

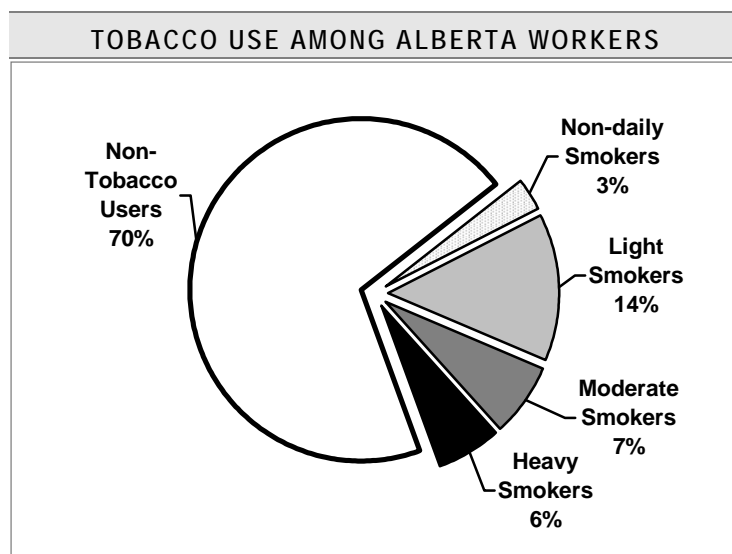
TOBACCO USE AND THE ALBERTA WORKPLACE 2002

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Substance Use and Gambling in the Alberta Workplace, 2002: A Replication Study (AADAC, 2003) provided current information and trend data on substance use and gambling in the Alberta workplace as a follow-up to similar research done in 1992. Employees (2,836), employers (755) and union representatives (88) provided information about the prevalence and patterns of substance use and gambling among Alberta workers. Specifically, 1,890 workers aged 18+ were asked about tobacco use.

Prevalence and Patterns of Tobacco Use by Workers

Information about tobacco use among Alberta workers was collected for the first time in 2002. Regarding overall use, almost one-third of workers (30%) smoked or used tobacco within the past month. Most tobacco users smoked cigarettes on a daily basis and more than one in 10 workers (13%) engaged in moderate (11-19 cigarettes/day) or heavy (20+ cigarettes/day) smoking.



Tobacco Use in the Workplace

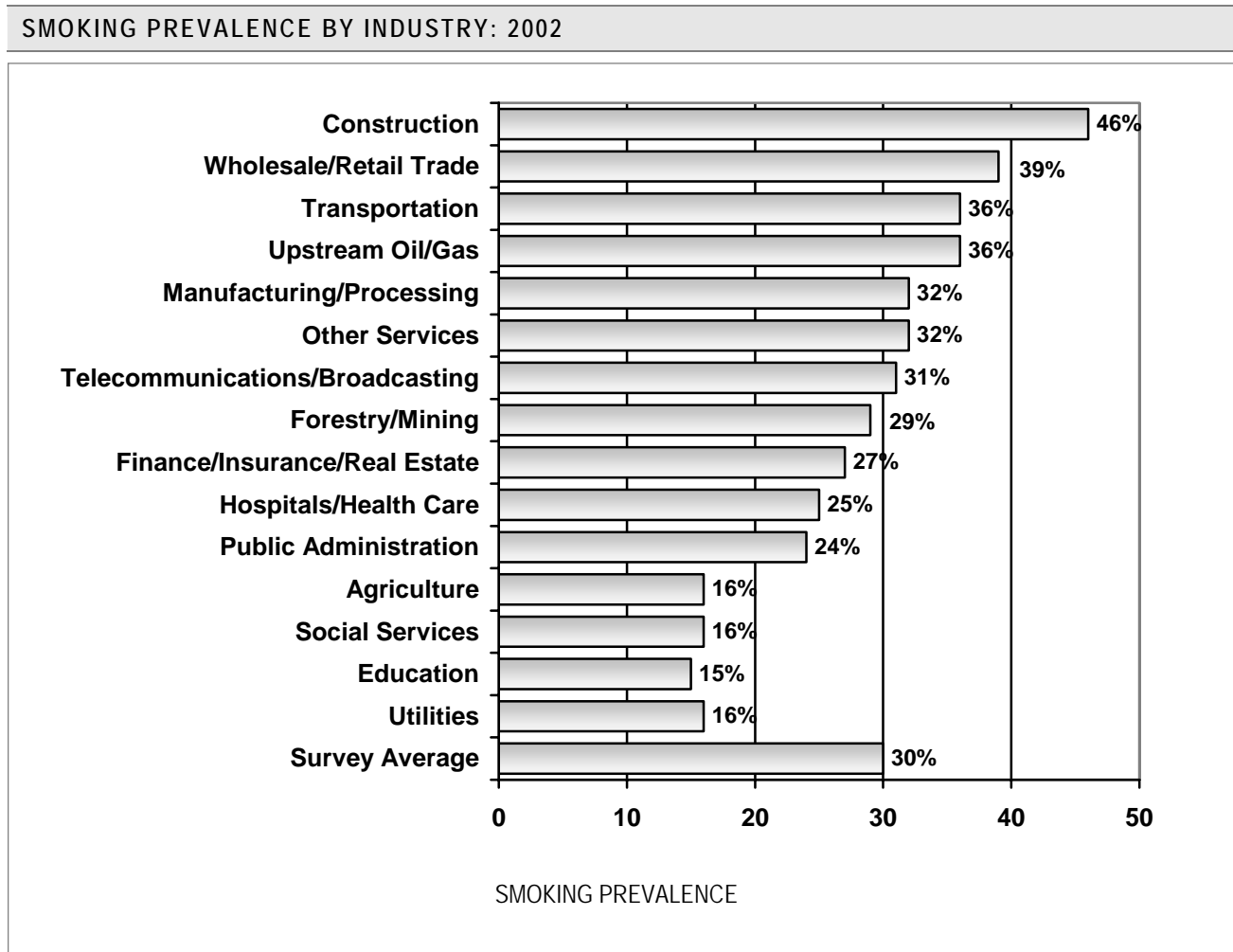
Almost one-quarter (22%) of the workforce had smoked or used tobacco while at work within the past month. Cigarettes were the most commonly used type of tobacco at work. It is estimated that 368,236 workers used tobacco while at work in Alberta.

TYPES OF TOBACCO USE AT WORK: 2002					
TOBACCO USE AT WORK IN PAST MONTH	TYPE OF USE AT WORK				
	Cigarettes	Pipe	Cigar	Snuff	Chewing Tobacco
22%	96%	0.2%	2.2%	0.5%	1.7%

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Smoking Prevalence by Industry

Education, social services and agriculture workers were least likely to report tobacco use during the past month. Construction, wholesale/retail trade, transportation and upstream oil/gas workers were most likely to report tobacco use.



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