

# Every second man in Armenia is a smoker, survey reveals

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**PanARMENIAN.Net** - More than half of the male population of **Armenia** - 51,5% - are **smokers**, while 1.8% of women are in the country's smoking community, a new report by the health ministry revealed recently.

94.3% of smokers prefer factory-made cigarettes, the STEPS national survey says.



56,4% of adults breathe in secondhand smoke at home while 26,6% are exposed to passive smoking at work.

The report says that 1300-1500 cases of thoracic, bronchial and lung malignant neoplasms are diagnosed in Armenia each year.

According to statistical data, lung cancer death rates are 5-6 times higher among men than among women.

At the same time, about 55,000 new cases of circulatory system diseases are registered in the country per annum.

*2349 respondents aged between 18 and 69 participated in the survey.*

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