

# global adult tobacco survey

## Egypt key findings

The Ministry of Health of Egypt, the Central Agency for Public Mobilization and Statistics (CAPMAS) and the WHO Representative's Office in Egypt are the three national partners who collaborated in conducting the Global Adult Tobacco Survey (GATS). GATS is a standardized global survey for systematically monitoring adult tobacco use (smoked and smokeless) and tracking key tobacco control indicators. It is a nationally representative survey, using a consistent and standard protocol across countries, and enhances countries' capacity to plan, implement and evaluate tobacco control programmes. It will also assist countries to fulfil their obligations under the World Health Organization's (WHO) Framework Convention on Tobacco Control to generate comparable data within and across countries. Financial support for GATS was provided by Bloomberg Philanthropies. Technical assistance was provided by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Atlanta and programme support by the CDC Foundation.

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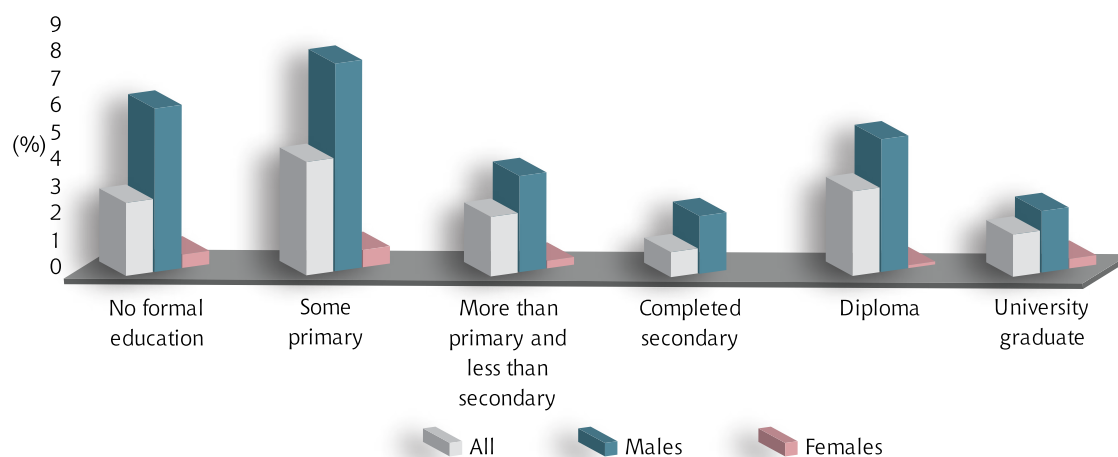
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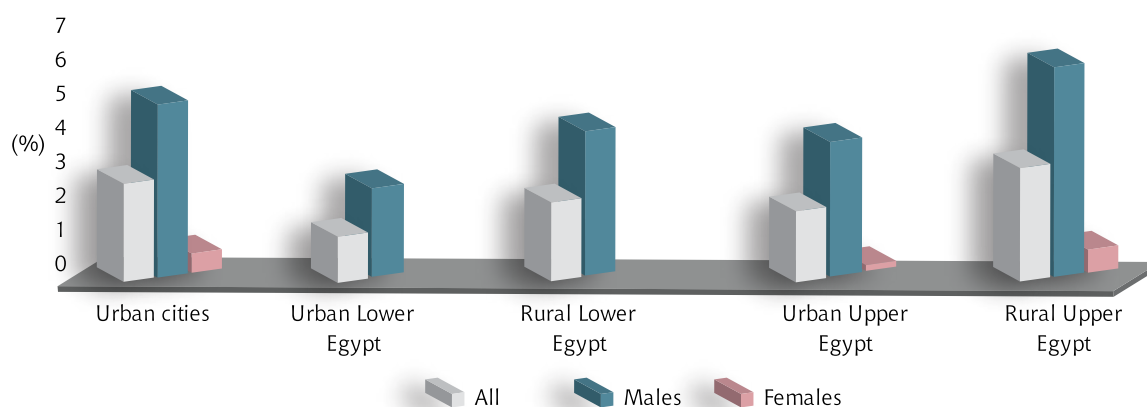


# Smokeless tobacco

- Smokeless tobacco was reported for the first time in this study as the third most widely used tobacco form after cigarettes and *shisha*.
- Nearly 17% of the entire Egyptian population smoke cigarettes, about 4% smoke *shisha* and nearly 3% use smokeless tobacco.
- Nearly 5.5% of males and 0.6% of females in the most urbanized cities use smokeless tobacco.
- Use of smokeless tobacco is higher among those with some primary level education than those who are university graduates (4.4% versus 1.6%) (Figure 13).
- The highest percentage of smokeless tobacco users (male and female) reside in the most urbanized cities and rural Upper Egypt, at a rate of 3% and 3.5%, respectively (Figure 14).



**Figure 13.** Percentage of the Egyptian population using smokeless tobacco according to education level



**Figure 14.** Percentage of the Egyptian population using smokeless tobacco according to geographic location