



# PATH

Population Assessment  
of Tobacco and Health

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# Overview of the Population Assessment of Tobacco and Health (PATH) Study and Highlighted Findings From Wave 1

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# Objectives

- Overview of the PATH Study design
- Highlight select findings from Wave 1
  - Flavored tobacco product use among youth (*JAMA*, 2015)
  - Prevalence estimates by tobacco product in youth and adults (*Society for Research on Nicotine and Tobacco: Presidential Plenary, 2016*)
  - Associations among tobacco use, substance use, and mental health problems in youth and adults (*in progress*)
- Describe how to access Wave 1 data
- Discussion, questions, and answers

# Population Assessment of Tobacco and Health (PATH) Study

## PATH Study Overview

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- A nationally representative longitudinal study of tobacco use, its determinants, and its impacts
- Funded by the FDA Center for Tobacco Products
- Administered by the NIH National Institute on Drug Abuse
- Developed by FDA and NIH with assistance from:

### Westat and the Westat Scientific Partners

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*Project Director*

**David Maklan, Westat**

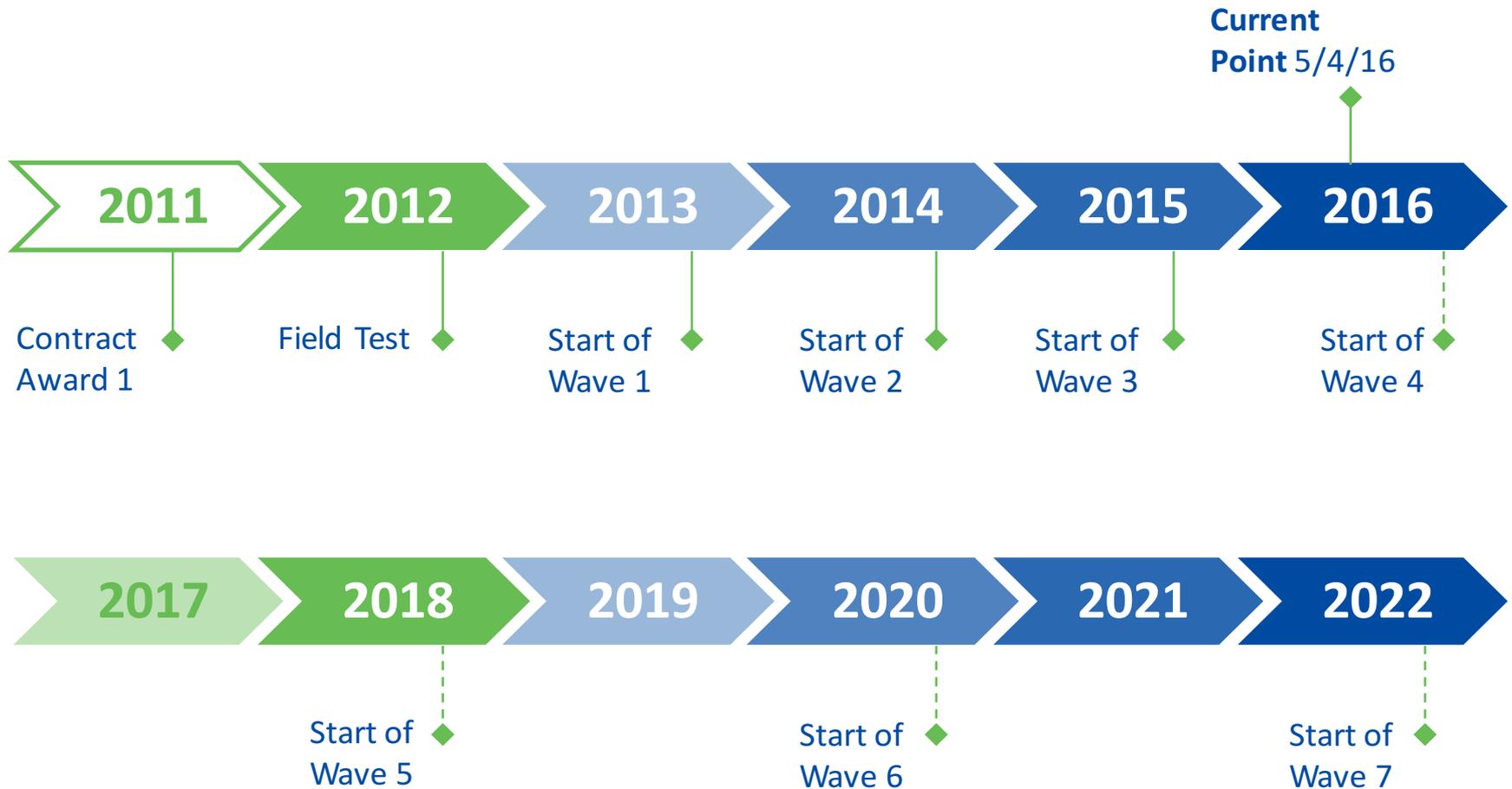
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# PATH Study Timeline



# Wave 1 Design Features

**Longitudinal** cohort design

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**Nationally representative sample** of U.S. civilian, non-institutionalized population ages 12 years and older

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**Sample size: N=45,971** (N=32,320 adults 18+ years; N=13,651 youth 12-17 years)

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Baseline data collection: September 2013 – December 2014

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Sample includes **never, current, and former tobacco users**

**Four-stage, stratified probability** sample design

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**Up to two adults** (oversampled for tobacco users, African Americans, and young adults ages 18-24) and **up to two youths** (at random) per household

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The weighted response rate for the Household Screener was **54.0%**.

Among screened households, the overall weighted response rate was 74.0% for the Adult Interview and 78.4% for the Youth Interview.

# Tobacco Products Assessed in Wave 1

**Cigarette**



**E-cigarette**



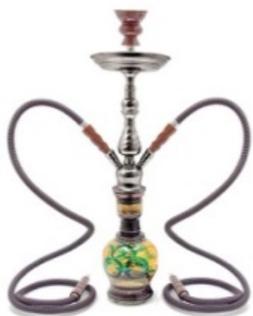
**Traditional cigar, cigarillo, little filtered cigar**



**Pipe**



**Hookah**



**Dissolvable tobacco**



**Smokeless** (snus pouches, chewing tobacco, dip, moist snuff)



**Bidis and kreteks** (youth)



# Wave 1 Questionnaire and Biospecimen Collection

## Instruments

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- Household Screener
- Adult Extended Interview
- Youth Extended Interview
- Parent Interview

## Instrument Methodology

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- Audio Computer-Assisted Self-Interviewing (ACASI) for adults and youth
- Computer-Assisted Personal Interviewing (CAPI) for Household Screener, Parent Interview, ancillary

## Biospecimens (urine, blood, buccal cells) from adults

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- CDC is performing some of the biospecimen lab work

# Participants Eligible to Provide Biospecimens

	Participant	Wave 1	Wave 2	Wave 3	Wave 4 <sup>a</sup>	Wave 5	Wave 6 <sup>a</sup>	Wave 7
		<b>Completed</b>		<b>Ongoing</b>	<b>Planned</b>			
<b>Urine</b>	Adult	All	<u>Core</u> <sup>b</sup>					
			18 yr olds	18 yr olds	18 yr olds	18-19 yr olds	18-19 yr olds	18-19 yr olds
					New <sup>a</sup>		New <sup>a</sup>	
	Youth	--	--	--	All	<u>Core</u> <sup>b</sup>	<u>Core</u> <sup>b</sup>	<u>Core</u> <sup>b</sup>
						12-13 yr olds	12-13 yr olds	12-13 yr olds
<b>Blood</b>	Adult	All	18 yr olds	18 yr olds	18 yr olds	18-19 yr olds	18-19 yr olds	18-19 yr olds
					New <sup>a</sup>	<u>Gave blood at W1</u>	New <sup>a</sup>	
<b>Buccal</b>	Adult	All <sup>c</sup>	--	--	--	--	--	--

<sup>a</sup> Includes replenishment sample to approximate Wave 1 final sample size; <sup>b</sup> Core (Adult): comprised of adult tobacco-user groups of high interest including cigarette users, non-cigarette product users, former users, and never users; Core (Youth): comprised of 50 percent of continuing youth who gave a sample in previous wave;

<sup>c</sup> Discontinued midway through wave; -- Indicates a longitudinal subsample

# Planned Biospecimen Analyses of “Core Adults”

Analyte	Matrix	Indication
<b>Nicotine and nicotine metabolites:</b> cotinine, trans-3'-hydroxycotinine, cotinine N-oxide, norcotinine, nicotine N-oxide, norcotinine, anatabine, anabasine	Serum Urine	Exposure
<b>Tobacco specific nitrosamines (TSNAs):</b> NNAL, NNN, NAT, NAB	Urine	Exposure
<b>Polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbon (PAH) metabolites:</b> 1-naphthol, 2-naphthol, 2-hydroxyfluorene, 3-hydroxyfluorene, 1-hydroxyphenanthrene, 3-hydroxyphenanthrene, 1-hydroxypyrene, naphthalene, phenanthrene, fluorene	Urine	Exposure
<b>Metals:</b> cadmium, cobalt, uranium, lead, strontium, beryllium, manganese, thallium	Urine	Exposure
<b>Speciated arsenic:</b> arsenous acid, arsenic acid, dimethylarsinic acid (DMA), monomethylarsonic acid (MMA)	Urine	Exposure
<b>Volatile organic compounds (VOC) metabolites:</b> 22 total	Urine	Exposure
<b>Creatinine</b>	Urine	Validation
<b>F2-isoprostane / 8-epi-prostaglandin F2a*</b>	Urine	Harm (oxidative stress)
<b>High sensitivity C-reactive protein (hsCRP)</b>	Serum	Harm (inflammation, cardiovascular disease)
<b>Interleukin 6 (IL-6)</b>	Serum	Harm (inflammation)
<b>Soluble intercellular adhesion molecule (sICAM)</b>	Serum	Harm (cardiovascular disease)
<b>Fibrinogen</b>	Plasma	Harm (cardiovascular disease)

## Wave 1 PATH Study Data

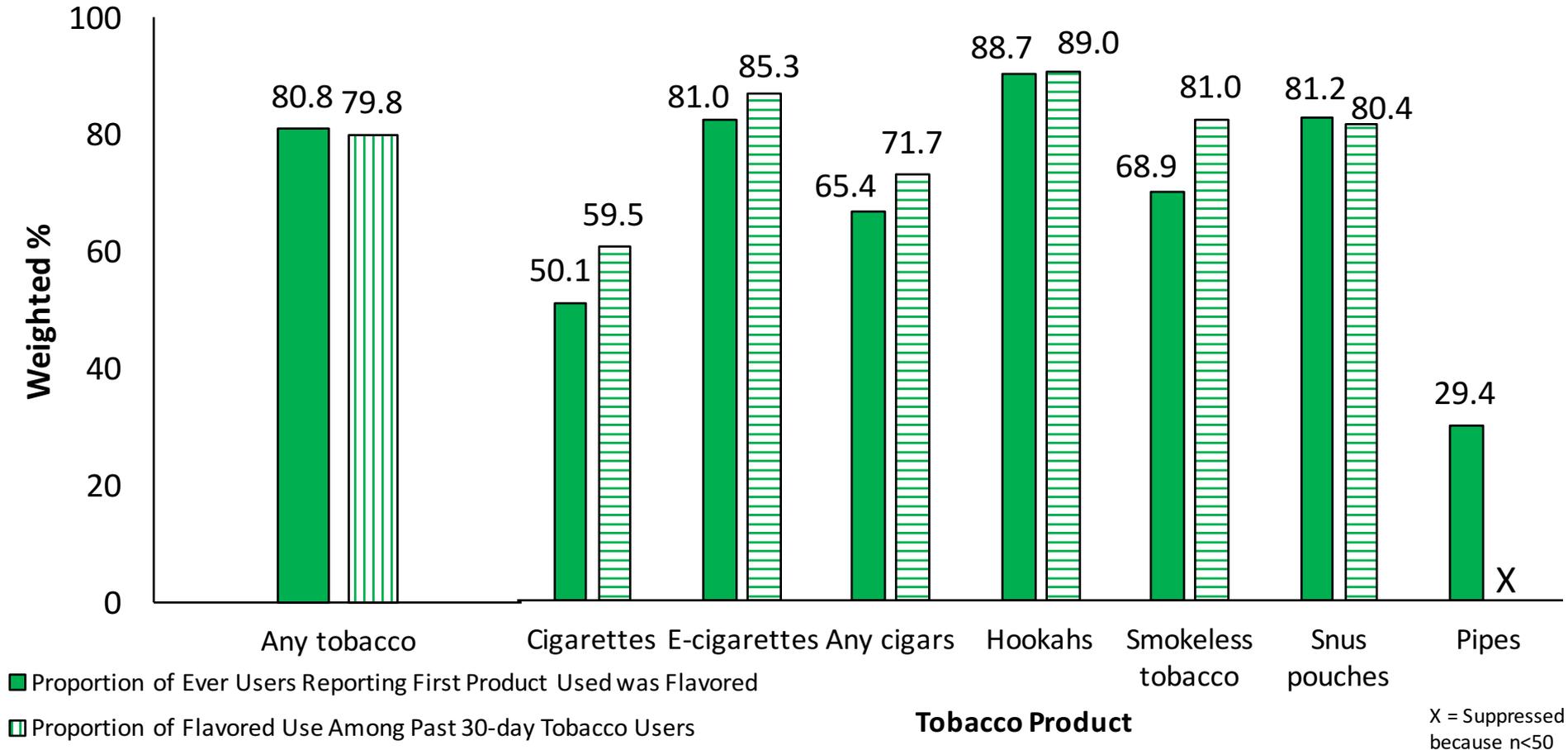
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*Flavored Tobacco Use Among Youth  
(Ambrose et al., JAMA, 2015)*

From: **Flavored Tobacco Product Use Among US Youth Aged 12-17 Years, 2013-2014**

JAMA. Published online October 26, 2015.1-3 doi:10.1001/jama.2015.13802

Prevalence of Ever and Past 30-Day Use of Tobacco Products, Proportion of Ever Users Reporting That the First Product Used Was Flavored, and Proportion of Past 30-Day Users Reporting Use of a Flavored Product, by Product—Population Assessment of Tobacco and Health Study Youth Respondents Aged 12-17 Years, 2013-2014



