

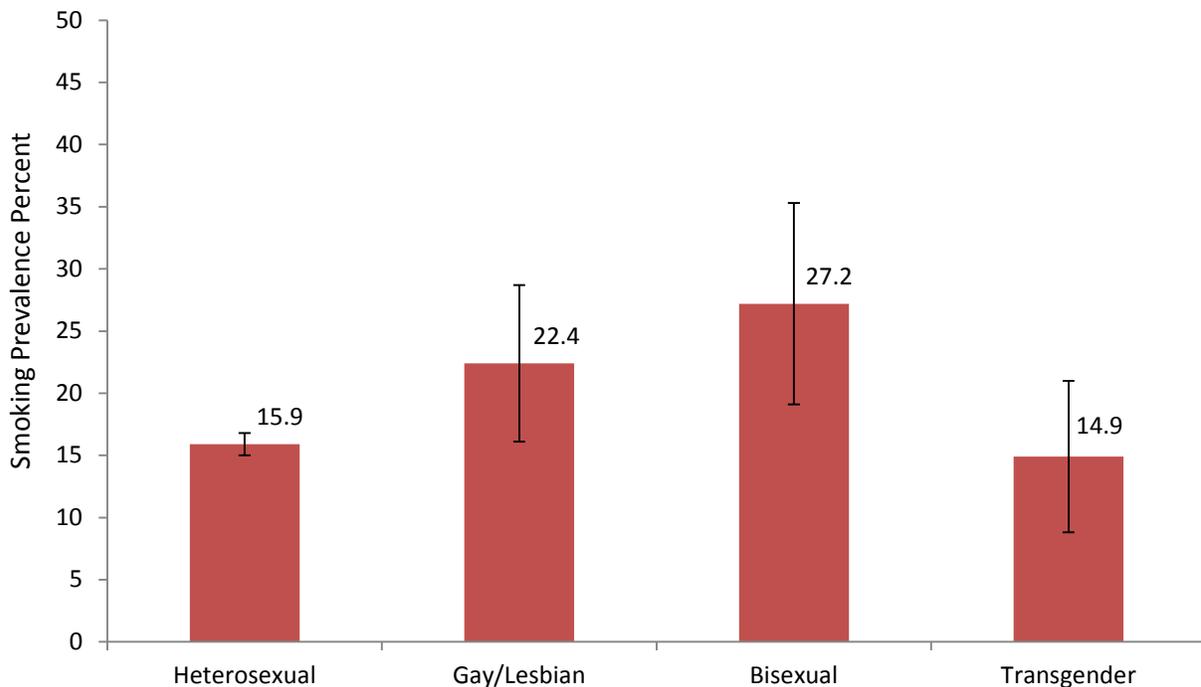


Lesbian, Gay, and Bisexual New Yorkers Smoke at much Higher Rates than Heterosexual Adults

The New York Adult Tobacco survey collects information on tobacco use among different demographic groups. Four years of data were pooled to estimate cigarette smoking prevalence among self-identified lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) adults. Information in published literature on cigarette smoking among these groups is limited. Data for years 2008-2011 were combined as the number of New Yorkers surveyed and self identified as LGBT was small.

- Smoking prevalence among gay/lesbian and bisexual adults was 22.4 % and 27.2% respectively, compared to 15.9% smoking prevalence among heterosexual adults.
- Smoking rates among lesbian and gay New Yorkers is 40% higher and the rate for bisexual adults is 70% higher when compared with heterosexual adults.
- The smoking prevalence among transgender adults was 14.9%, not different from heterosexuals.

Prevalence of cigarette smoking among self identified gay/lesbian, bisexual and transgender adults in New York State, 2008-2011



Source: New York State Adult Tobacco Survey, 2008-2011

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