

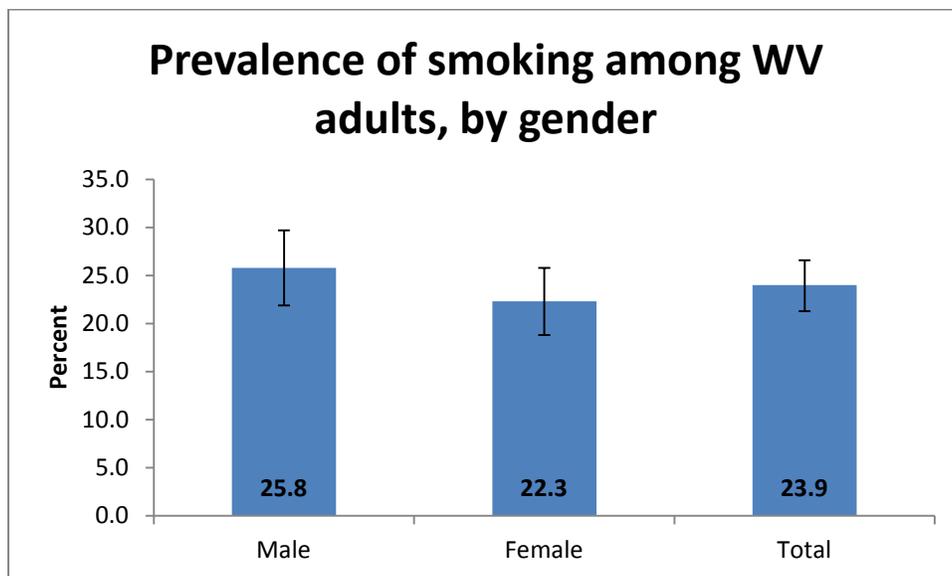
Tobacco Use Prevalence in West Virginia

Results from the West Virginia Adult Tobacco Survey

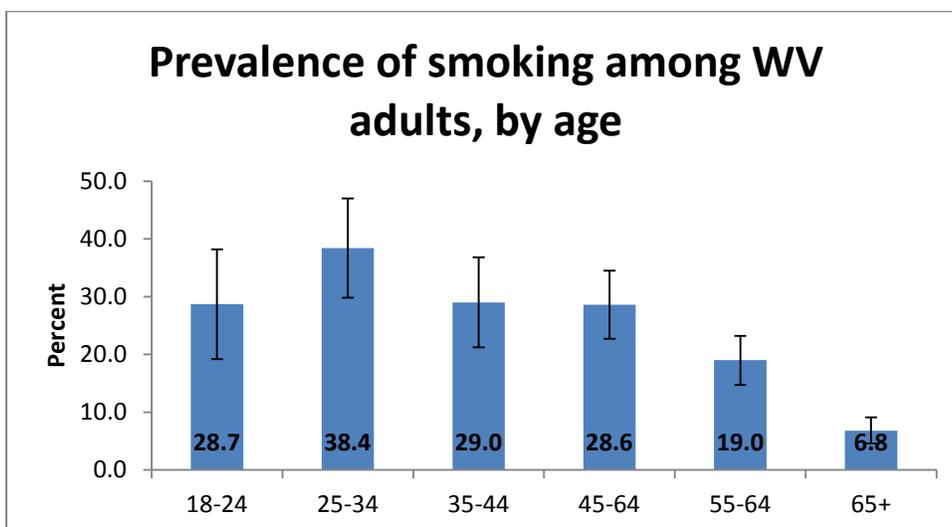
The West Virginia Adult Tobacco Survey (WVATS) is designed to monitor tobacco use and exposure to secondhand smoke. The WVATS provides a method of assessing tobacco-related behaviors, attitudes, and beliefs over time, and helps measure the effectiveness of ongoing adult tobacco control programs funded by the Legislature through the Department of Health and Human Resources, Division of Tobacco Prevention. The 2012 WVATS was conducted over the first 4 months of 2012. A total of 2,132 adults were surveyed via telephone, including a sample of adults in households that use cell phones only. Responses were weighted to represent the entire adult West Virginia population.

Smoking Prevalence

Smoking prevalence for adult West Virginians is 23.9%, with rates higher among men than women.



