

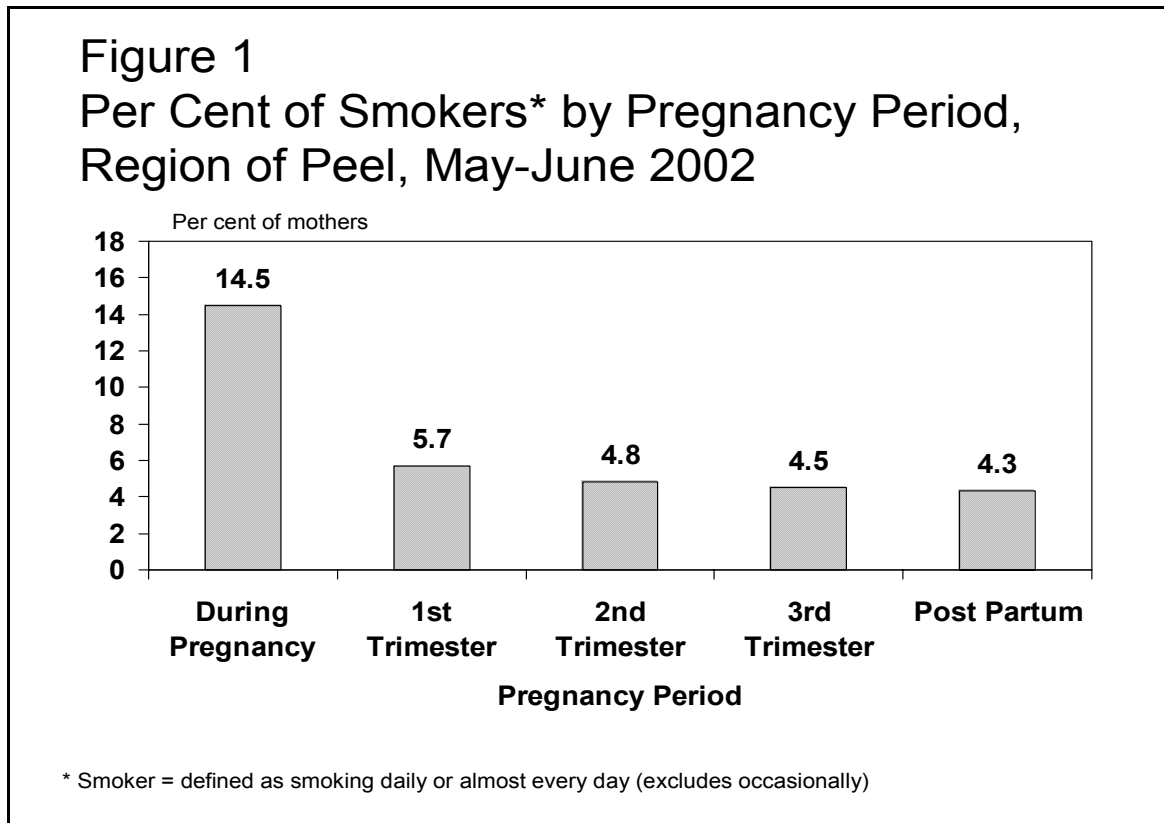
DESCRIPTION OF SMOKING STATUS BY PREGNANCY PERIOD

Smoking during pregnancy was determined by mother’s responses to the following two questions:

- Since you found out you were pregnant, have you smoked more than a few cigarettes? Women who responded “no” to this question were then asked the following question.
- Between your last menstrual period and the time you found out you were pregnant, did you smoke more than a few cigarettes?

The number of women who reported smoking during pregnancy was calculated by combining the positive responses from the two questions described above.

Overall, 14.5% of women reported smoking during pregnancy. A graphical depiction of smoking status by pregnancy period is shown in Figure 1.



During the first trimester, 5.7% of women reported smoking daily or almost daily. Women in this category who smoked daily or almost daily, smoked a mean of 8.8 (median 7.5) cigarettes per day (range 2 – 25 cigarettes).

Approximately 4.8% of women reported smoking daily or almost every day during the second trimester. These women smoked a mean of 8.2 (median 6.0) cigarettes per day (range 2 – 25 cigarettes).

During the third trimester, 4.5% of women reported smoking daily or almost every day. These women smoked a mean of 9.0 (median 6.0) cigarettes per day (range 3 – 25 cigarettes).

At the postpartum stage, 4.3% of women reported smoking daily or almost every day. These women smoked a mean of 7.9 (median 5) cigarettes per day (range 2– 25 cigarettes).

The per cent of smokers during the 2001 study was slightly higher during pregnancy (17.4%) and across all pregnancy periods (over 5%) than during the 2002 study period.