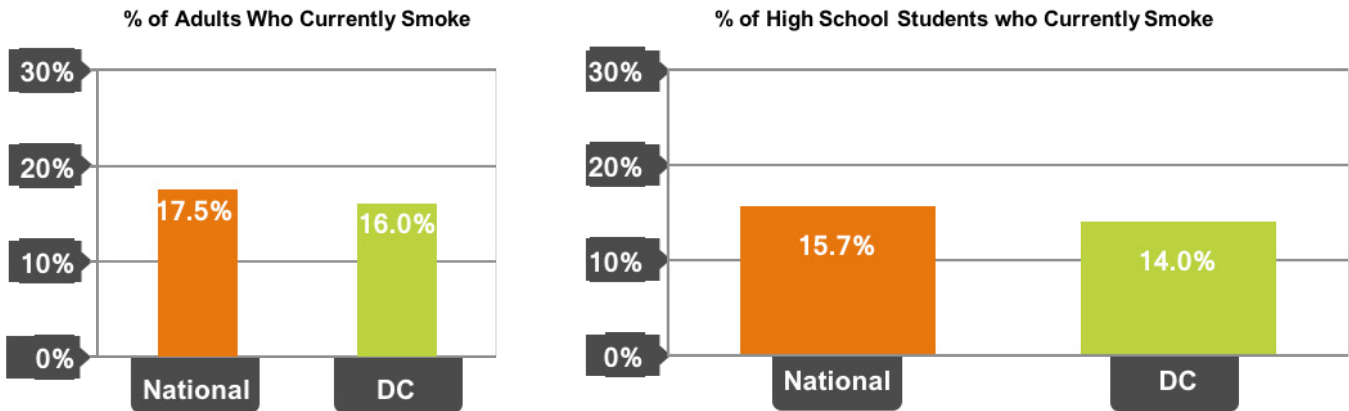


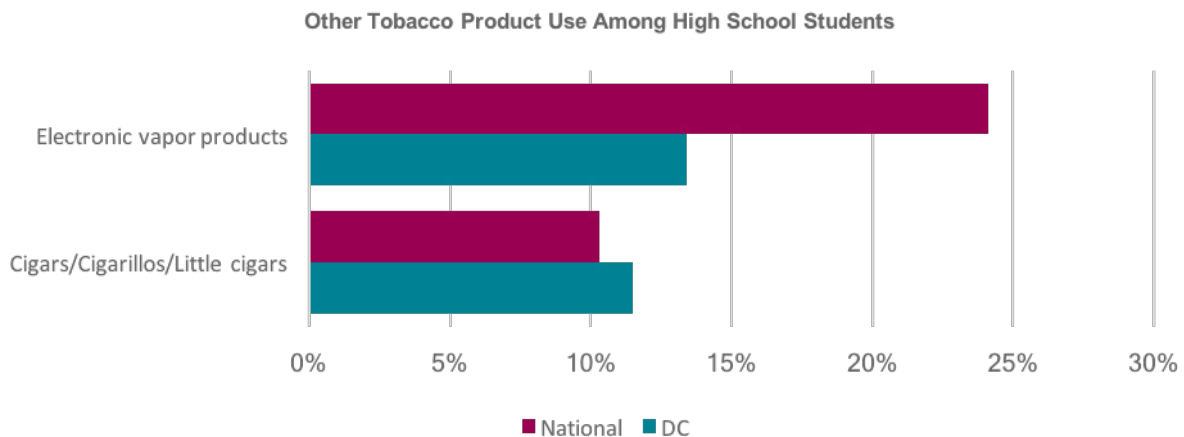
Tobacco in the District of Columbia

CIGARETTE USE*¹⁻²



OTHER TOBACCO USE

- The prevalence of smokeless tobacco use among adults in the District of Columbia was 1.8% in 2014.⁴
- In 2015, 11.5% of high school students in the District of Columbia 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.⁵
- In 2015, 13.4% of high school students in the District of Columbia used electronic vapor products 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.⁵



ECONOMICS OF TOBACCO USE AND TOBACCO CONTROL

- In FY2017, the District of Columbia allocated \$1.0 million in state funds to tobacco prevention, which is 9.3% of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Annual Spending Target.⁶
- The District of Columbia received an estimated \$69.9 million in tobacco settlement payments and taxes in FY2017.⁶
- The health care costs in the District of Columbia, directly caused by smoking, amount to \$391 million annually.⁶
- The District of Columbia loses \$280.4 million in productivity each year due to smoking.⁷

TOBACCO LAWS⁸⁻¹⁰

EXCISE TAX

- The tax increased to \$2.50 per pack of cigarettes in October 2009. The District of Columbia is ranked 13th 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).
- Little cigars are taxed at \$0.125 per cigar. All other tobacco products are taxed 67% of the wholesale price.



CLEAN INDOOR AIR ORDINANCES

- Smoking is prohibited in all government workplaces, private workplaces, schools, childcare facilities, restaurants, bars (allowed in cigar bars and allows for an economic hardship waiver), retail stores, and recreational/cultural facilities.

YOUTH ACCESS LAWS

- The minimum age requirement for the purchase of tobacco products is 21, 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.

BASEBALL STADIUM LAWS

- The use of tobacco is prohibited at organized sporting events, including professional venues.

CESSATION STATISTICS AND BENEFITS

- The CDC estimates that 60.3% of adult every day smokers in the District of Columbia quit smoking for one or more days in 2015.¹¹
- The Affordable Care Act requires all Medicaid programs cover all tobacco cessation medications beginning January 1, 2014.^{10†}
- The District of Columbia's quitline invests \$5.41 per smoker; the national average investment per smoker is \$3.46.¹⁰
- The District of Columbia does not have a private insurance mandate provision for cessation.¹⁰

†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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