

## ABSTRACT

Smoking behavior is a current health problem affecting many age populations including teenagers in Indonesia. Knowledge of the characteristics of teenagers who smoke is important as Indonesia is dealing with demographic bonus. *Riset Kesehatan Dasar* (Riskesdas) – a national collecting data – describes smokers in Indonesia however still has limitation regarding the characteristic of teenage smokers. Hence, this article aims to determine the characteristics of smoking behavior in teenagers aged 10-19 years in Indonesia with a quantitative descriptive observational study through a re-analysis of the 2013 and 2018 Riskesdas data. The results showed that teenage smokers increased from 2013 to 2018 with majority of smokers in 2013 aged 15-19 years, male, graduated from junior high school, lived in a rural area, smoked every day, the age at first smoking (UPM) 15-19 years old, and white cigarettes as the type of cigarette smoked, while 2018 teenage smokers had the same characteristics as 2013 except for occasional smoking characteristics, UPM 10-14 years, the frequency is often near people who smoke, kretek cigarettes as a type of cigarette smoked, as well as the category of light smokers. This study concluded that there was an increase and changing in smoking behavior among teenagers aged 10-19 years in Indonesia in 2018 compared to 2013. This research still requires further in-depth study.

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