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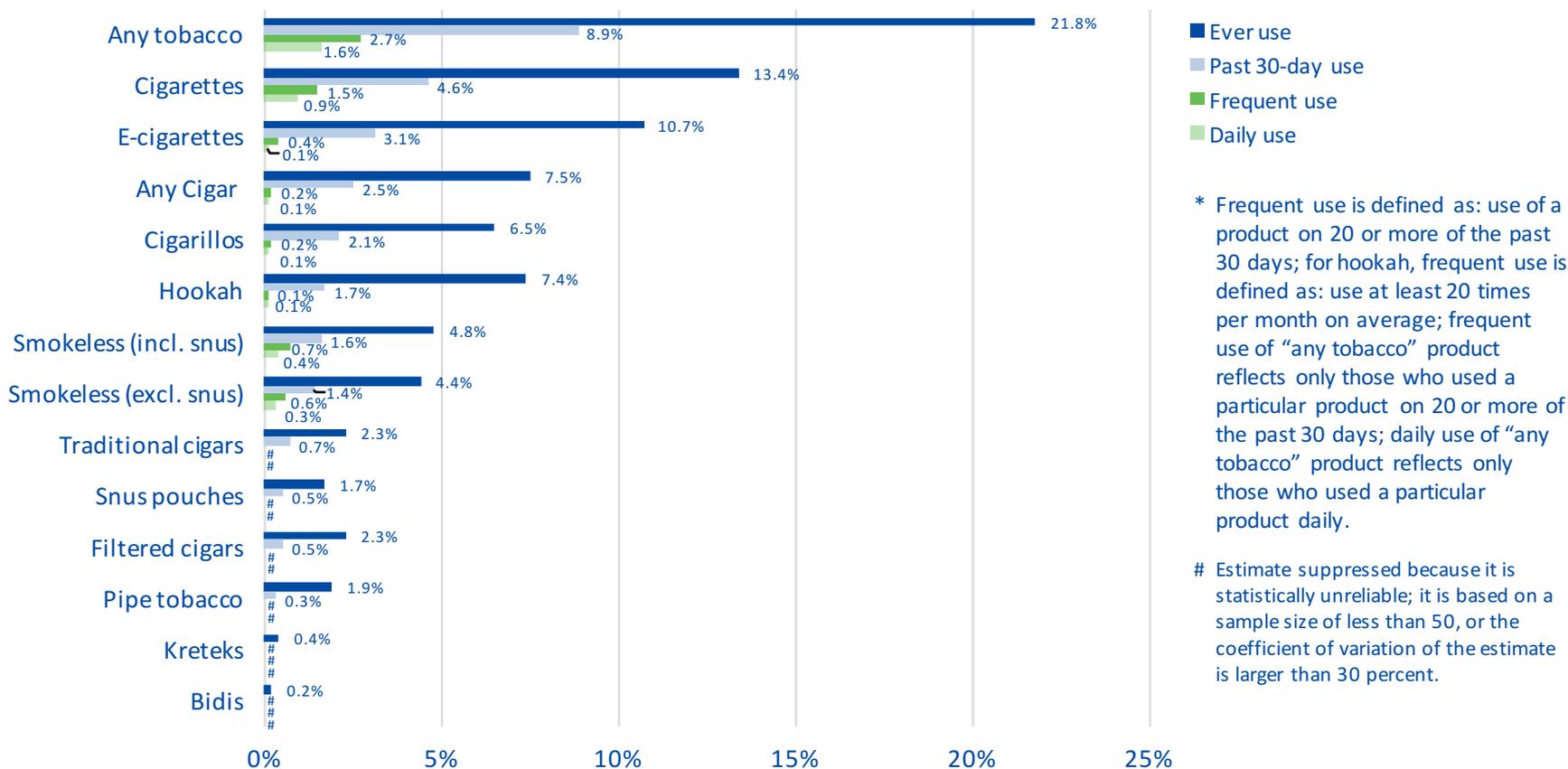
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Presidential Plenary

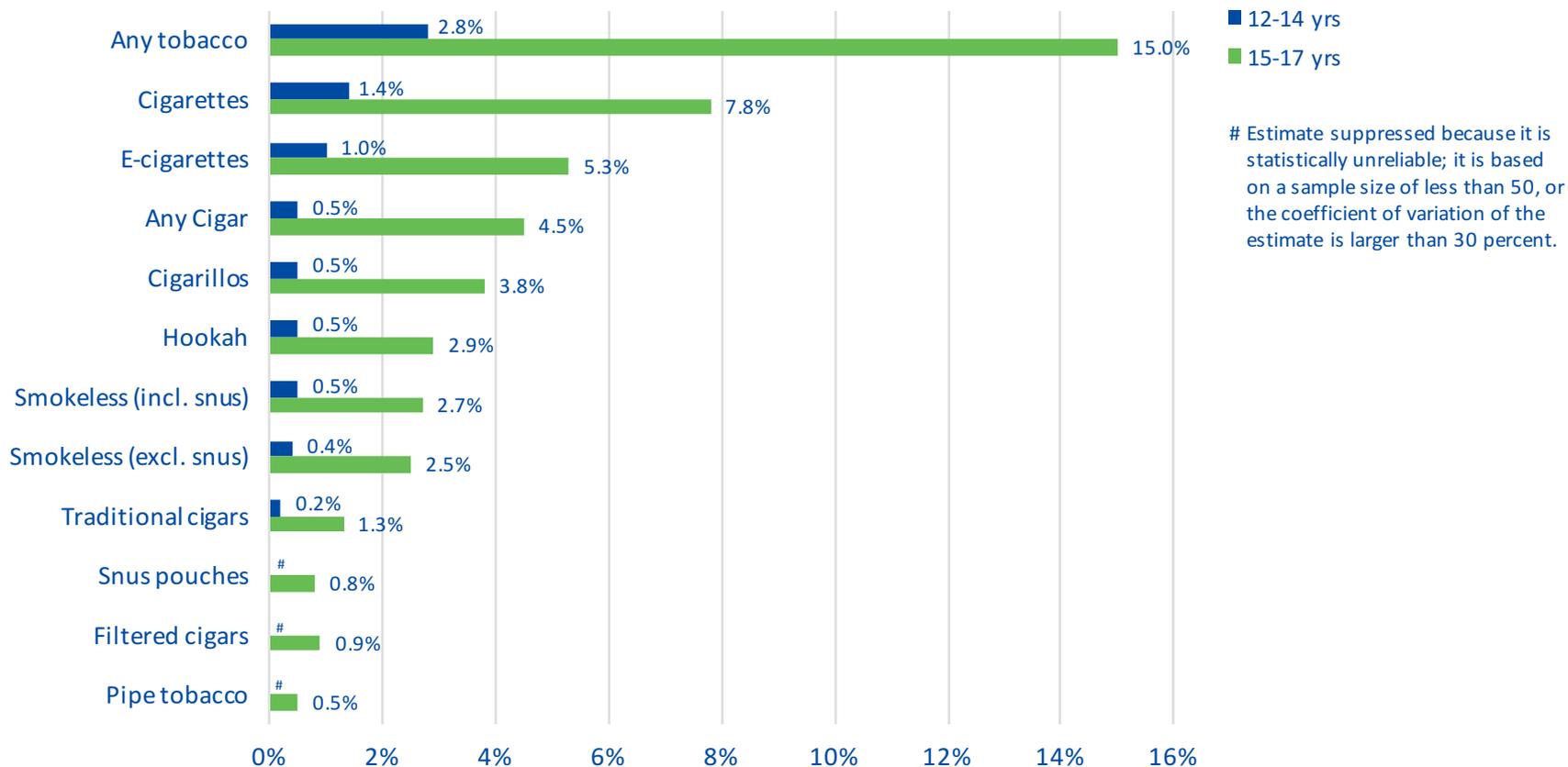
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## Percent of Youth Reporting Ever, Past 30-Day, Frequent,\* and Daily Use, by Product



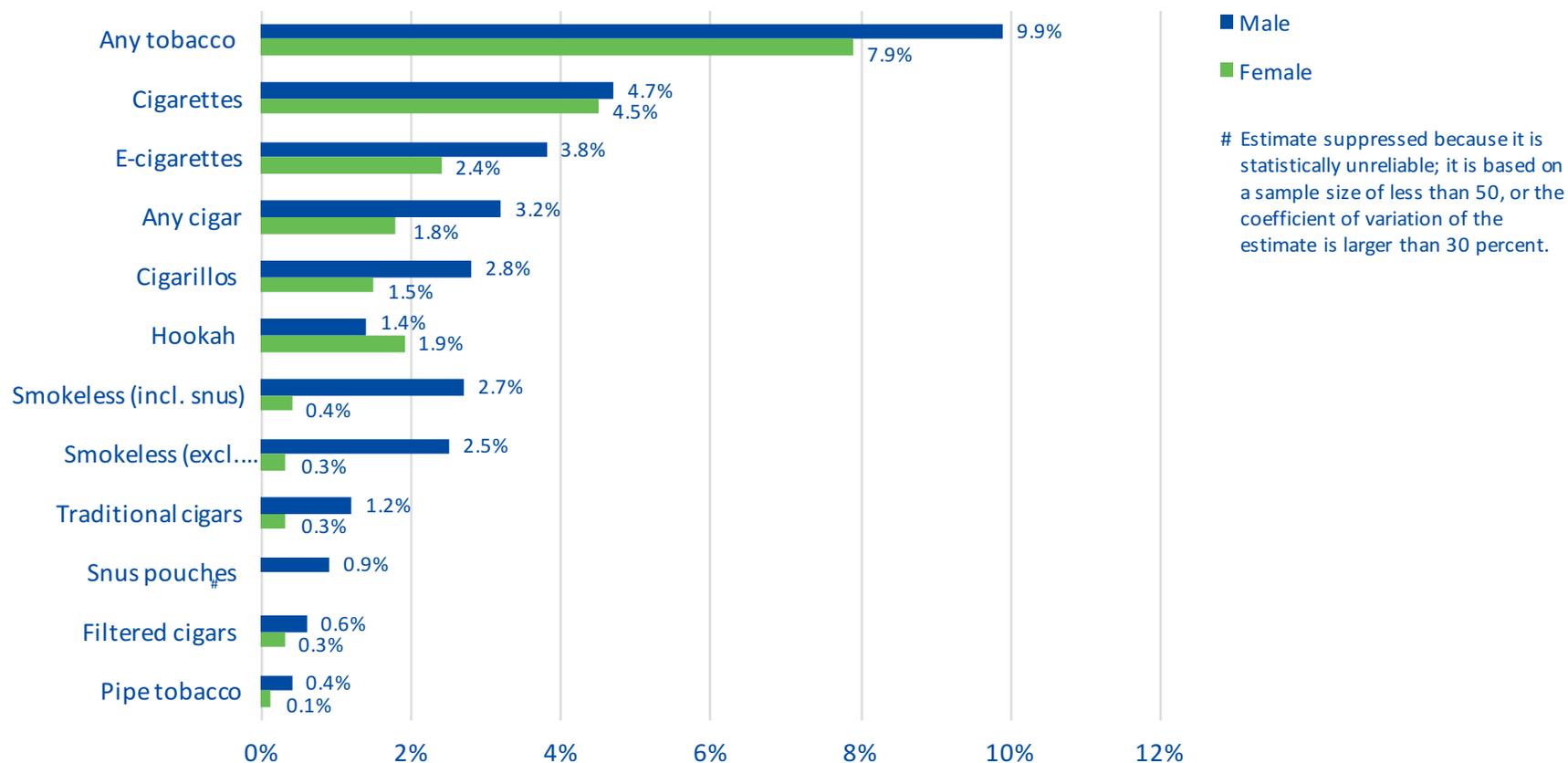
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## Percent of Youth Reporting Past 30-Day Use, by Age



# The PATH Study Wave 1 – Youth Reporting

## Percent of Youth Reporting Past 30-Day Use, by Sex



# 2013–2014 PATH Study Youth

## Percent of Youth Reporting Past 30-Day Use: Comparisons with 2014 National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH),\* by Age

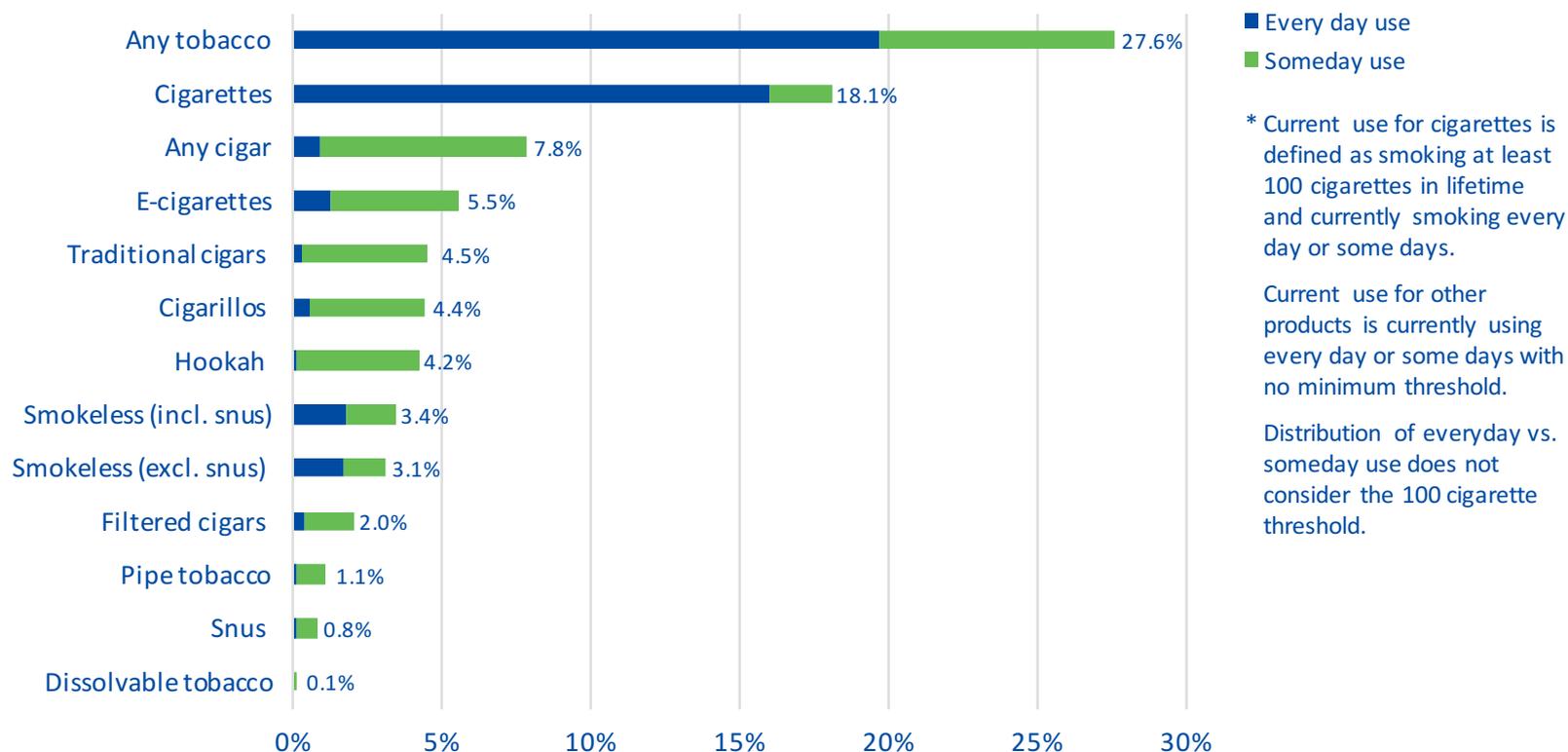
Tobacco Product	Data Source	12- to 13-Year-Olds	14- to 15-Year-Olds	16- to 17-Year-Olds
Cigarettes	2013–14 PATH Study	1.0 (0.7, 1.4)	3.3 (2.9, 3.9)	9.5 (8.6, 10.5)
	2014 NSDUH	0.7 (0.4, 1.0)	3.4 (2.8, 4.0)	10.2 (9.3, 11.1)
Any cigar	2013–14 PATH Study	0.3 (0.1, 0.4)	1.7 (1.4, 2.2)	5.6 (4.9, 6.4)
	2014 NSDUH	0.3 (0.1, 0.5)	1.5 (1.1, 1.9)	4.4 (3.8, 5.0)
Smokeless tobacco**	2013–14 PATH Study	0.3 (0.2, 0.5)	1.2 (0.9, 1.7)	3.2 (2.7, 3.8)
	2014 NSDUH	0.3 (0.1, 0.5)	1.6 (1.2, 2.0)	3.9 (3.3, 4.5)

