There are women who smoke living in every territory in the world. But the proportion of women who smoke varies from 1% in Azerbaijan to 47% in Guinea. Of the total world female population over the age of 15 years, 10% are smokers. Some girls start to smoke before they reach the age of 15.

The Americas are home to 29% of the world’s 232 million female smokers.

In the last 2000 years people started to smoke and chew tobacco. In the past 300 years a tobacco industry developed. This industry grew huge in the last 100 years with the invention of automated cigarette rolling machines.

Territory size shows the proportion of women who smoke that live there, 1998-2003.

“If the tobacco industry hates a policy then you can guarantee it’s successful in reducing the number of cigarettes smoked.”

Simon Chapman, 2001