

global adult tobacco survey

Egypt key findings

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Men and tobacco use

- Around 38% of the Egyptian male population uses some form of tobacco product. Of this percentage, nearly 32% smoke cigarettes, about 6% smoke *shisha* and almost 5% use smokeless (chewed) tobacco (Figure 4).
- The percentage of the male population using any tobacco product increases to around 46% and nearly 49% among the productive age groups 25–44 and 45–64 years, respectively (Figure 5).
- The prevalence of using any tobacco product among male university graduates is almost 27%. The percentage of using any tobacco product among males with no formal education or those with some primary level education was higher at about 52% and nearly 50%, respectively (Figure 6).
- Around 17% of males indicated that they started smoking any tobacco product before the age of 15 and nearly 41% before the age of 17.

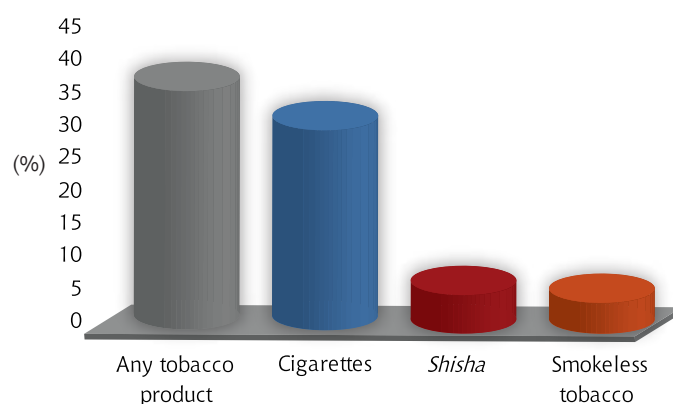


Figure 4. Percentage of tobacco use among Egyptian males

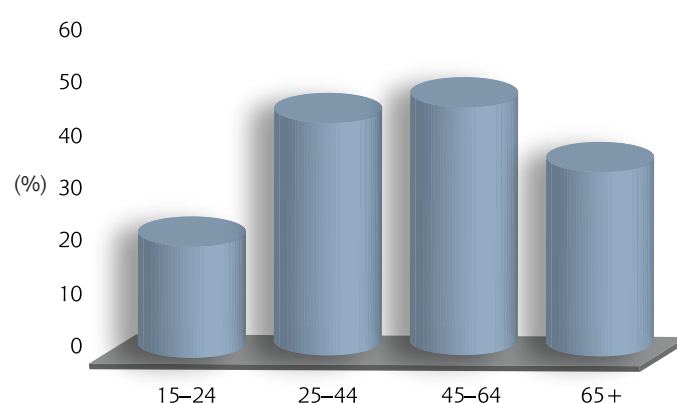


Figure 5. Percentage of Egyptian males using any tobacco product according to age group

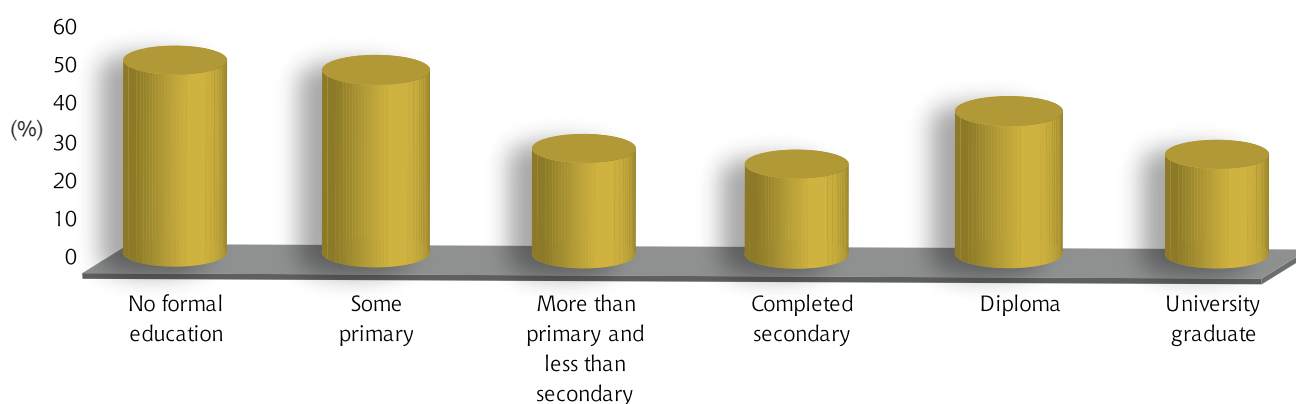


Figure 6. Percentage of Egyptian males using any tobacco product according to education level