

global adult tobacco survey

Egypt key findings

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Women and tobacco use

- 0.6% of the Egyptian female population uses some form of tobacco product. Of this percentage, 0.2% smoke cigarettes, 0.3% smoke *shisha* and 0.3% use smokeless (chewed) tobacco (Figure 7).
- The percentage of the female population using any tobacco product increases to 1.4% and 1.7% among the age groups 45–64 and 65+ years, respectively (Figure 8).
- The prevalence of using any tobacco product among female university graduates is 0.6%. The percentage of using any tobacco product among females with no formal education or those with some primary level education was higher at 1.1%, respectively (Figure 9).
- Tobacco use starts as early as 16 years old in females.
- Current female Egyptian *shisha* smokers engage on average in 3.5 *shisha* smoking sessions a day; 45% of these reported that the duration of their last session was 10 minutes.

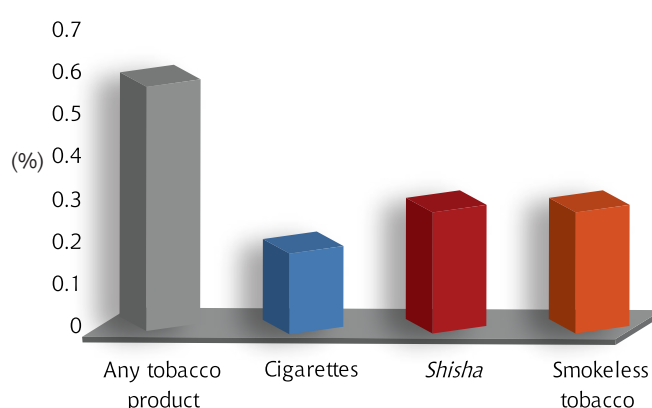


Figure 7. Percentage of tobacco use among Egyptian females

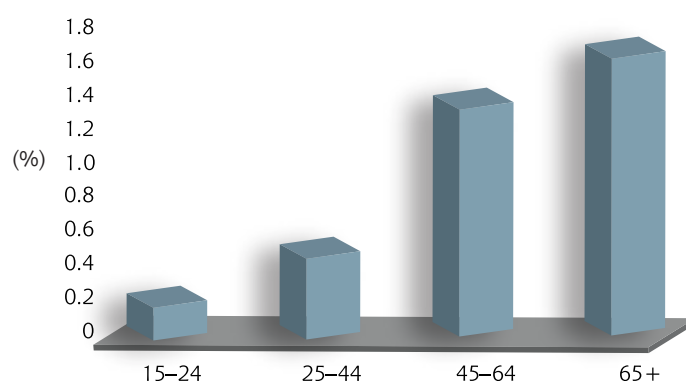


Figure 8. Percentage of Egyptian females using any tobacco product according to age group

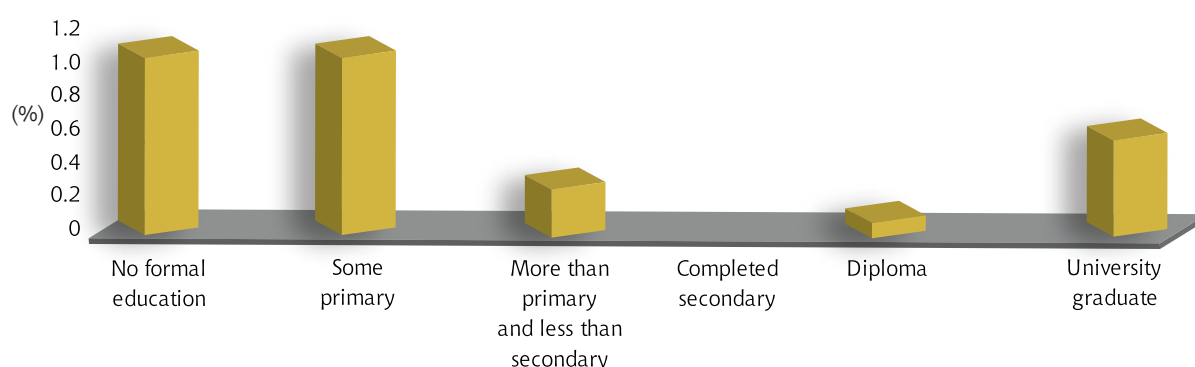


Figure 9. Percentage of Egyptian females using any tobacco product according to education level