



HEALTH EQUITY IN TOBACCO: LGBTQ

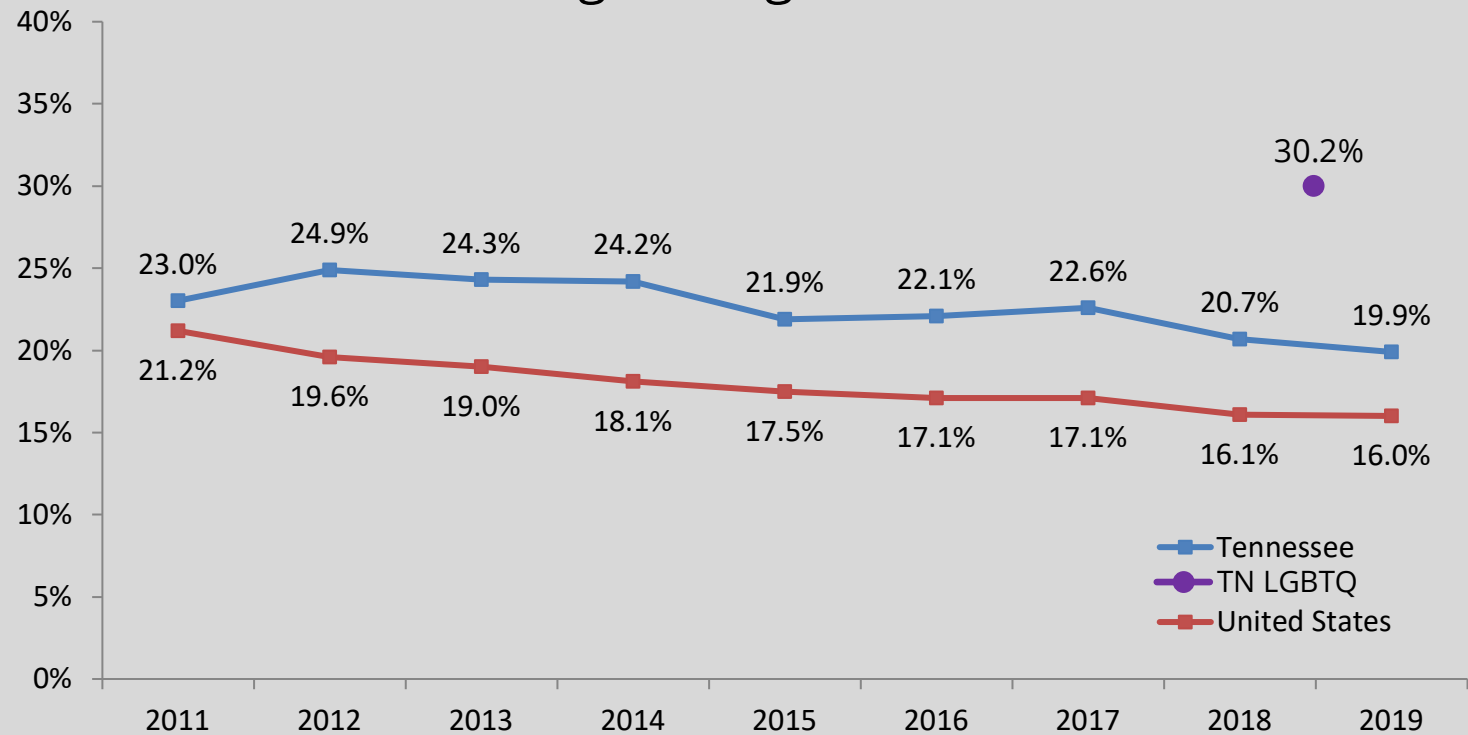
TDH Health Disparities Task Force

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Current Smoking Trends



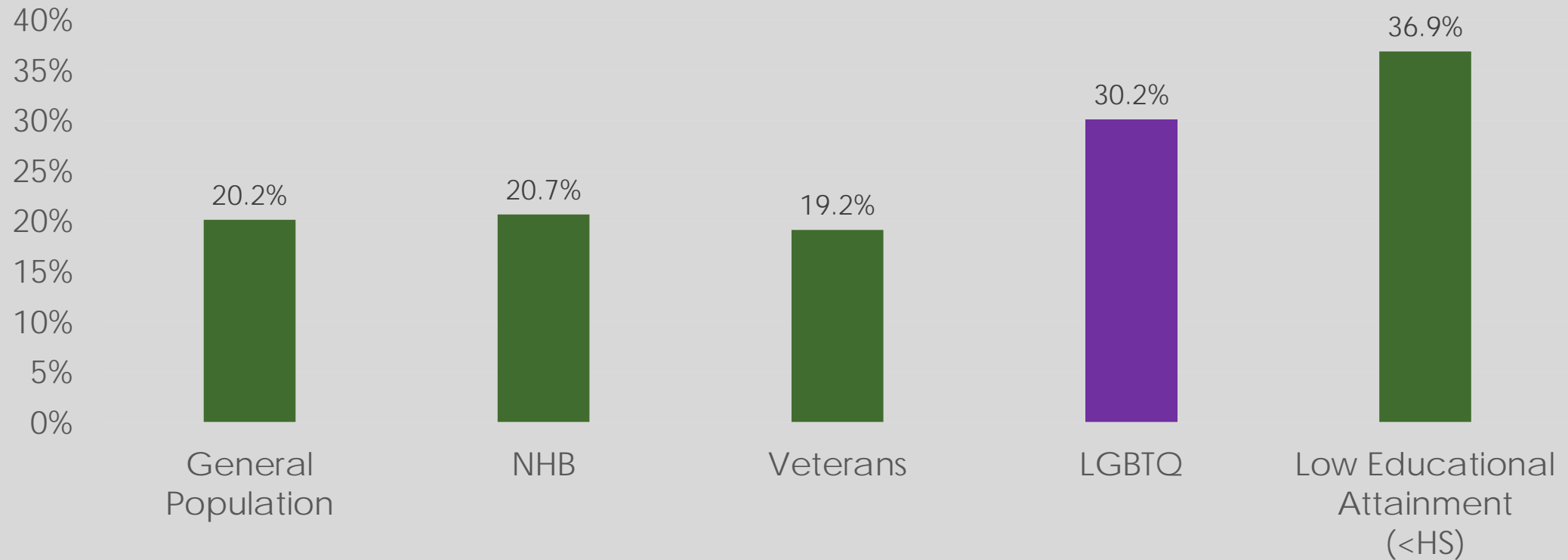
Current Smoking among TN and U.S. Adults



Current Smoking Comparisons



Current Smoking among Select Groups in Tennessee, 2018/2019



Reasons behind Disparity



- Tobacco Industry targeting of LGBTQ community ([Project SCUM](#))
- Community-specific stressors
- Individual and intersectional stressors
- Lack of access to healthcare
- Social norms



What is TDH Doing?

- Convened advisory council
- Leveraging stakeholder organization resources
- Integrating LGBTQ indicators into surveillance
- Funding Local Lead Agency (MashUp! Nashville)
- Grassroots community engagement – esp. youth

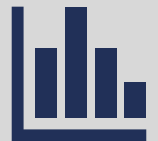
What can you do?



Community: Change social norms



Healthcare providers: Implement clinical protocols



Data nerds: Push for inclusive data

Discussion & Action

- What information did you find most surprising or important?
- Who do you know that needs to hear this information?
- How can your organization help address an issue highlighted today?

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