\* PATH Study and NSDUH are both conducted in households.

\*\* PATH Study smokeless tobacco estimate includes snus for comparison to NSDUH

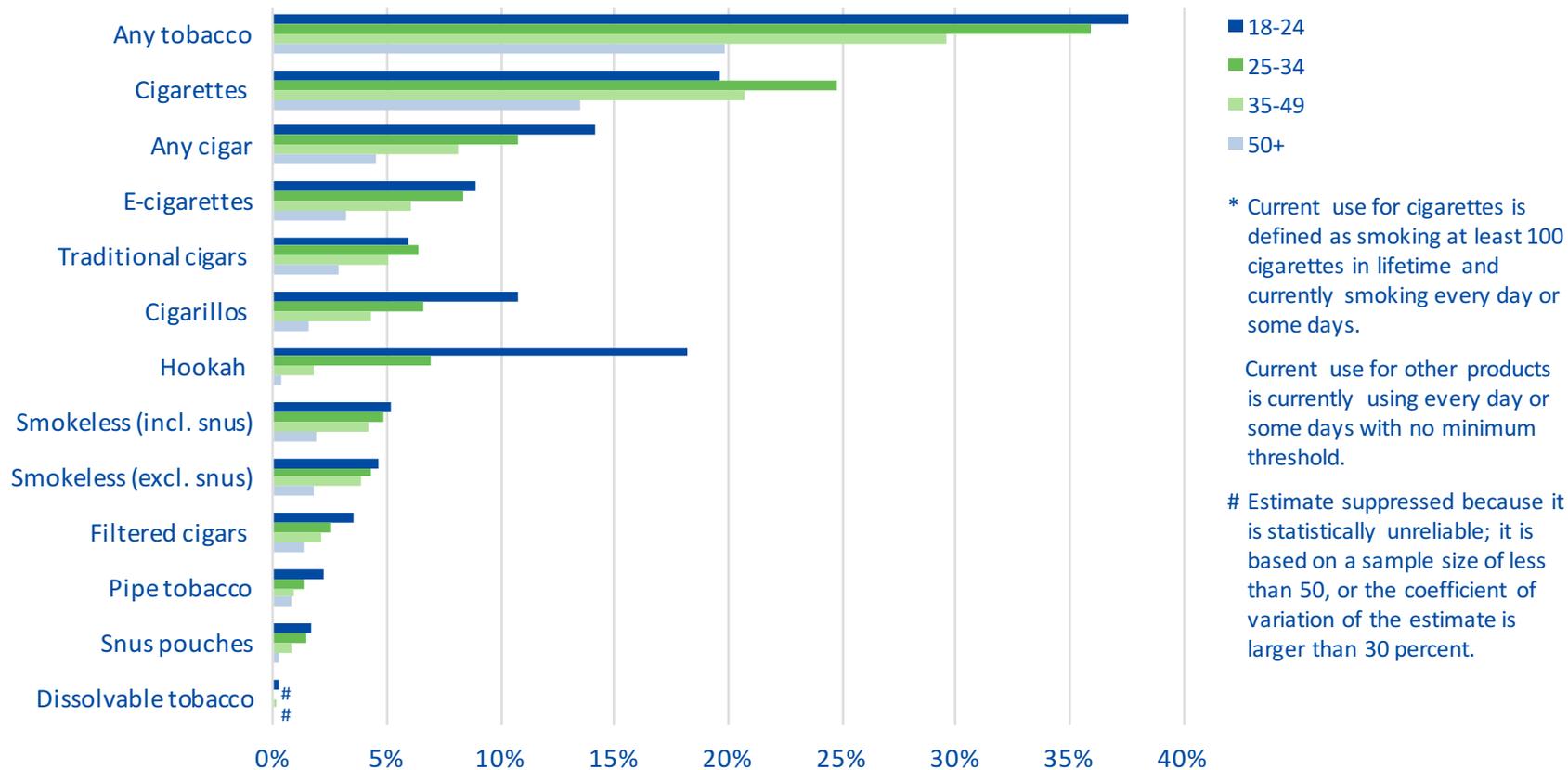
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## Percent of Adults Reporting Current (Every Day and Some Day) Tobacco Product Use\*, by Product



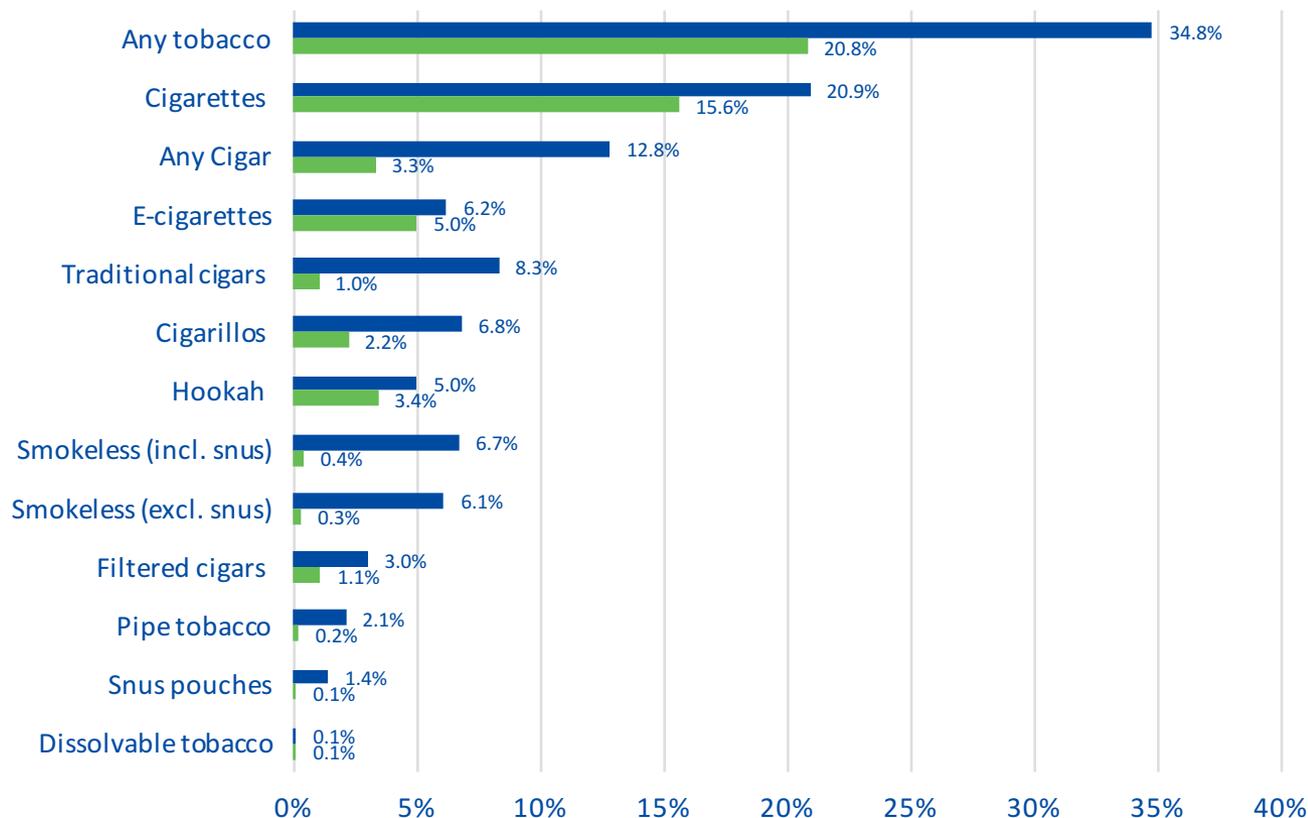
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# The PATH Study Wave 1 – Adult Reporting

## Percent of Adults Reporting Current Tobacco Product Use,\* by Sex



■ Male  
■ Female

\* Current use for cigarettes is defined as smoking at least 100 cigarettes in lifetime and currently smoking every day or some days.

Current use for other products is currently using every day or some days with no minimum threshold.

# 2013–2014 PATH Study Adults

## Percent of Adults Reporting Current Tobacco Use\*: Comparisons With 2014 National Health Interview Survey (NHIS) and 2014 National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH)

Tobacco Product	Data Source	Past 30-Day Use
Cigarettes	2013-2014 PATH Study	22.5 (21.9-23.2)
	2014 NSDUH	22.5 (21.9-23.1)
Any cigar	2013-2014 PATH Study	7.2 (6.9-7.5)
	2014 NSDUH	4.8 (4.6-5.0)
Smokeless tobacco**	2013-2014 PATH Study	3.3 (3.1-3.5)
	2014 NSDUH	3.4 (3.2-3.6)

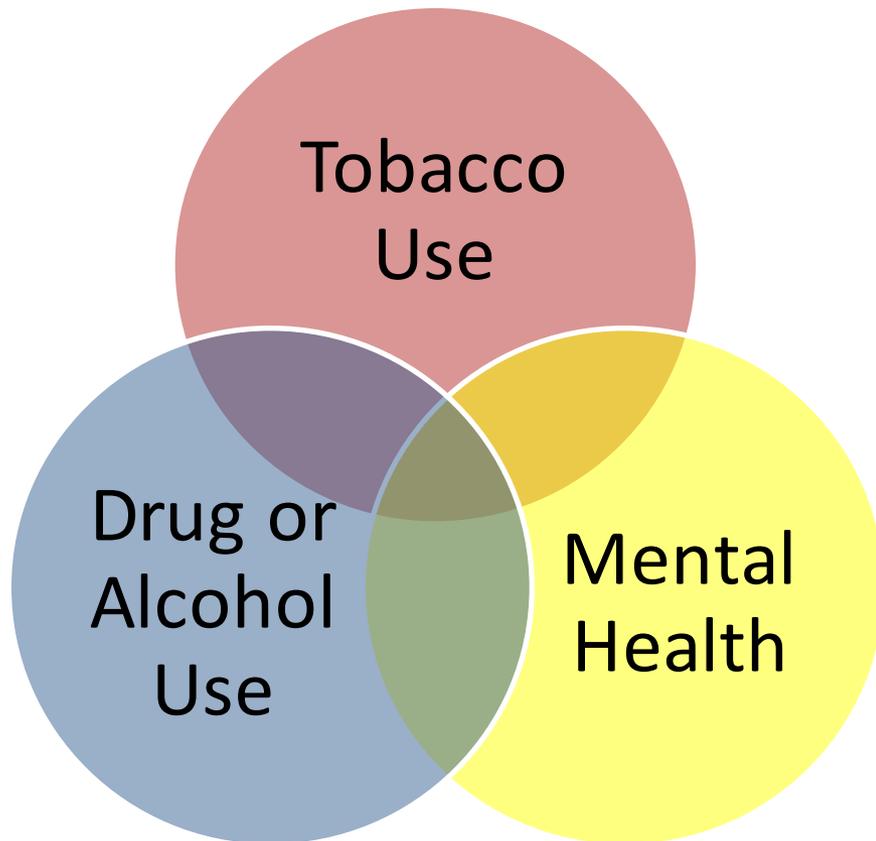
Tobacco Product	Data Source	Current Use
Cigarettes	2013-2014 PATH Study	18.1 (17.6-18.7)
	2014 NHIS	16.8 (16.1–17.4)
E-cigarettes	2013-2014 PATH Study	5.5 (5.3-5.8)
	2014 NHIS	3.7 (X)

\* NSDUH and PATH Study define current use for cigarettes, any cigar, and smokeless tobacco as use within the past 30 days. NHIS and PATH Study define current use for cigarettes as smoking at least 100 cigarettes in lifetime and currently smoking every day or some days; NHIS and PATH Study define current use for e-cigarettes as currently using every day or some days with no lifetime threshold

