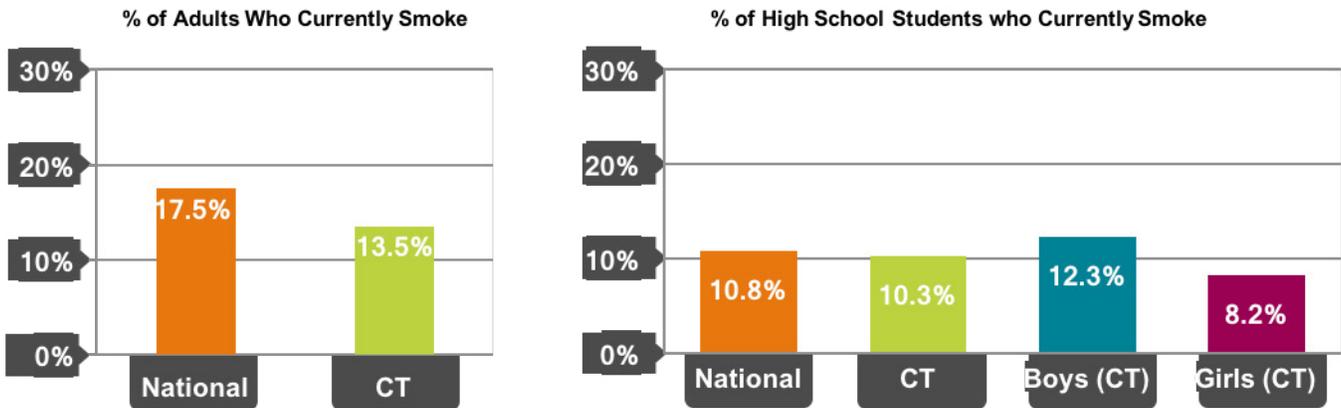


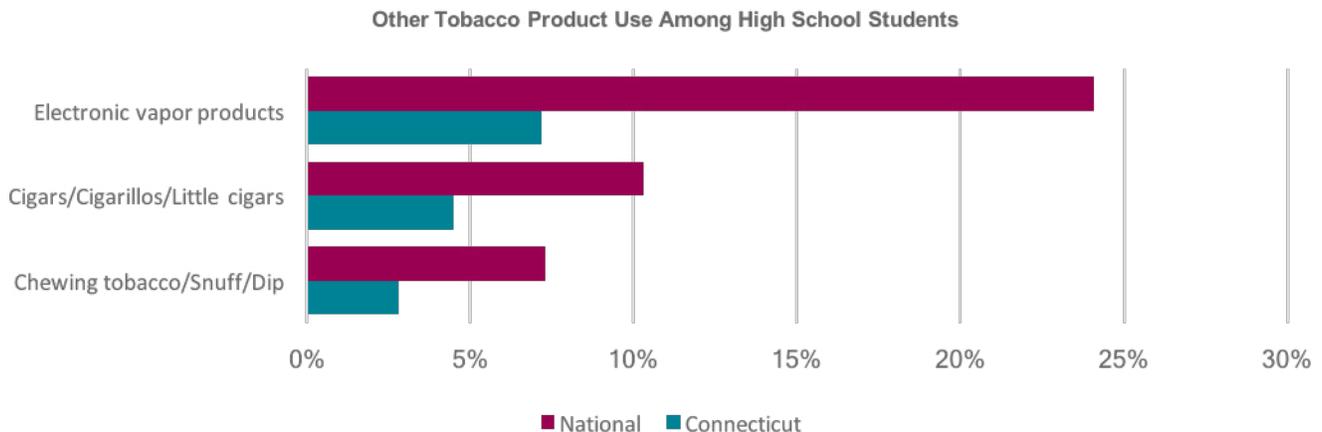
# Tobacco in Connecticut

## CIGARETTE USE\*1-2



## OTHER TOBACCO USE

- The prevalence of smokeless tobacco use among adults in Connecticut was 1.8% in 2014.<sup>3</sup>
- In 2015, 2.8% of high school students in Connecticut 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.<sup>2,4†</sup>
- In 2015, 4.5% of high school students in Connecticut 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.<sup>2,4†</sup>
- In 2015, 7.2% of high school students in Connecticut used e-cigarettes on at least one day in the past 30 days. Nationally, 24.1% of high school students used electronic vapor products on at least one day in the past 30 days.<sup>2,4†</sup>



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

†National prevalence data is from the Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System.

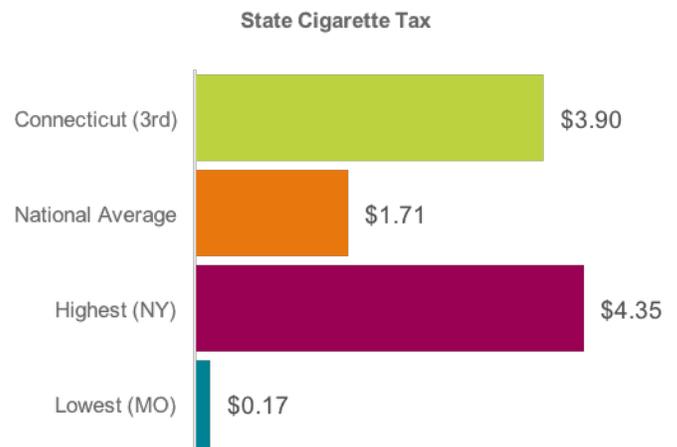
## ECONOMICS OF TOBACCO USE AND TOBACCO CONTROL

- In FY2017, Connecticut allocated \$0 million in state funds to tobacco prevention, which is 0% of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Annual Spending Target.<sup>5</sup>
- Connecticut received an estimated \$519.7 million in tobacco settlement payments and taxes in FY2017.<sup>5</sup>
- The health care costs in Connecticut, directly caused by smoking, amount to \$2.03 billion annually.<sup>6</sup>
- Connecticut loses \$1.25 billion in productivity each year due to smoking.<sup>6</sup>

## STATE TOBACCO LAWS<sup>7-9</sup>

### EXCISE TAX

- The state tax increased to \$3.90 per pack of cigarettes in July 2016. Connecticut is ranked 3rd in the United States for its cigarette tax. The national average cigarette tax is \$1.71 per pack of cigarettes. The highest state cigarette tax is New York (\$4.35) and the lowest state cigarette tax is Missouri (\$0.17).
- Snuff is taxed \$1.00 per ounce. Cigars are taxed 50% of the wholesale price, not to exceed \$0.50 per cigar. All other tobacco products are taxed 50% of the wholesale price.



### CLEAN INDOOR AIR ORDINANCES

- Smoking is prohibited in all government workplaces, schools, restaurants, bars (allowed in tobacco bars), casinos/gaming establishments (tribal establishments are exempt), retail stores, and recreational/cultural facilities.
- Smoking restrictions are required in private workplaces and childcare 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.
- The sale to minors of electronic cigarettes is prohibited.

## CESSATION STATISTICS AND BENEFITS

- The CDC estimates that 52.7% of adult every day smokers in Connecticut quit smoking for one or more days in 2015.<sup>10</sup>
- The Affordable Care Act requires all Medicaid programs cover all tobacco cessation medications beginning January 1, 2014.<sup>9†</sup>
- Connecticut's state quitline invests \$0 per smoker; the national average investment per smoker is \$3.46.<sup>9</sup>
- Connecticut does not have a private insurance mandate provision for cessation.<sup>9</sup>

†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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