **extension** was announced (9 April), how many cigarettes have you smoked per day on average?

19. Have you obtained any additional cigarettes during lockdown?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

20. During lockdown, have you been given cigarettes as a gift from family or friends?

☐ Yes

☐ No

21. During lockdown, have you purchased cigarettes?

☐ Yes

☐ No

22. During lockdown, where have you purchased your cigarettes? [select as many as apply]

- ☐ Street vendor
- ☐ Spaza shop
- ☐ House shop
- ☐ Formal retailer (e.g. Checkers, Spar, etc.)
- ☐ Through a WhatsApp group
- ☐ Other online platform
- ☐ Acquaintances who are essential workers
- ☐ From friends/family
- ☐ Other (please specify)

23. During lockdown, what price did you pay on average per item, for the following packaging types? [answer for as many as apply]

Single stick

Pack of 10 cigarettes

Pack of 20 cigarettes

Pack of 30 cigarettes

Carton of 200 cigarettes

24. Which brand of cigarettes have you bought most often during lockdown?

25. Do you agree with the policy to ban the sale of tobacco products during lockdown?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

26. Do you agree with the policy to ban the sale of alcohol during lockdown?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Don't know

27. Do you believe that COVID-19 symptoms are more/less/equally as severe for smokers compared to a non-smokers?

- ☐ More severe for smokers
- ☐ Less severe for smokers
- ☐ As severe for smokers as non-smokers
- ☐ Don't know

28. What is your gender?

☐

Male

☐

Female

☐

Prefer not to answer

29. What year were you born?

30. How old were you when you started smoking cigarettes regularly?

31. What population group do you belong to?

- ☐ African
- ☐ Coloured
- ☐ Asian/Indian
- ☐ White
- ☐ Prefer not to answer
- ☐ Other (please specify)

32. What is the highest level of education that you have completed?

- ☐ No formal schooling
- ☐ Some primary school completed (Grade 7 not completed)
- ☐ Completed primary school (Grade 7 completed)
- ☐ Some secondary school completed (Grade 12 not completed)
- ☐ Completed secondary school (Grade 12)
- ☐ Completed a tertiary qualification
- ☐ Post-graduate degree completed
- ☐ Don't know
- ☐ Prefer not to answer

33. How many people, including children, live in your household?

34. What was your household's monthly after-tax total income (before the lockdown)? This includes all sources of income, like social grants, UIF, etc.

- ☐ No income
- ☐ R1 – R400
- ☐ R401 – R800
- ☐ R801 – R1 600
- ☐ R1 601 – R3 200
- ☐ R3 201 – R6 400
- ☐ R6 401 – R12 800
- ☐ R12 801 – R25 600
- ☐ R25 601 - R51 200
- ☐ R51 201 – R102 400
- ☐ R102 401 – R204 800
- ☐ R204 801 or more
- ☐ Prefer not to answer
- ☐ Don't know

35. In which province do you live?

- ☐ Eastern Cape
- ☐ Free State
- ☐ Gauteng
- ☐ KwaZulu-Natal
- ☐ Limpopo
- ☐ Mpumalanga
- ☐ Northern Cape
- ☐ North-West Province
- ☐ Western Cape

36. Which of the following best describes the area where you live?

- ☐ Farm
- ☐ Informal settlement
- ☐ City
- ☐ Rural
- ☐ Suburb
- ☐ Town
- ☐ Township

37. Any further comments?

Thank you for participating in this survey. If you would like to be included in the draw to win one of ten R500 Takealot vouchers, please fill in your cell phone number or email. We will not use your contact information for any other purpose. The draw will take place on Friday the 15th of May.

38. Phone number

39. Email address