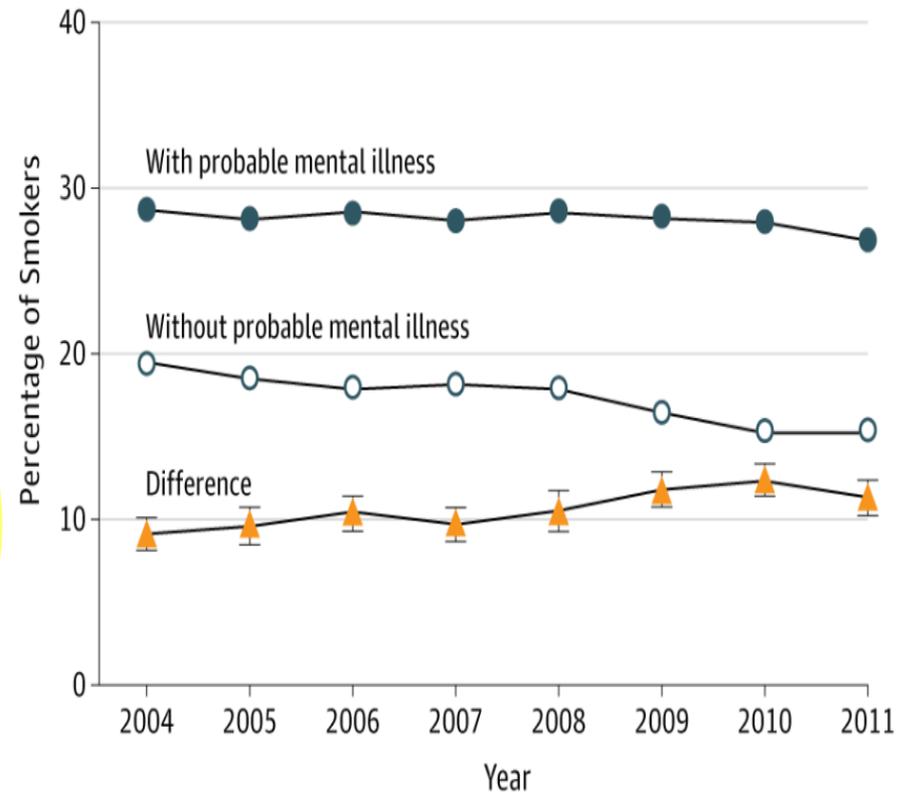
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X = Confidence interval for estimate is unavailable

# Areas of Particular Interest to NIDA



**A** Probable mental illness (any diagnosis or PHQ2>2 or K6>12)



JAMA. 2014;311(2):172-182. doi:10.1001/jama.2013.284985

**Wave 1 PATH Study Data (IN PROGRESS)**

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**Co-occurrence of Tobacco, Substance,  
and Mental Health Problems -- YOUTH**

# Co-occurrence of Tobacco Product Use, Substance Use, and Symptoms of Mental Health Problems

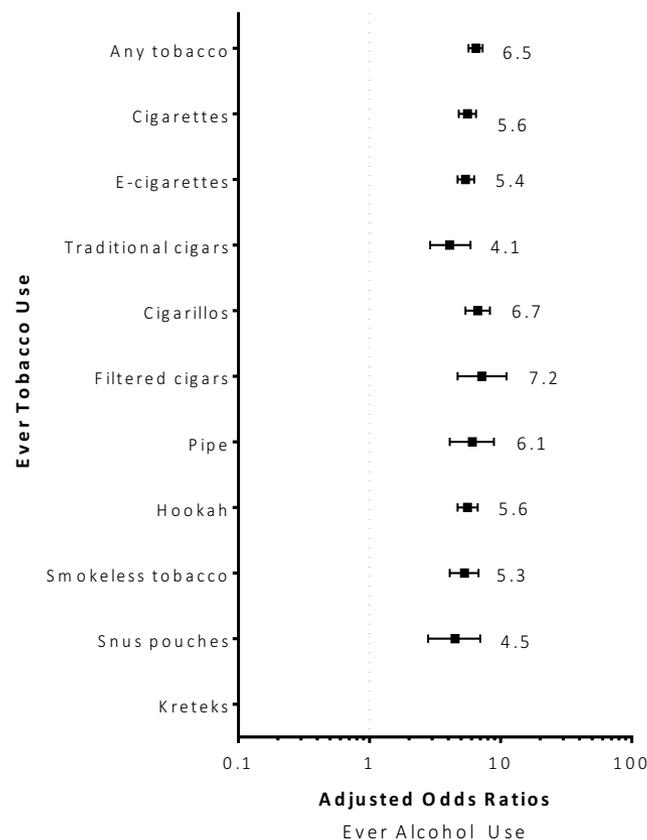
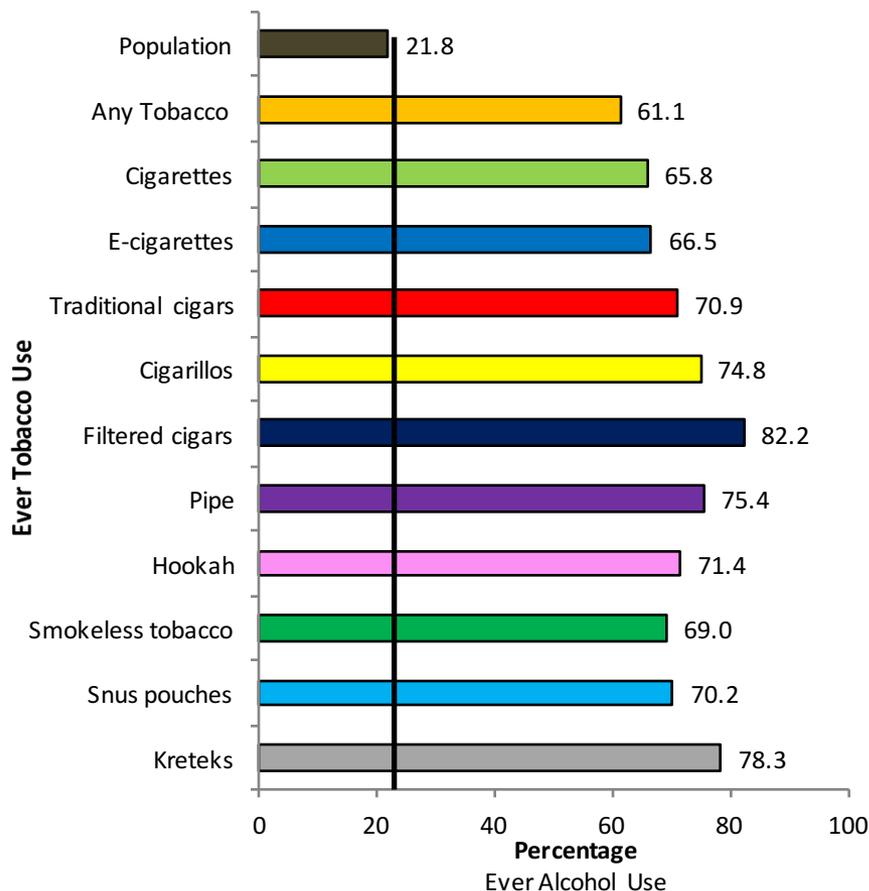
## ■ Independent variables

- Self-reported ever and current use of tobacco products (cigarettes, e-cigarettes, traditional cigars, cigarillos, filtered cigars, pipe, hookah, snus pouches, other smokeless tobacco, dissolvable tobacco, and bidis and kreteks)

## ■ Dependent variables

- Ever and past-year use of alcohol, marijuana, other drugs
- Ever and past-year internalizing, externalizing, and substance use problems

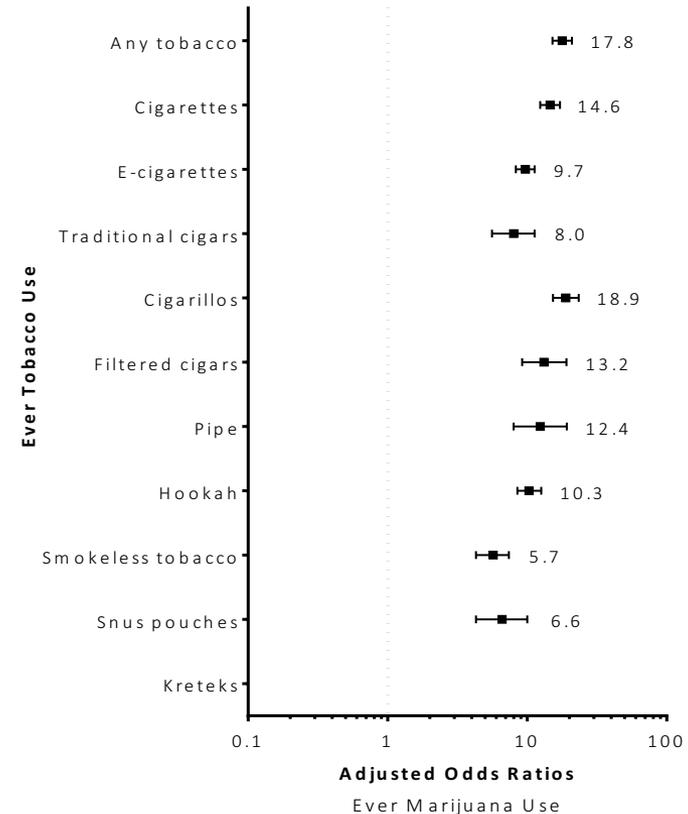
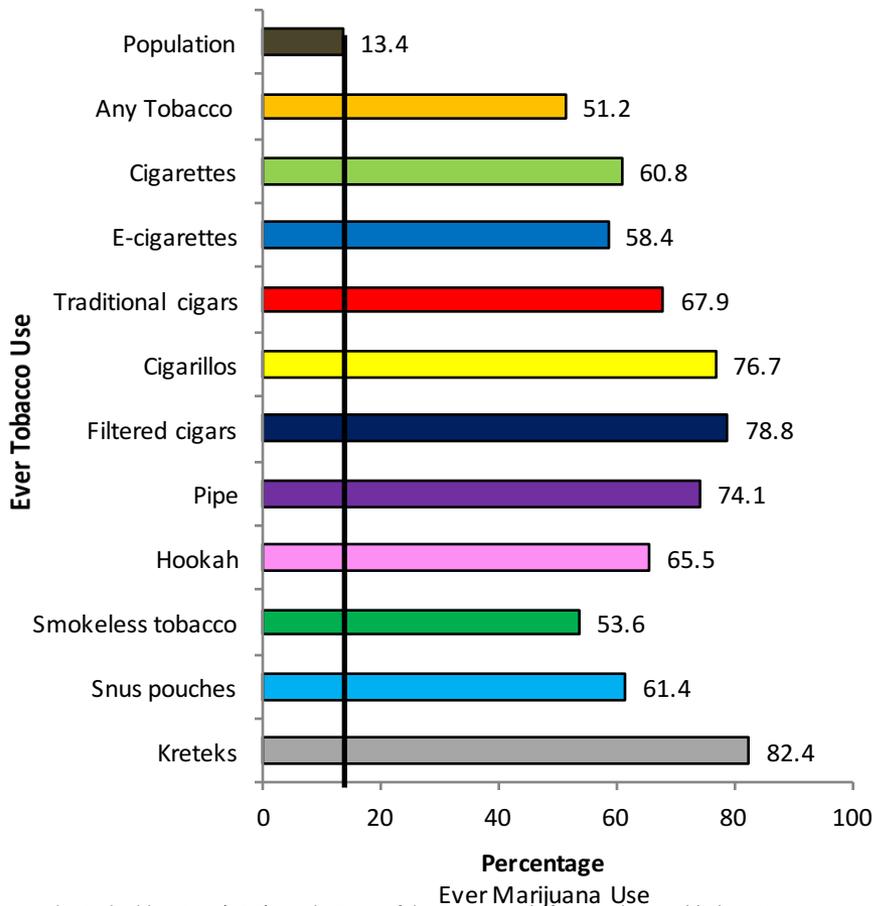
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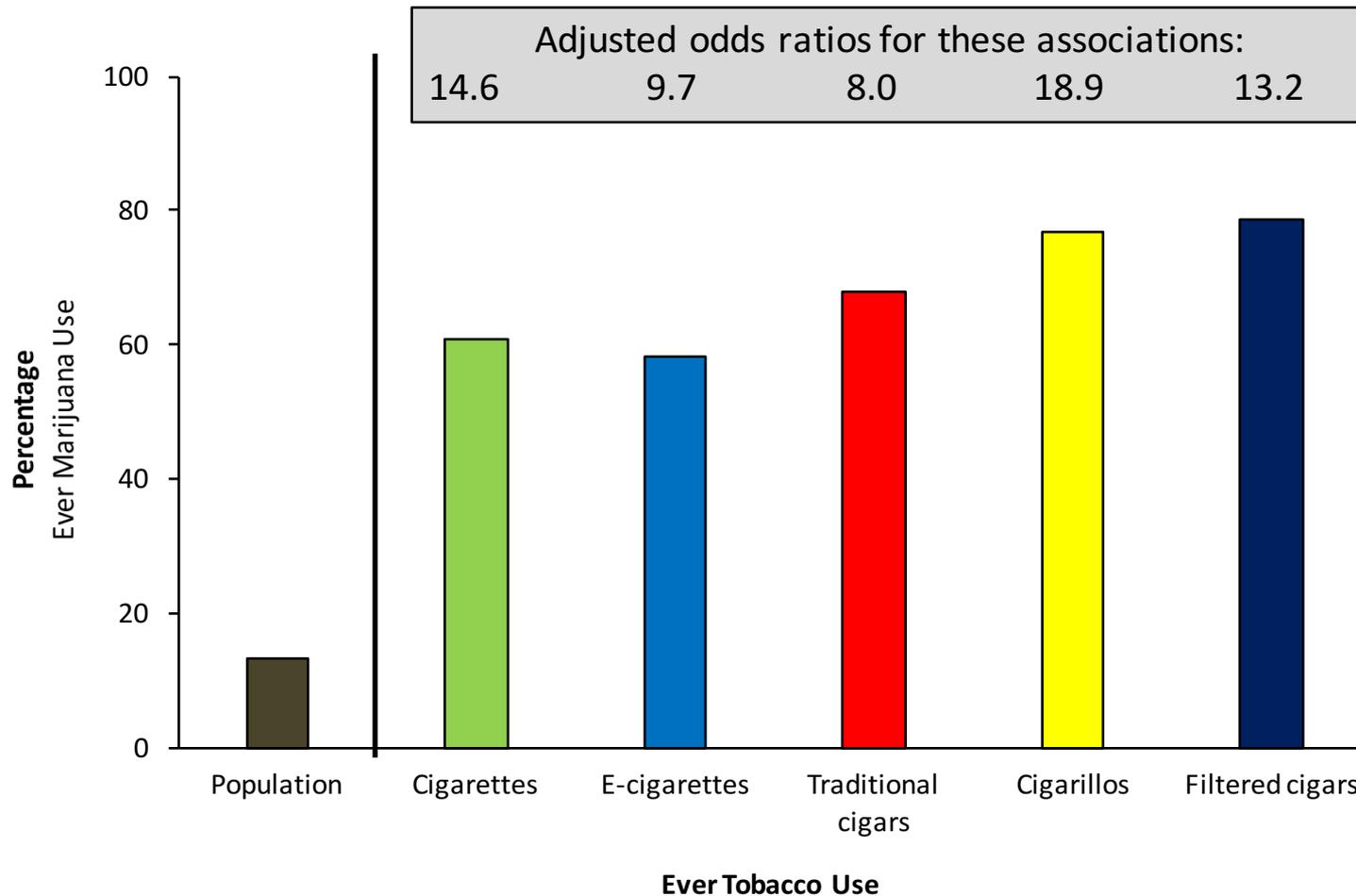
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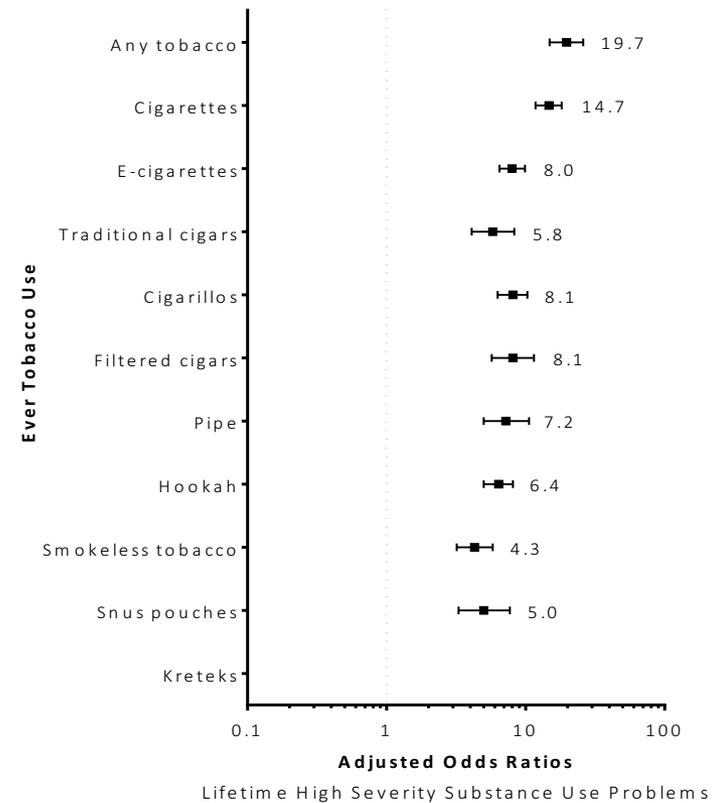
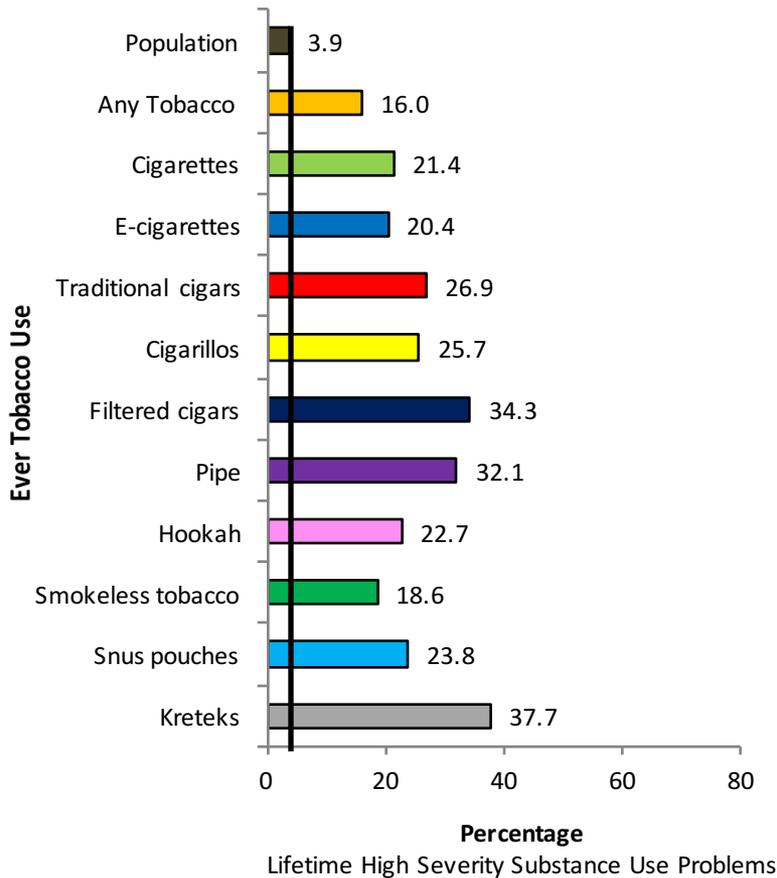


