

Table 4 Frequency of ever-smoking according to attitudes and beliefs of students

Believe that smoking:	Total (n = 1505) %	Ever-smokers (n = 657) %	P-value
Is harmful to smokers' health			
Definitely no	3.8	52.6	0.001
Probably no	3.1	71.7	
Probably yes	10.2	66.0	
Definitely yes	83.0	39.5	
Is harmful to non-smokers' health			
Definitely no	6.3	37.9	0.007
Probably no	6.8	53.4	
Probably yes	21.1	49.7	
Definitely yes	65.7	41.3	
Helps attract the opposite sex			
More	18.6	54.6	0.001
Less	55.8	39.2	
No difference	25.6	45.5	
Helps modify body weight			
Gain weight	4.7	47.1	0.694
Lose weight	62.2	44.0	
No difference	33.1	42.4	
Helps one feel comfortable in social gatherings			
More	13.5	69.0	0.001
Less	21.1	39.6	
No difference	18.4	43.3	
Don't know	46.9	38.4	
Helps increase one's number of friends			
More	33.5	49.6	0.001
Less	33.5	34.5	
No difference	33.0	47.0	
Should be banned			
Yes	76.4	40.0	0.001
No	23.6	55.5	