

7 Tobacco Use

Tobacco use is a leading cause of death worldwide.^{1,2} Africa has become a prime market for the tobacco industry.^{1,4}

About 13 million adults currently used tobacco in the 6 GATS countries in the African Region. Percentages ranged from 5% in Ethiopia to 12% in Kenya. Among men, current tobacco use ranged from 8% in Ethiopia to 19% in Kenya. Among women, it ranged from 1% in Nigeria and Senegal to 5% in Kenya and Uganda.

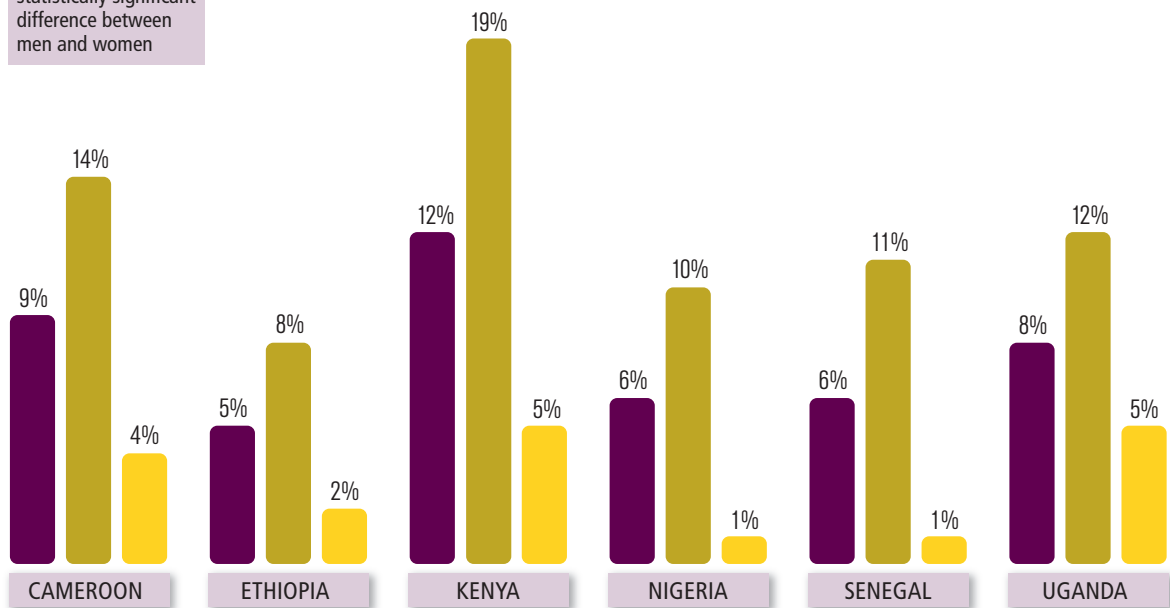
Current tobacco use was significantly higher among men than women in the 6 GATS countries. The men-to-women ratio for tobacco use ranged from 3 to 1 in Cameroon and Uganda to 9 to 1 in Nigeria and Senegal.

Ten percent or more of students currently used tobacco in 27 of the 34 GYTS countries. Percentages ranged from 7% in Eritrea to 31% in Namibia.



TOBACCO USE BY ADULTS

Percentage of adults age 15 years or older who currently used tobacco 2012–17



About 13 million adults in total used tobacco in the 6 GATS countries^a

10% or more of students used tobacco in 27 GYTS countries



TOBACCO USE BY STUDENTS

Percentage of students age 13–15 who currently used tobacco 2006–11 2013–16*

