

# Generation Vape - how young people are accessing and using vapes in NSW

**Aim** To assess access to vaping products, types of products used, and the factors associated with vaping and smoking among young people in New South Wales.

## What did we do?

- Online cross-sectional survey
- Sample of **721 young people** aged 14-17 years
- Recruited through online panels

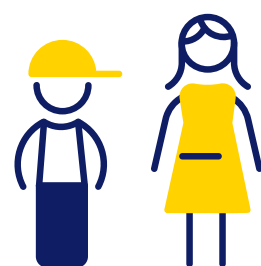


## How many young people are vaping?

- **32%** of the sample reported being an ever-vaper (n = 233)
- **54%** of ever-vapers had never smoked cigarettes prior to starting vaping
- Ever-smokers were **7x more likely** to be ever-vapers than those who had never smoked
- Ever-vapers were **18x more likely** to be ever-smokers than those who had never vaped

## How do young people access vapes in NSW?

**80%** of those who didn't buy the vape themselves, reported getting it from a **friend**



**49%** of those who did buy the vape bought from a **friend or 'dealer'**



**31%** who did buy the vape bought from a **retail store**

(tobacconist, petrol station, vape or convenience store)



## What products are young people using?

**52%** used **disposable** vapes

**53%** used a vape they knew contained **nicotine**

Most important factor for vaping is flavouring and taste



**80%** of young people found it **EASY** to access vapes in NSW

## Implications for public health?



*Stronger enforcement of federal and state polices designed to protect young people from vaping products is urgently needed*