

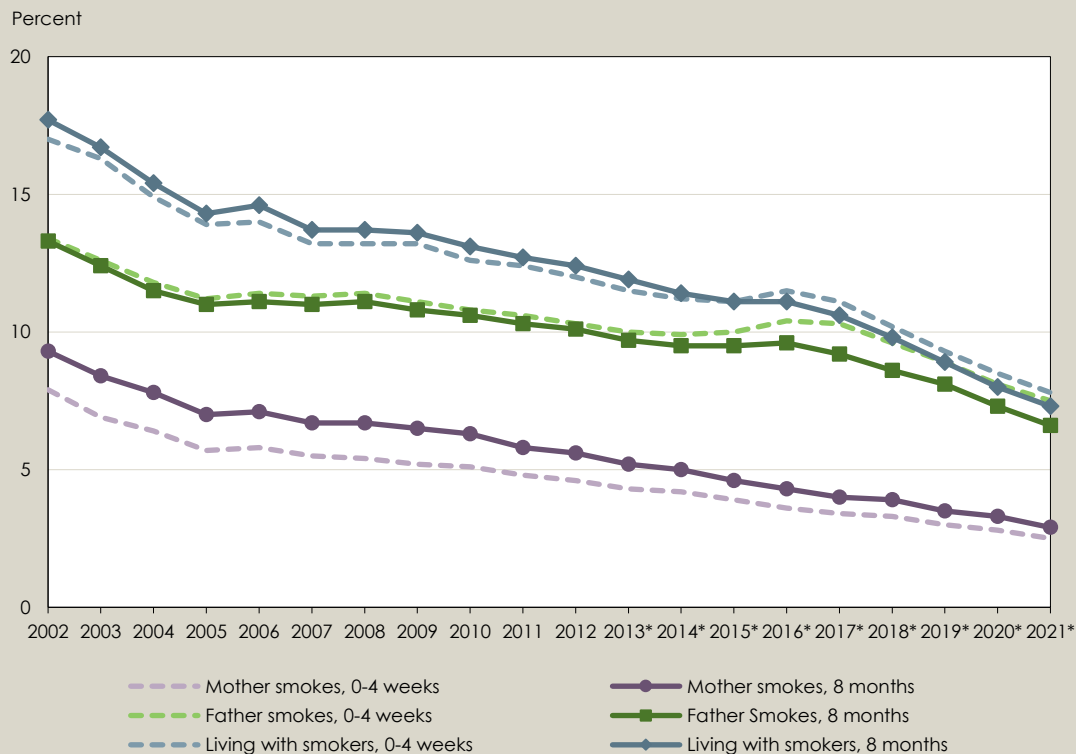
Statistics on Smoking Habits among Parents with Infants 2021

Smoking among parents of infants continues to decline. Over the past 20 years, the proportion of infants born to a mother who smokes has decreased to under a third, while the proportion of children with a smoking father has halved. Among the children born in 2021, 2.5 percent were with a smoking mother during the first weeks of life, while 7.5 percent of them had a smoking father in Sweden.

Fewer infants' parents smoke

About 7-8 percent of the children born in 2021 lived with someone that smoked daily at the age of 0-4 weeks as well as 8 months. That's less than half compared to the children born in 2002 (figure 1.1).

Figure 1.1 Children with smoking parents and children living with smokers during infancy, children born 2002-2021



*Estimated value for 2013–2021

Source: Statistics on Smoking Habits among Parents with Infants, The National Board of Health and Welfare

The proportion of infants with a smoking mother has decreased drastically for the past twenty years. For those born in 2002, almost 8 percent had a mother who smoked daily during their first weeks and 9,3 percent at 8 months of age. For children born in 2021, the proportion has decreased to 2,5 percent at 0-4 weeks of age and to 2,9 percent at 8 months of age.

Infants with a daily smoking father has also become less common during the same period, from 13,4 percent among those born in 2002 to less than 7,5 percent among children born in 2021 at the age of 0-4 weeks. The proportion of infants whose father smoked daily was 6,6 percent at 8 months of age for children born in 2021.

The proportion of infants born in 2021 with a smoking mother is higher at the age of 8 months compare to when they were 0-4 weeks' old. At the national level, the proportion raised from 2,5 percent to 2,9 percent. However, in the same interval, we observed a decreasing trend of the proportion of infants with a smoking father. Among the infants at 0-4 weeks of age, 7,5 percent had a daily smoking father compared to 6,6 percent among the 8 months' old infants born in the same year.