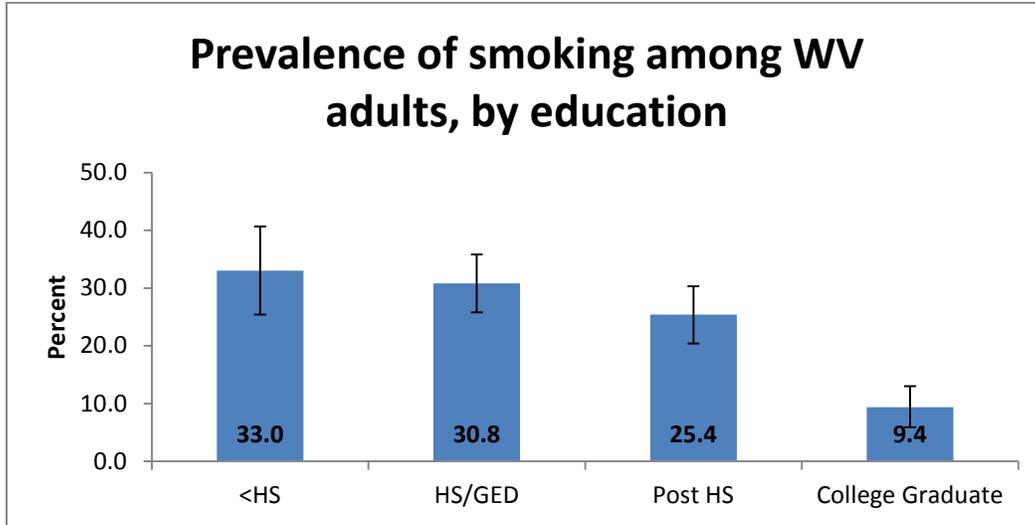
Adults ages 25-34 have the highest smoking rate; it is lowest among senior citizens.



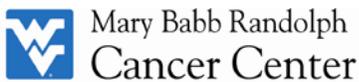
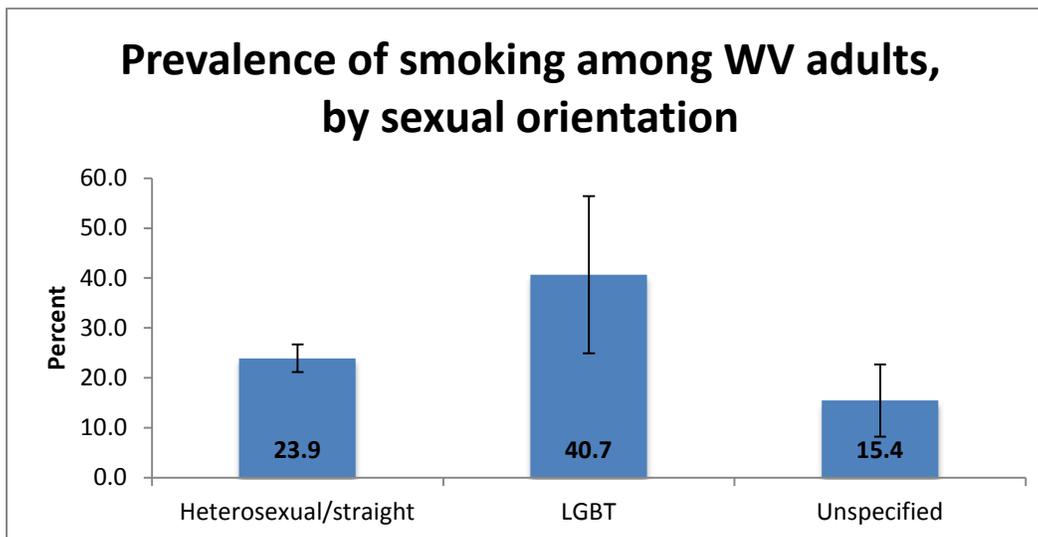
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Adults with less than a high school diploma/GED have the highest smoking rate.



For the first time there is smoking prevalence data by sexual orientation. Adults who identify as being Lesbian, Gay, Bi-sexual or Transgender have a very high rate of smoking relative to the heterosexual/straight population. Please note the wide confidence intervals for LGBTs, which is due to the small sample size. Adults who did not provide their sexual orientation are noted as “Unspecified.”



The West Virginia Adult Tobacco Survey is funded by the WV Bureau for Public Health's Division of Tobacco Prevention.