# Global Appraisal of Individual Needs-Short Screener (GAIN-SS)

GAIN-SS Subscales in the PATH Study	No. of Items	Severity Category		
		No/Low	Moderate	High
Substance Use Problems	7	0-1	2-3	4+
Internalizing Problems	4	0-1	2-3	4
Externalizing Problems	7	0-1	2-3	4+

**Cut point**

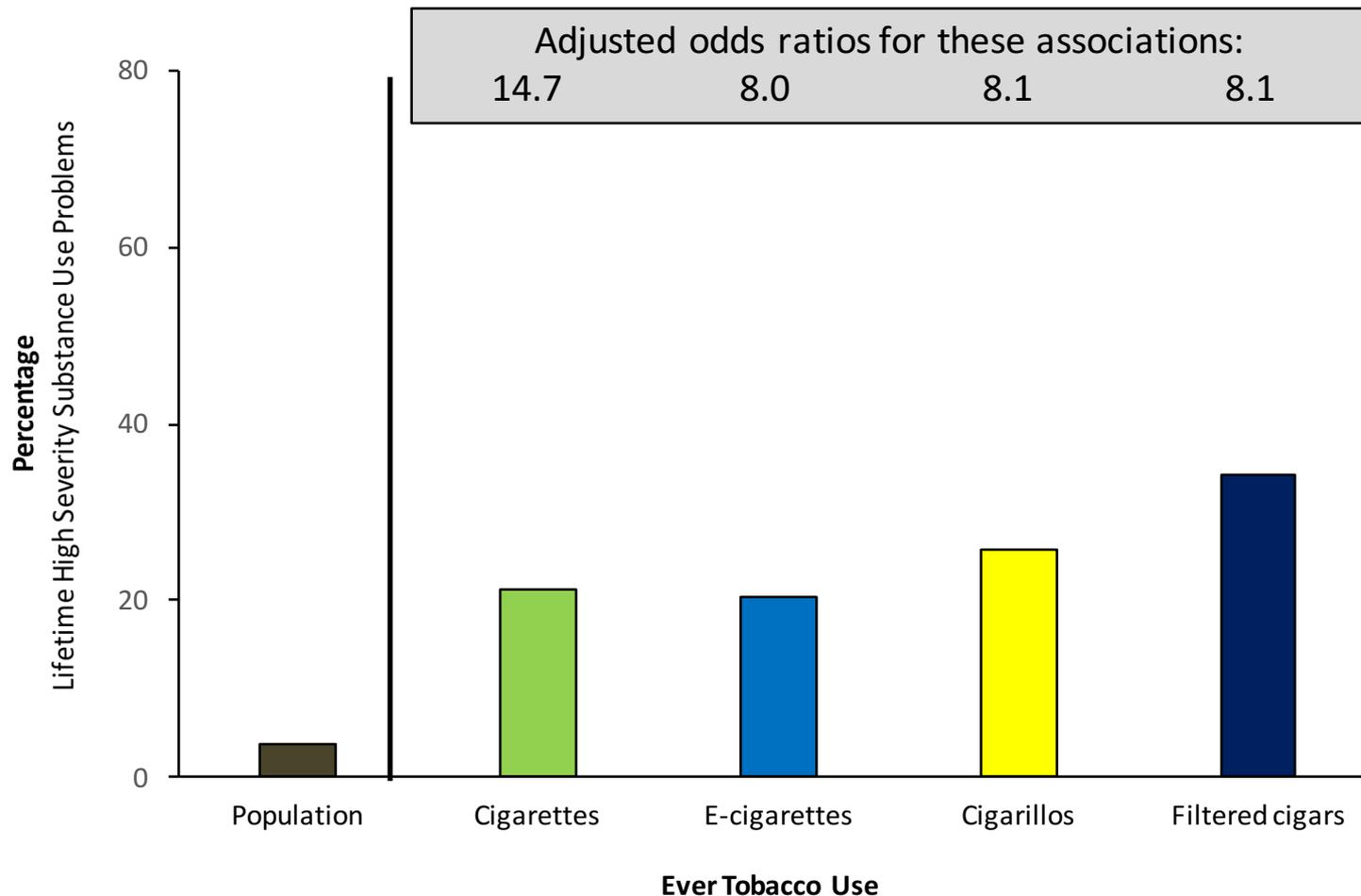
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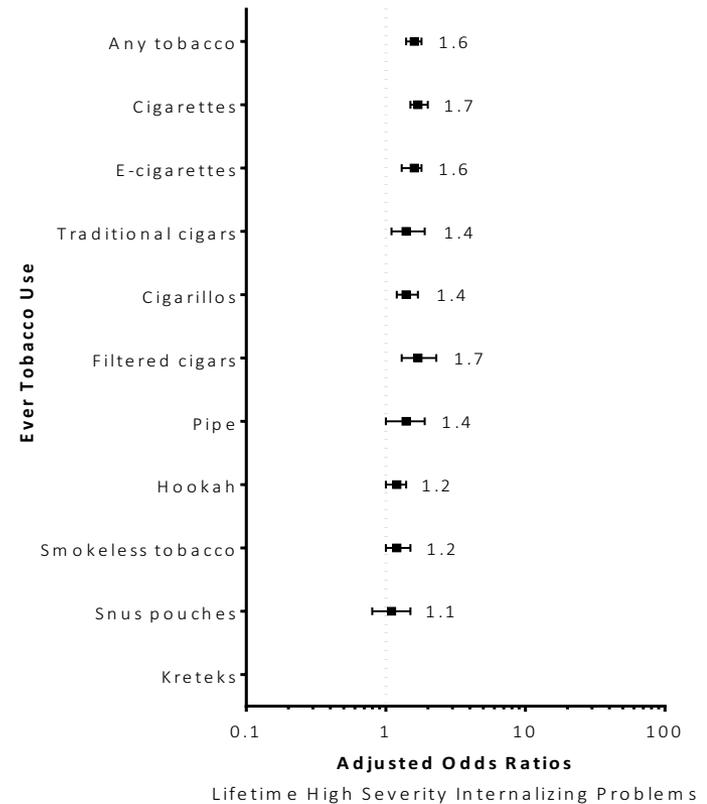
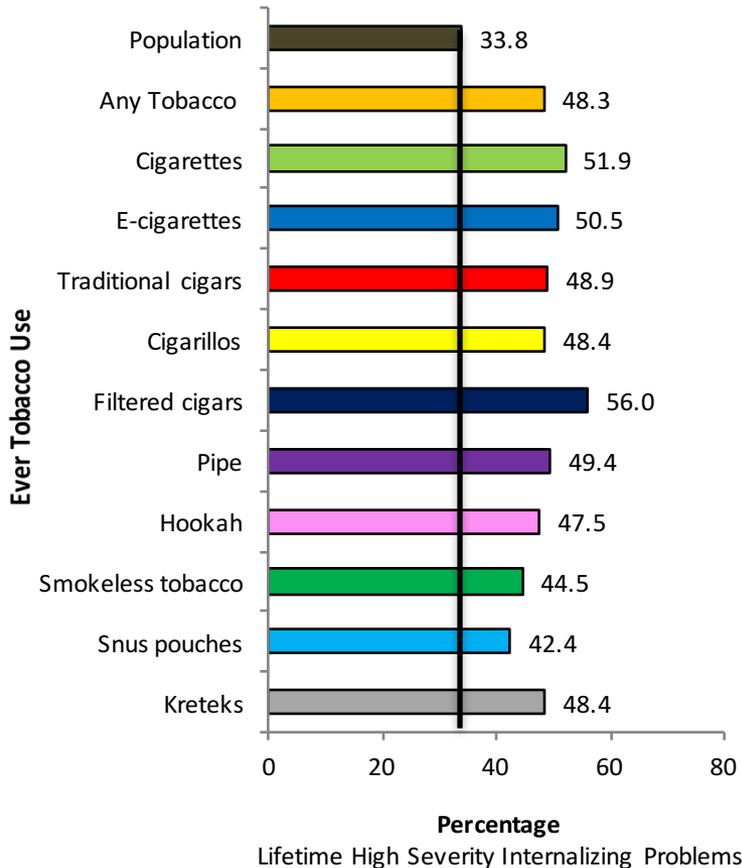
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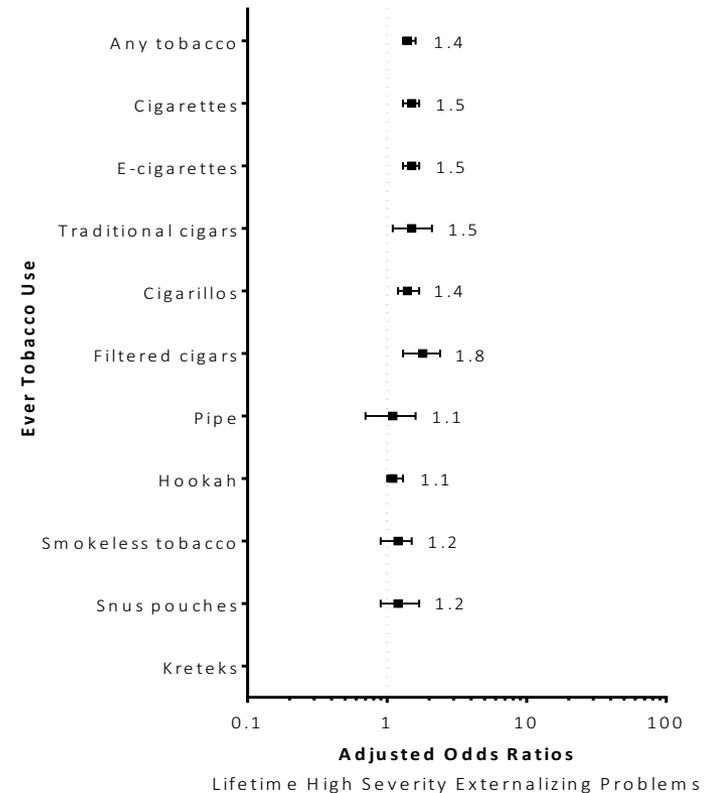