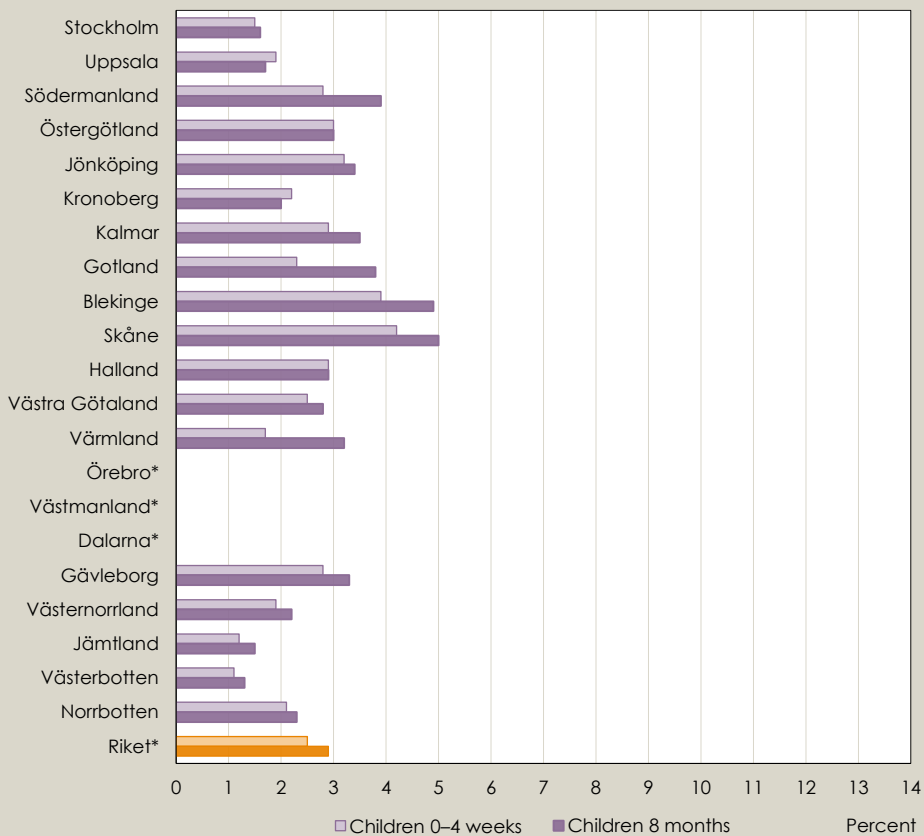
Smoker refers to a person who smokes at least once per day, i.e., inhales smoke from a cigarette, cigarillo, cigar, pipe tobacco or any other tobacco product. Persons who always smoke outside are also included. Use of e-cigarette or snus is not included.

Living with smoker refers to a child who permanently lives with any person who smokes according to the definition, for example parents, older siblings or grandparent. Permanently refers to the person living at the same address as the child at least 14 days per month.

Regional differences in smoking habits

The smoking habits of parents with infants vary among the counties. For children born in 2021, Västerbottens County had the lowest proportion of infants with a smoking mother, less than 1,5 percent both at the age of 0-4 weeks and 8 months. Skåne County had the highest proportion of children, 4,2 percent of infants had mothers who smoked daily when they were 0-4 weeks old and 5 percent when they were 8 months (figure 1.2).

Figure 1.2 Children with mothers who smoke during infancy, by county, children born 2021



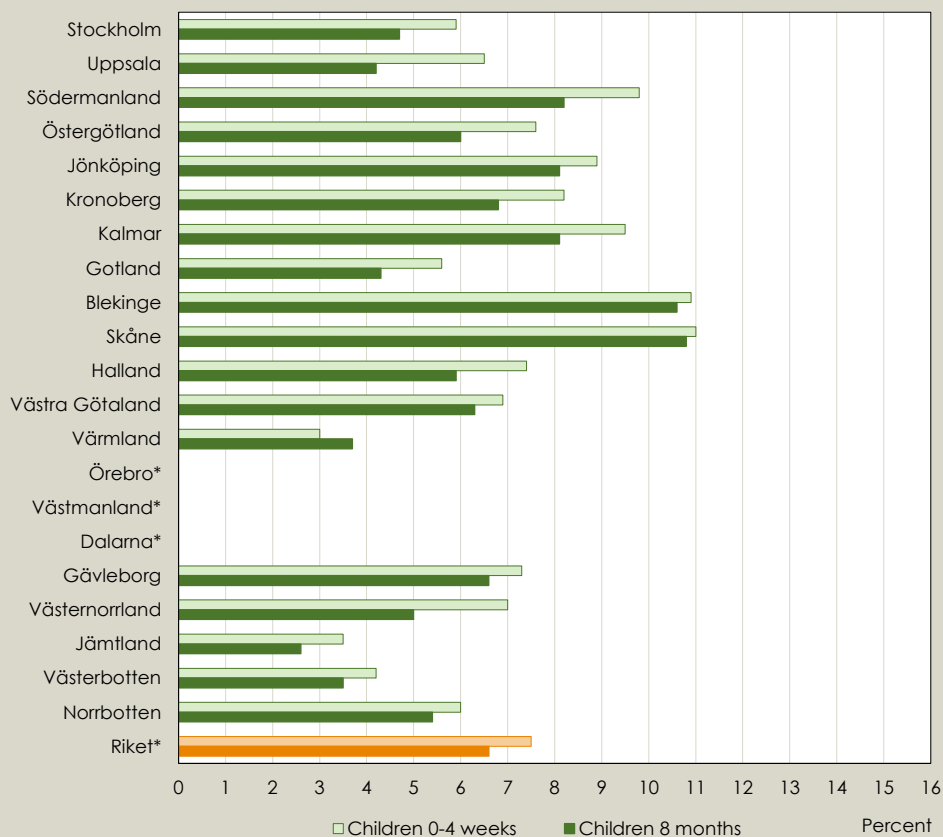
*Missing data for Örebro, Västmanlands och Dalarnas County. The values for the country is estimated due to the missing data.

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Among the infants born in 2021, having a smoking father was most common in Skåne and Blekinge county, with around 11 percent at the age of 0-4 weeks. Only 3 percent of the children in Värmlands county had a daily smoking father during the first few weeks in life, which was the lowest level in the country.

At the age of 8 months, the proportion of children with a daily smoking father was highest in Skåne county, which was 10,8 percent and Jämtlands county had the lowest proportion which was 2,6 percent (figure 1.3).

Figure 1.3 Children with fathers who smoke during infancy, by county, children born in 2021



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