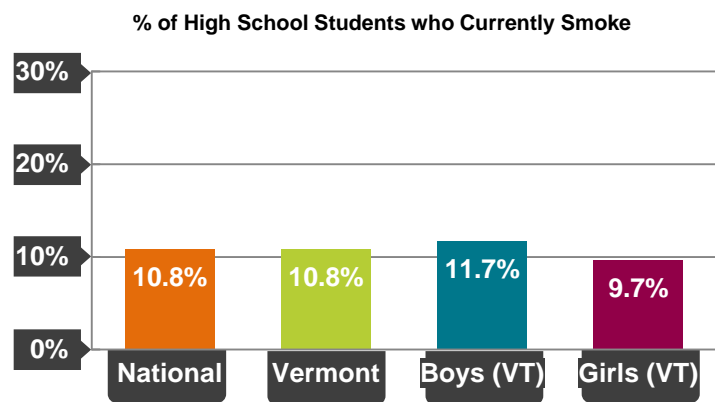
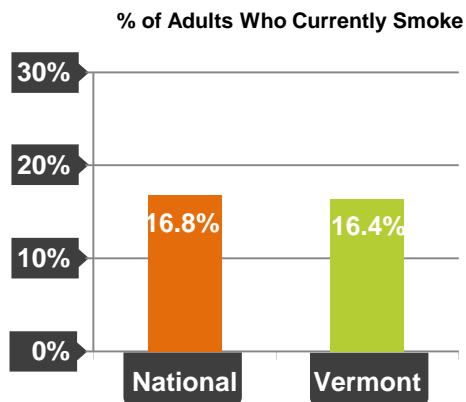


TOBACCO IN VERMONT

CIGARETTE USE^{*1-2}



OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCT USE

- The prevalence of smokeless tobacco use among adults in Vermont was 2.8% in 2013. 3.1% of adult current cigarette smokers in Vermont were also current smokeless tobacco users in 2013.³
- In 2015, 6.9% of high school students in Vermont used chewing tobacco, snuff or dip on at least one day in the past 30 days. Nationally, 7.3% of high school students used smokeless tobacco on at least one day in the past 30 days.²
- In 2015, 10.4% of high school students in Vermont smoked cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars on at least one day in the past 30 days. Nationally, 10.3% of high school students smoked cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars on at least one day in the past 30 days.²
- In 2015, 15.3% of high school students in Vermont used electronic vapor products on at least one day in the last 30 days. Nationally, 24.1% of high school students used electronic vapor products on at least one day in the last 30 days.²

ECONOMICS OF TOBACCO USE AND TOBACCO CONTROL

- In FY2016, Vermont allocated \$3.7 million in state funds to tobacco prevention, which is 44% of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Annual Spending Target.⁵
- Vermont received an estimated \$113 million in tobacco settlement payments and taxes in FY2016.⁵
- The health care costs in Vermont, directly caused by smoking, amount to \$348 million annually.⁵

* National and state-level prevalence numbers reflect the most recent data available. This may differ across state fact sheets.

- Vermont loses \$232.8 million in productivity each year due to smoking.⁶

STATE TOBACCO LAWS⁷⁻⁹

EXCISE TAX

- The state tax increased to \$3.08 per pack of cigarettes in July 2015. Little cigars are taxed \$3.08 per twenty cigars, roll your own tobacco is taxed \$4.74 per ounce, snuff is taxed \$2.57 per ounce, new smokless tobacco products are taxed \$2.57 per ounce or \$3.08 per package if sold in a package weighing less than 1.2 ounces. Cigars are taxed 92% of the wholesale price if the wholesale cost is \$2.17 or less per cigar, \$2 per cigar if the wholesale cost is between \$2.18 and \$9.99 per cigar, and \$4 per cigar for cigars with a wholesale price of \$10 or more. Chewing tobacco and pipe tobacco are taxed 92% of the wholesale price.

CLEAN INDOOR AIR ORDINANCES

- Smoking is prohibited in all childcare facilities, government workplaces, private workplaces, health care facilities, restaurants, bars, schools, retail stores and recreational facilities.

YOUTH ACCESS LAWS

- The minimum age requirement for the purchase of tobacco products is 18, and penalties exist for both minors and merchants who violate this law.
- Establishments are required to post signs stating that sales to minors are prohibited.
- No person shall display or store tobacco products for sale where they are accessible to consumers without direct assistance by sales personnel.
- The sale of bidis to both minors and adults is prohibited.
- The sale of tobacco substitutes, including electronic cigarettes, to minors is prohibited.

CESSATION STATISTICS AND BENEFITS

- The CDC estimates that 53.8% of adult every day smokers in Vermont tried to quit smoking for one or more days in 2014.¹⁰
- Vermont's Medicaid program covers all seven recommended cessation medications and individual and group counseling.^{8†}
- The state's Medicaid program has no barriers to coverage.⁸
- Vermont's state quitline invests \$5.95 per smoker; the national average investment per smoker is \$3.37.⁸
- Vermont has a private insurance mandate provision for cessation.⁸

† The seven recommended cessation medications are NRT Gum, NRT Patch, NRT Nasal Spray, NRT Inhaler, NRT Lozenge, Varenicline (Chantix), and Bupropion (Zyban).
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