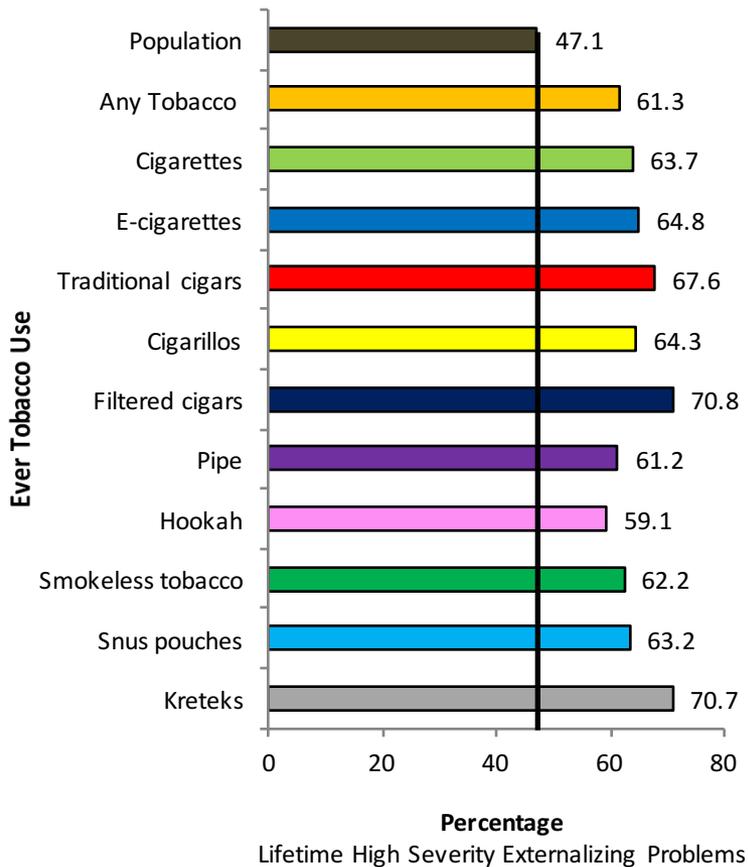
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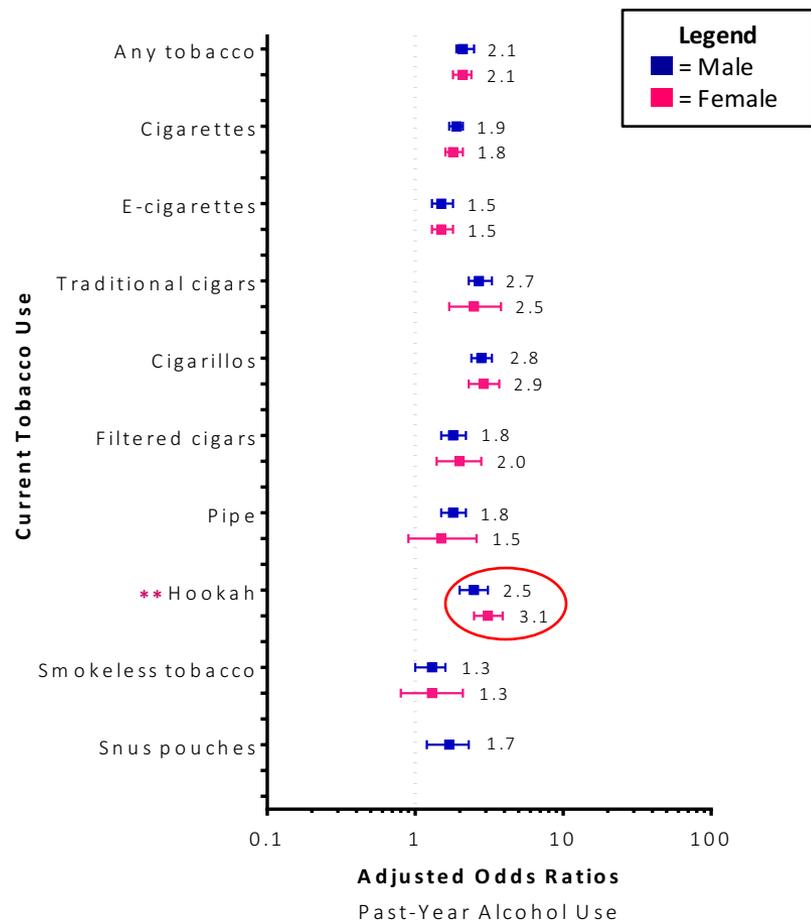
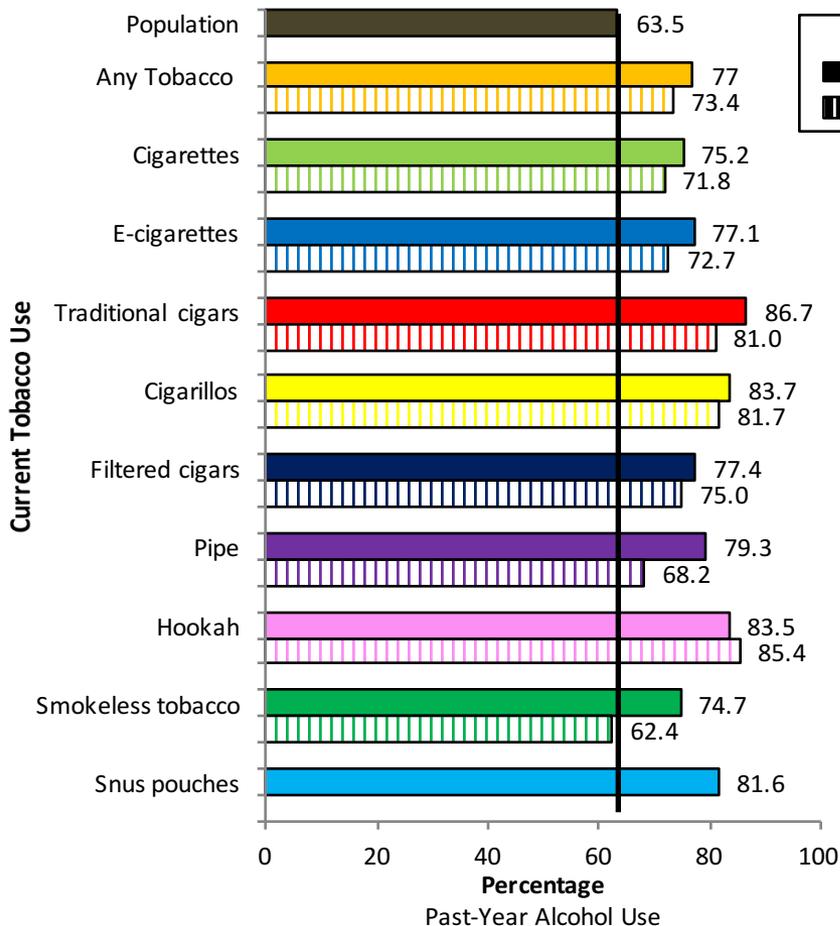
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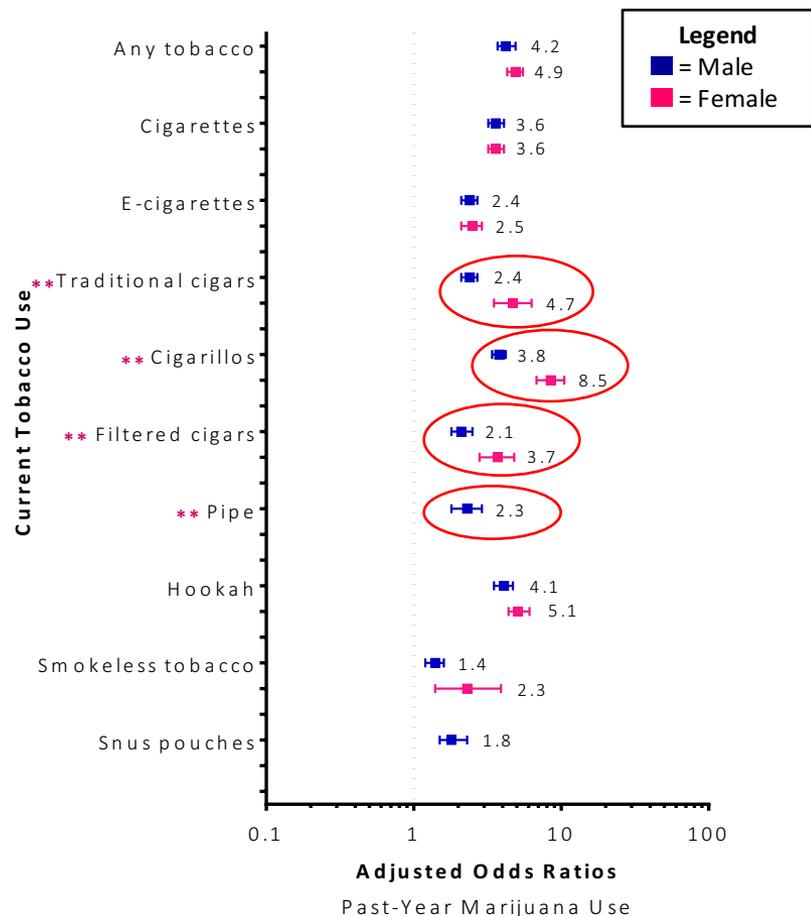
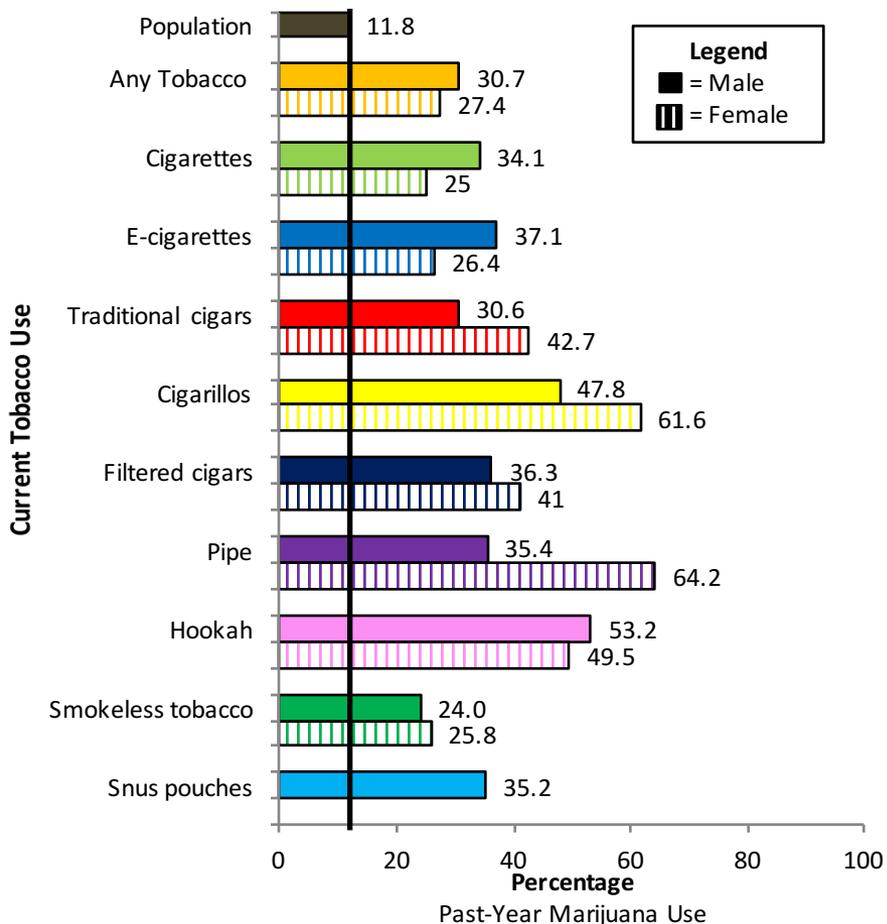
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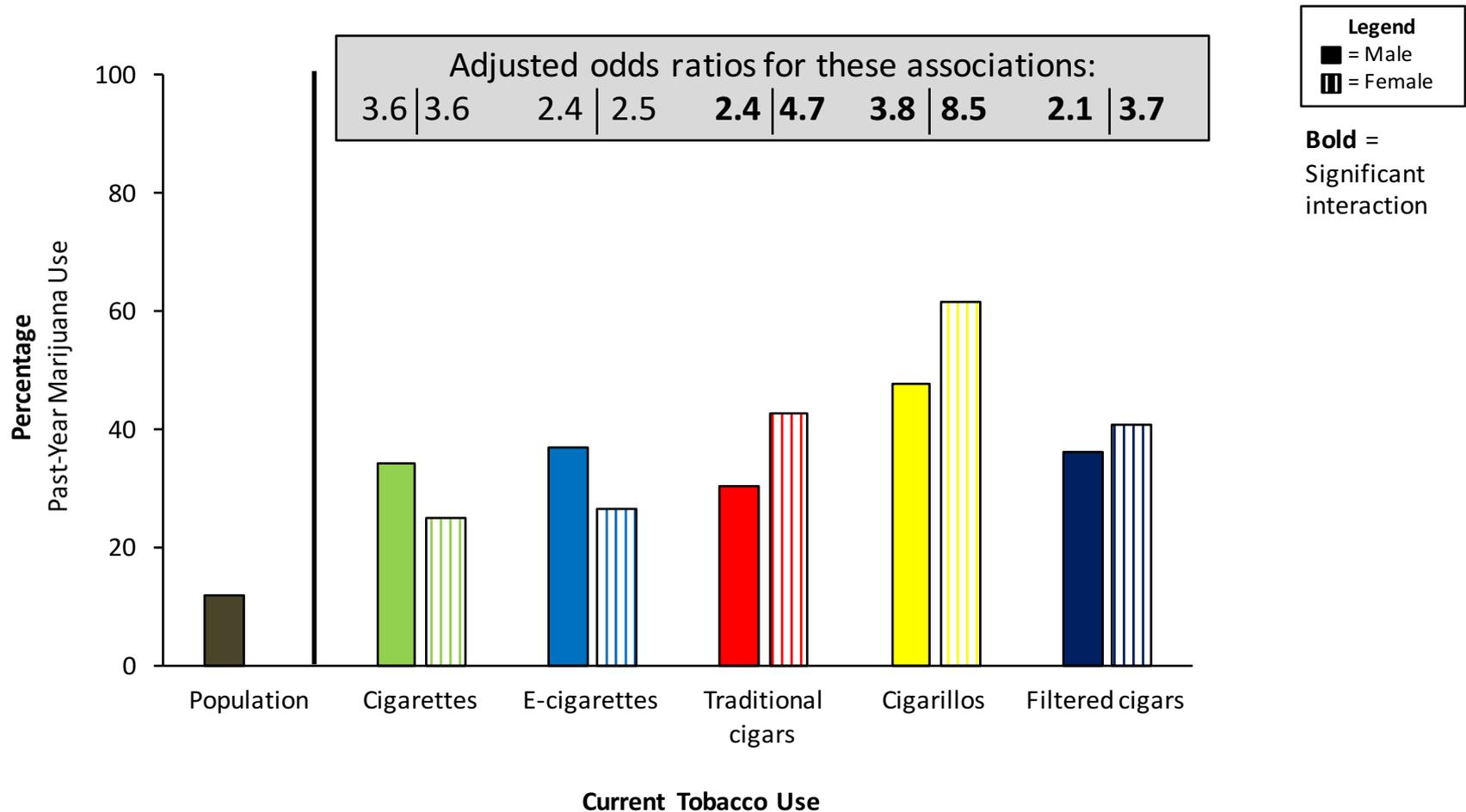
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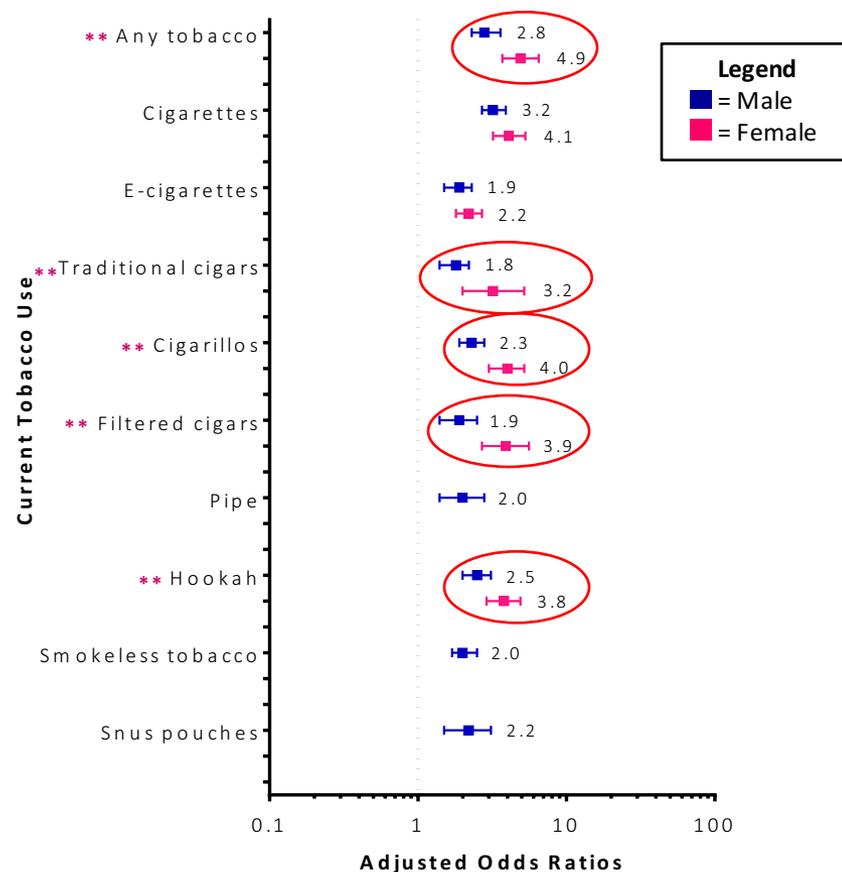
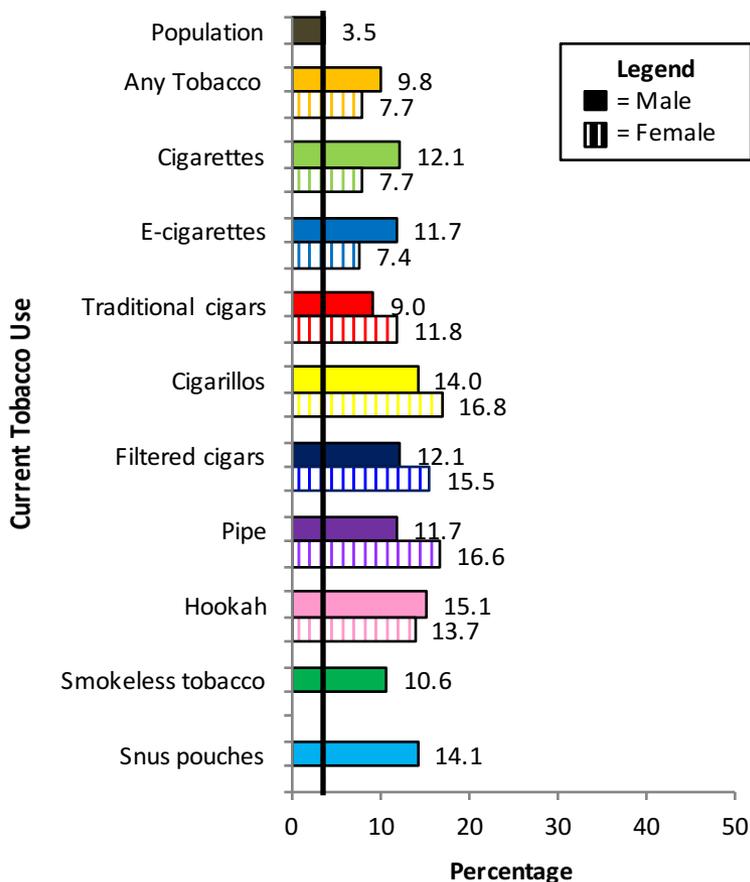


