



Press Release

Central Agency for Public Mobilization And Statistics

World No Tobacco Day

16.6 % of the total population are smokers in 2012/ 2013

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The main goal of "World No Tobacco Day" is contributing to protect present and future generations not only from the devastating health consequences caused by tobacco, but also from the social, environmental and economic lesions of tobacco use and exposure to its smoke.

The campaign of this year aims at urging governments to increase tobacco taxes in order to limit its consumption levels, with the participation of civil society organization in the community to stimulate society towards such.

According to the data of (HICS)* 2012-2013, the smoking indicators are as follows:

- 14.1 million Smokers that represents 16.6 % of the total population (15 years and over) in 2013, (6 million of them in urban areas, and 8.1 million in the rural areas).

*(HICS): Household income, expenditure and consumption survey.

- The ratio of smoking among males reached 33.3%, and it reached only 0.2% among females. This means that it is mainly a male phenomenon.
- More than 20 million individuals were non- smokers but they are exposed to second-hand smoke within the family if there is one or more than one Smoker in the family.
- 46.2% of the total smokers were in the age group (25-44) years, 13 % of them are in age group (18-24) years.
- 57.6% of the total smokers have less than intermediate education and almost half of them are illiterate, 8.7% of smokers hold a university degree or higher.
- 57.2 % of smokers are paid employed, 17.3% of them are business owners.
- 4.1% of the total expenditure of the Egyptian family was spent on smoking.
- 1062 pounds was the average annual share of Egyptian family expenditure on smoking.
- 2605 pounds was the average annual expenditure on smoking for the families which have one or more smokers (according to HICS sample in 2012-2013).

