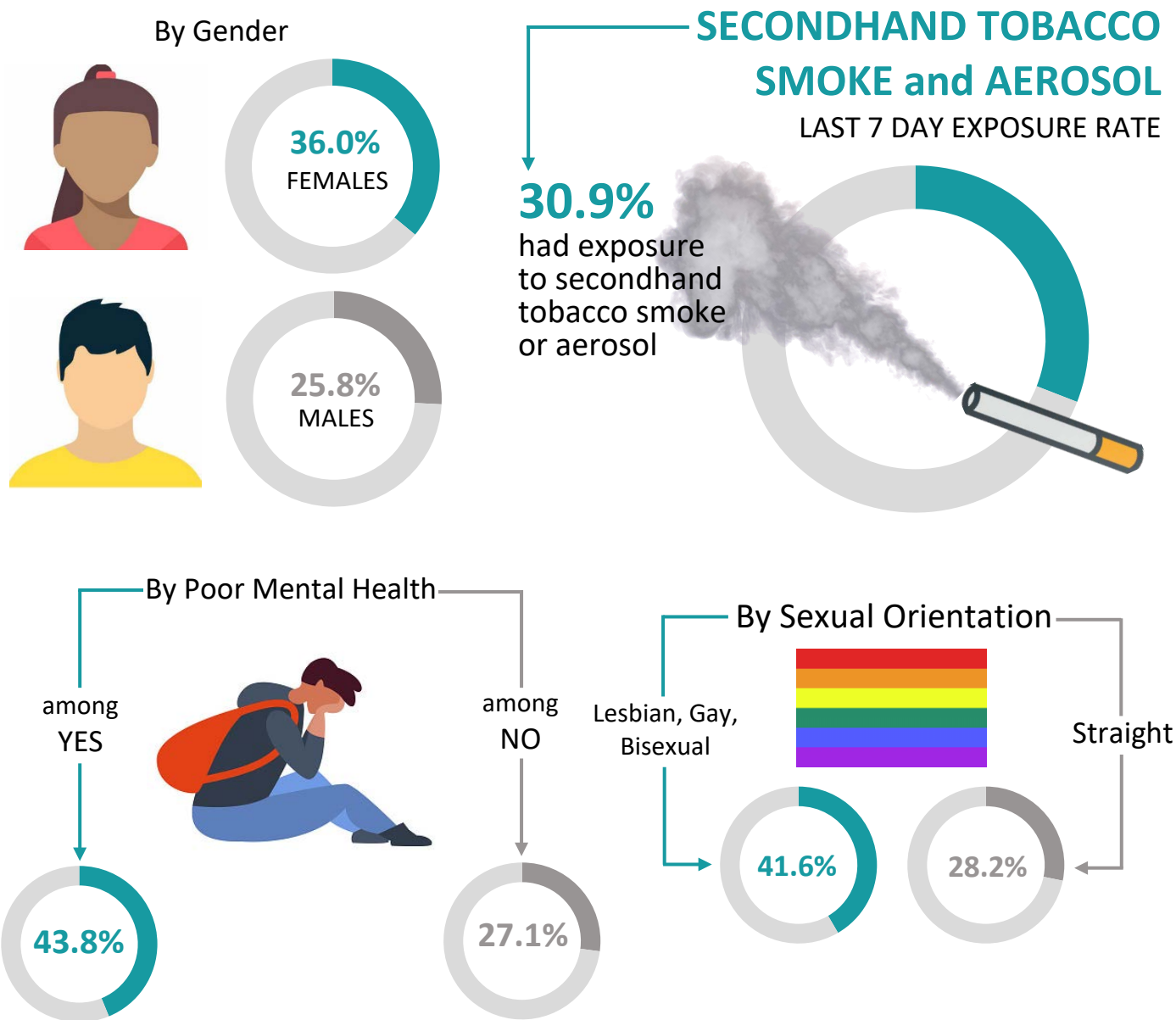


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2021 Secondhand Tobacco Smoke and Aerosol Exposure Among Youth



Nearly 48,000 Connecticut high school students were exposed to the smoke or aerosol from someone who was smoking or vaping a tobacco product in the past seven days

Key Facts

- Results from the 2021 Youth Risk Behavior Survey estimate that approximately 47,500 or 30.9% of Connecticut high school students had exposure to the smoke, aerosol, or vapor from someone who was smoking or vaping a tobacco product in the last seven days {i.e., recent secondhand smoke (SHS) or aerosol exposure}
- Females (36.0%) were significantly more likely than males (25.8%) to have been recently exposed to SHS or aerosol
- Recent exposure to SHS or aerosol among high school students who reported their mental health was most of the time or always not good, including stress, anxiety, and depression, during the 30 days before the survey (43.8%) was significantly higher than it was among those who did not suffer from mental health problems (27.1%)
- Youth in grades 10 (33.6%) and 12 (36.9%) were significantly more likely to have had recent SHS or aerosol exposure than were those in grade 9 (25.5%)
- White* (33.7%) and Hispanic (31.0%) students were significantly more likely than Black* (22.8%) students to have had recent SHS or aerosol exposure
- Students who identify as lesbian, gay, or bisexual (41.6%) were significantly more likely than heterosexual students (28.2%) to have been recently exposed to SHS or aerosol

*non-Hispanic

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