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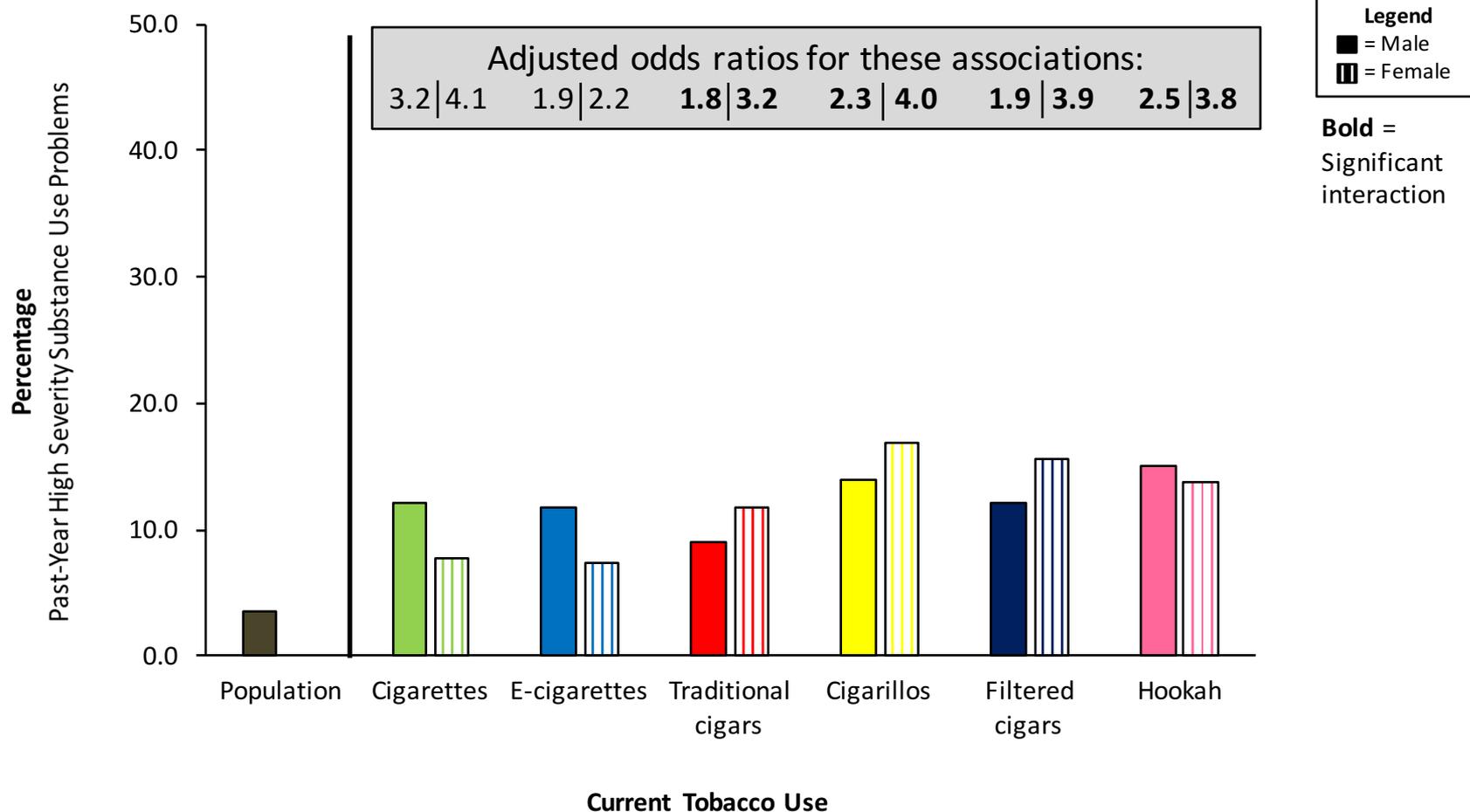


