

global adult tobacco survey

Egypt key findings

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Shisha use

- Approximately 3.5% of the Egyptian population are *shisha* smokers.
- Around 56% of *shisha* users smoke *shisha* at home, while almost 36% smoke *shisha* in cafes (Figure 10).
- Nearly 18% of *shisha* users spend almost one hour in a *shisha* smoking session.
- Nearly 20% of *shisha* users reported that they shared their smoking instrument with another person.
- Those *shisha* smokers with no formal education tended to share their smoking instrument with other people more than those who are university graduates (almost 21% and 13%, respectively) (Figure 11).
- Around 33% of males and females, respectively reported using two *hagar* in each *shisha* smoking session (Figure 12).
- Approximately 98% of *shisha* smokers use unflavoured tobacco.

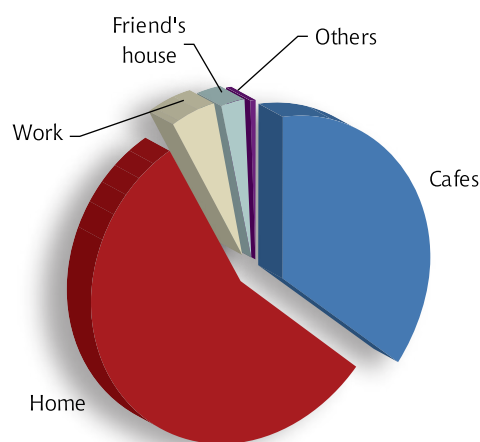


Figure 10. Location of *shisha* smoking among *shisha* users

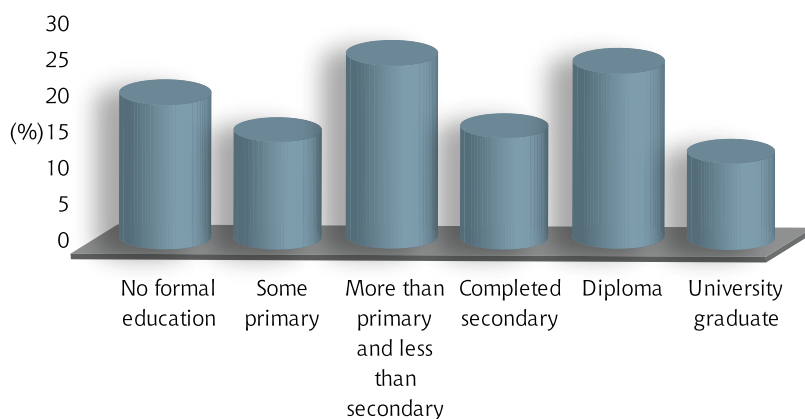


Figure 11. Percentage of *shisha* users sharing their *shisha* instrument according to education level

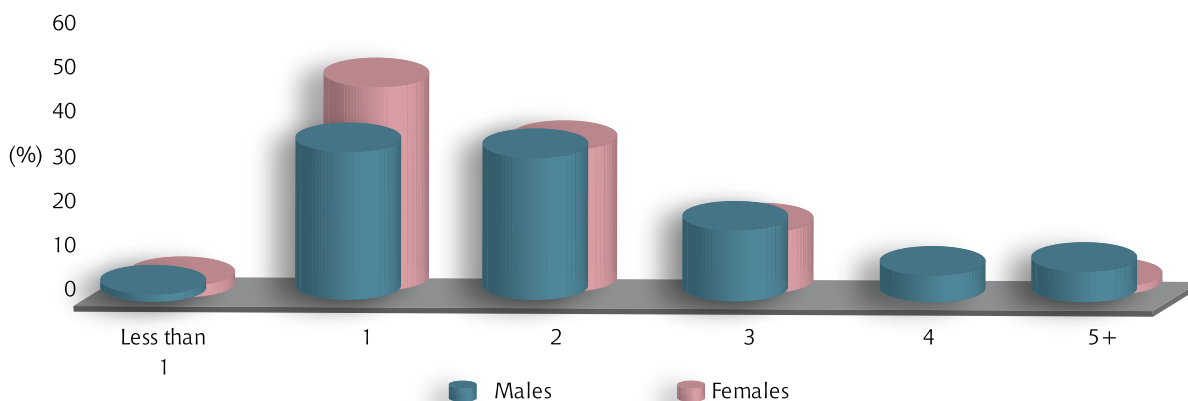


Figure 12. Number of *hagar* used by *shisha* users in a *shisha* smoking session