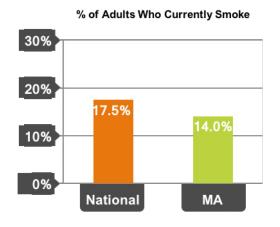
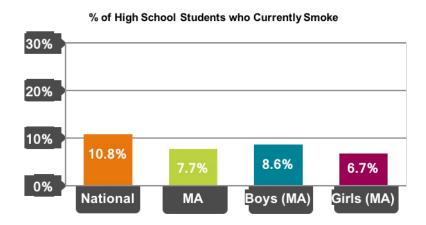


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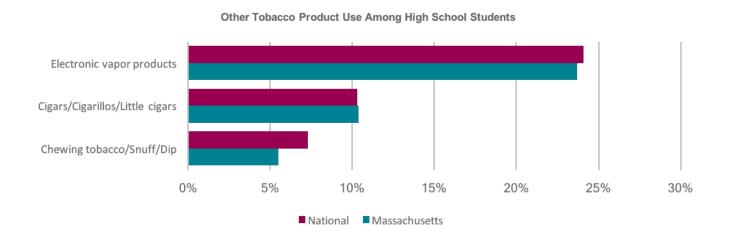
# **CIGARETTE USE\*1-2**





#### **OTHER TOBACCO USE**

- The prevalence of smokeless tobacco use among adults in Massachusetts was 1.5% in 2014.
- In 2015, 5.5% of high school students in Massachusetts 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</sup>
- In 2015, 10.4% of high school students in Massachusetts 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</sup>
- In 2015, 23.7% of high school students in Massachusetts 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.<sup>2</sup>



### **ECONOMICS OF TOBACCO USE AND TOBACCO CONTROL**

- In FY2017, Massachusetts allocated \$3.9 million in state funds to tobacco prevention, which is 5.8% of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Annual Spending Target.<sup>4</sup>
- Massachusetts received an estimated \$903.2 million in tobacco settlement payments and taxes in FY2017.<sup>4</sup>
- The health care costs in Massachusetts, directly caused by smoking, amount to \$4.08 billion annually.
- Massachusetts loses \$2.4 billion in productivity each year due to smoking.<sup>5</sup>

# STATE TOBACCO LAWS<sup>6-8</sup>

#### **EXCISE TAX**

- The state tax increased to \$3.51 per pack of cigarettes in July 2013. Massachusetts is ranked 4th 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 \$3.51 per twenty cigars, chewing tobacco and snuff are taxed 210% of the wholesale price, and cigars and smoking tobacco are taxed 40% of the wholesale price.



#### **CLEAN INDOOR AIR ORDINANCES**

 Smoking is prohibited in all government workplaces, private workplaces, schools, childcare facilities, restaurants, bars (allowed in smoking bars), casinos/gaming establishments, retail stores, and recreational/ cultural facilities.

#### YOUTH ACCESS LAWS

- The minimum age requirement for the purchase of tobacco products is 18.
- Establishments are required to post signs stating that sales to minors are prohibited.
- Self-service tobacco product displays are prohibited except in adult-only retail stores.

## **LOCAL TOBACCO LAWS**

- 138 cities and towns in Massachusetts, including Boston, have banned the sale of tobacco products to those under 21 years old.<sup>9</sup>
- 84 cities and local municipalities in Massachusetts, including Boston, have restricted flavored tobacco to adult-only retail tobacco stores and smoking bars. These laws exempt menthol and mint flavors. 9
- 139 cities and towns in Massachusetts, including Boston, require single cigars to be sold for at least \$2.50 and multi-packs of 2 or more cigars for at least \$5.00.9
- 82 cities and towns in Massachusetts have caps on the number of tobacco retail licenses.
- 147 cities and local municipalities in Massachusetts, including Boston, have adopted laws banning pharmacies from selling tobacco products. 9
- The use of smokeless tobacco and other tobacco products at baseball parks, including Fenway Park, and other professional and amateur sports venues is prohibited.<sup>10</sup>

## **CESSATION STATISTICS AND BENEFITS**

- The CDC estimates that 53.1% of adult every day smokers in Massachusetts quit smoking for one or more days in 2015.<sup>11</sup>
- The Affordable Care Act requires all Medicaid programs cover all tobacco cessation medications beginning January 1, 2014.<sup>8†</sup>
- Massachusetts' state quitline invests \$1.23 per smoker; the national average investment per smoker is \$3.46.8
- Massachusetts does not have a private insurance mandate provision for cessation.

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