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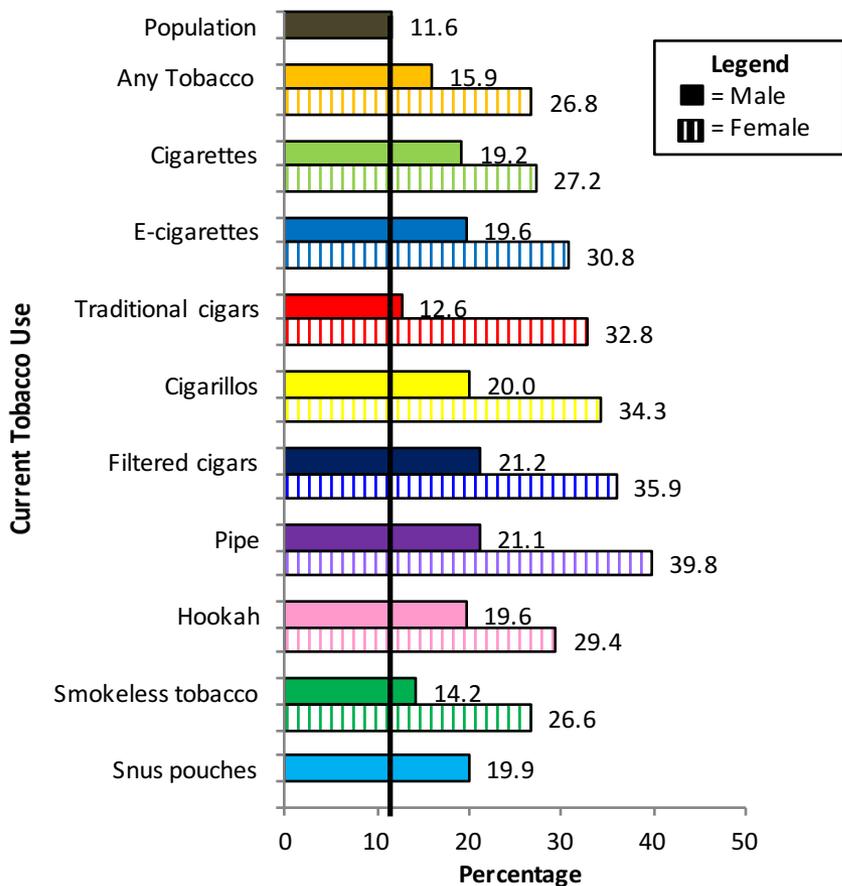
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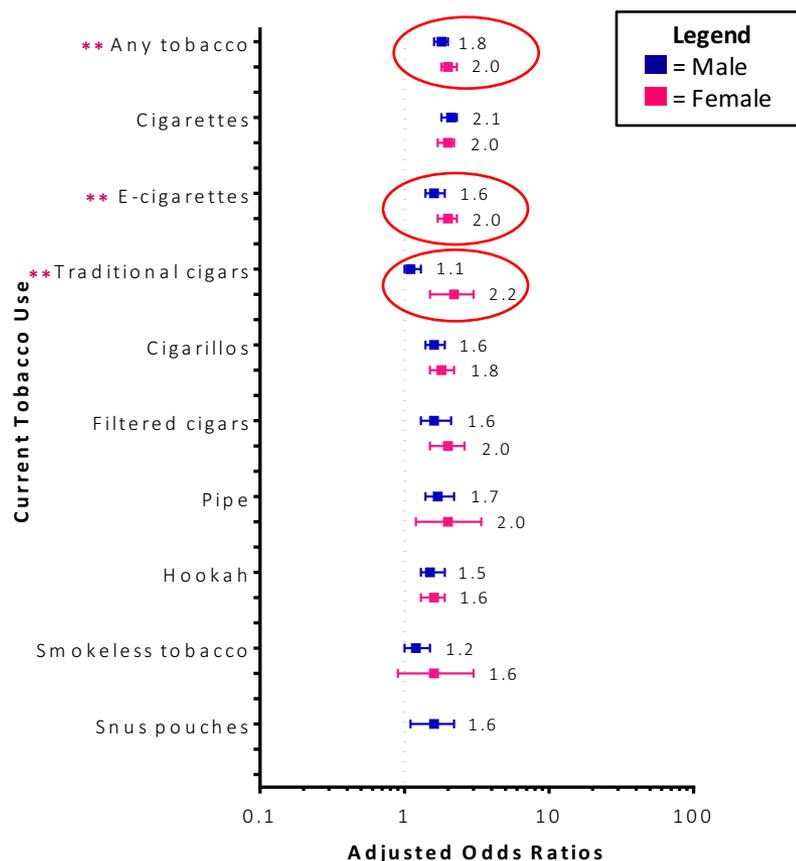
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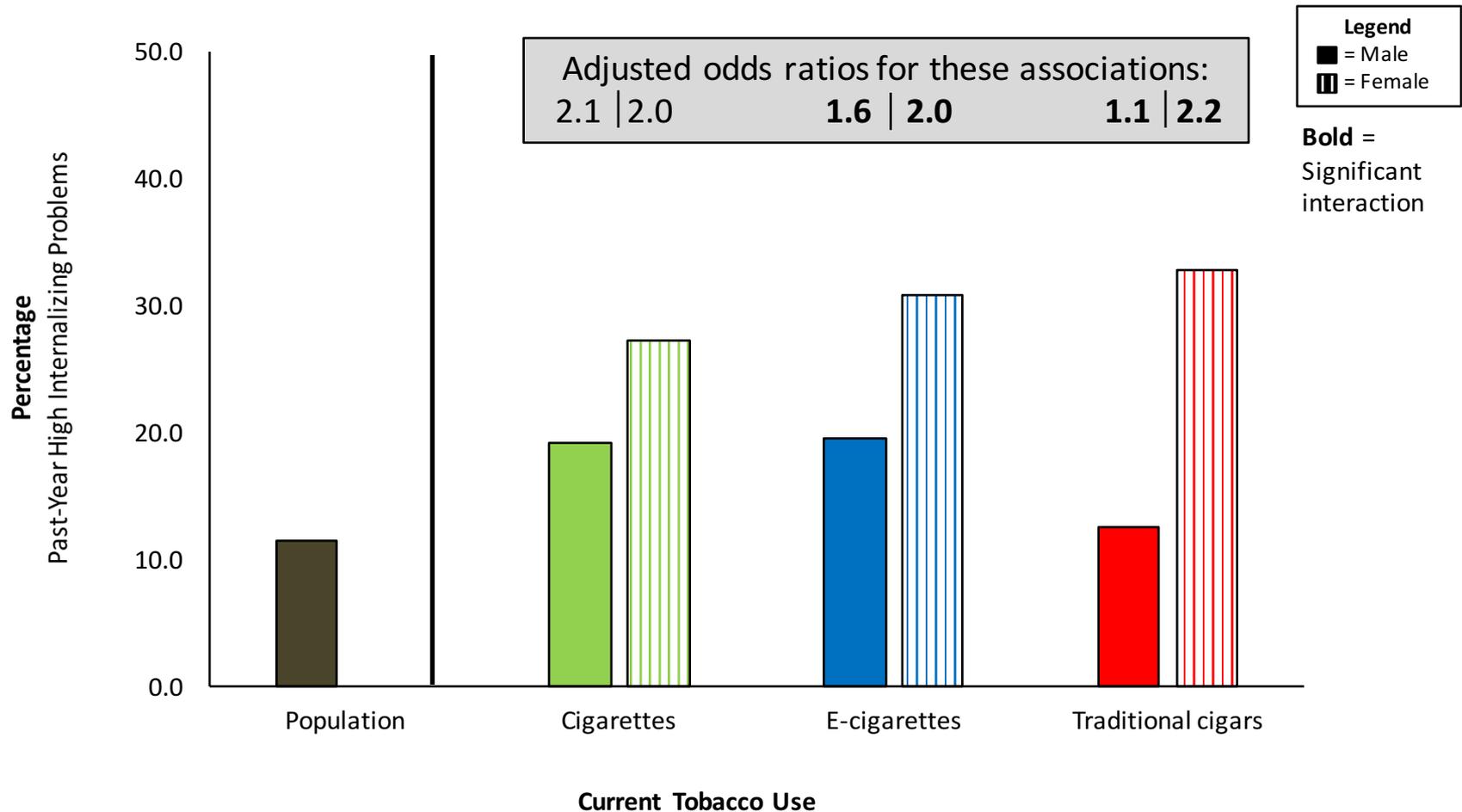
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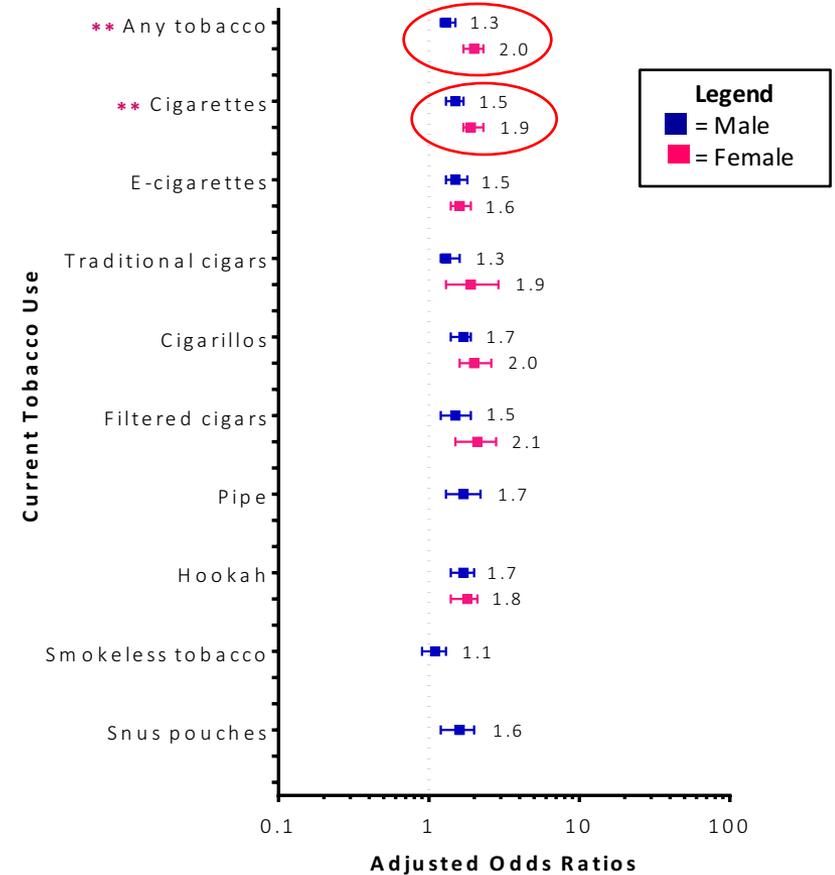
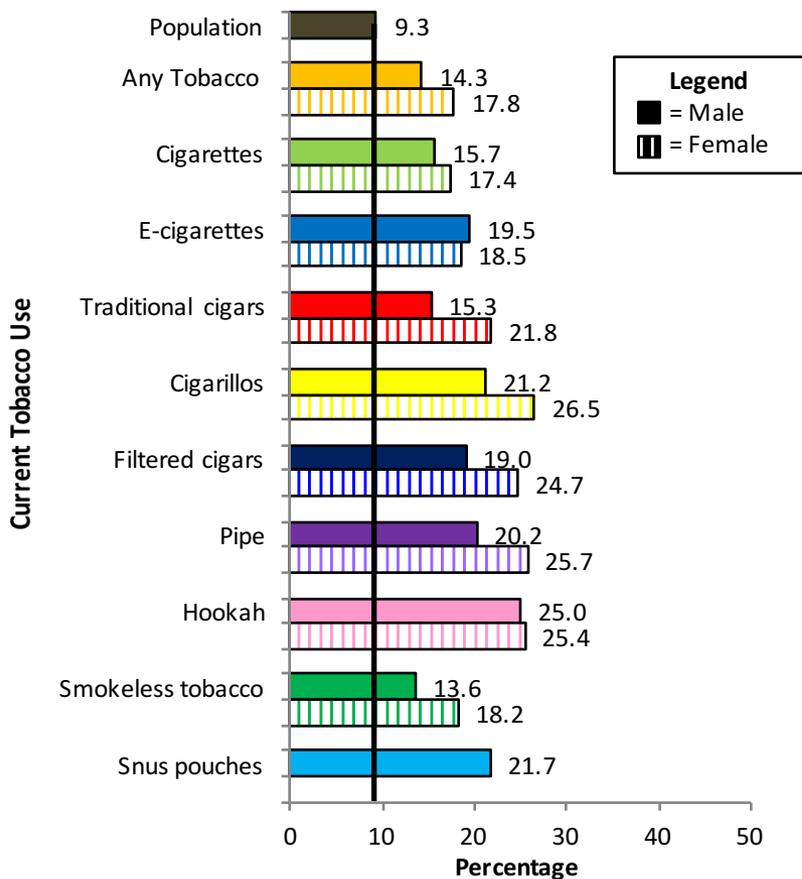


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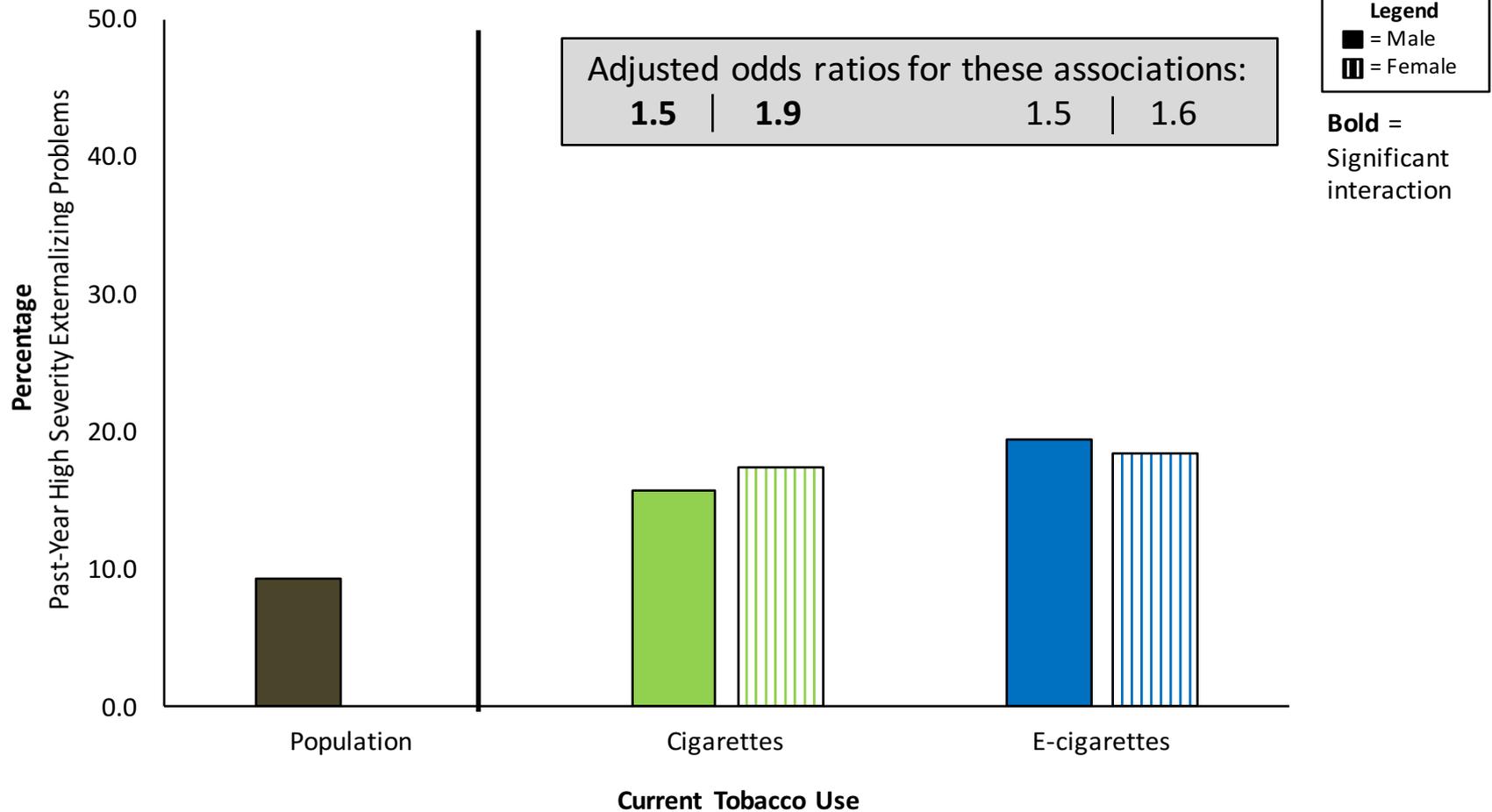
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# Hot Topic: Electronic Nicotine Delivery



“.... Although large cross-sectional surveys can be used to estimate transition probabilities [97] we need longitudinal data, such as the large-scale longitudinal US Population Assessment of Tobacco and Health (PATH) survey and the International Tobacco Control surveys [86], to track transitions more directly to and from VNP use. As we gain clearer knowledge of the effects of cigarette- and VNP-oriented policies, a long-term view that reduces the use of the most toxic combusted tobacco nicotine delivery products will become a more realistic goal.”

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## ADDICTION

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### A framework for evaluating the public health impact of e-cigarettes and other vaporized nicotine products

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#### ABSTRACT

The use of vaporized nicotine products (VNPs), especially e-cigarettes and, to a lesser extent, pressurized aerosol nicotine products and heat-not-burn tobacco products, are being adopted increasingly as an alternative to smoking combusted products, primarily cigarettes. Considerable controversy has accompanied their marketing and use. We propose a framework that describes and incorporates patterns of VNP and combustible cigarette use in determining the total amount of toxic exposure effects on population health. We begin by considering toxicity and the outcomes relevant to population health. We then present the framework and define different measures of VNP use; namely, trial and long-term use for exclusive cigarette smokers, exclusive VNP and dual (cigarette and VNP) use. Using a systems thinking framework and decision theory we considered potential pathways for current, former and never users of VNPs. We then consider the evidence to date and the probable impacts of VNP use on public health, the potential effects of different policy approaches and the possible influence of the tobacco industry on VNP and cigarette use.

**Keywords** E-cigarettes, framework, harm reduction, industry response, public health, public policy.

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<http://www.icpsr.umich.edu/icpsrweb/NAHDAP/studies/36231>

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Restricted-use data files can be accessed via the **Virtual Data Enclave (VDE)** upon approval

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