





OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCT USE

- The prevalence of smokeless tobacco use among adults in Pennsylvania was 4.4% in 2013. 7.4% of adult current cigarette smokers in Pennsylvania were also current smokeless tobacco users in 2013.³
- In the 2010-2011 school year, 2.4% of middle school students and 8.5% of high school students in Pennsylvania used chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip on at least one day in the past 30 days.
- In the 2010-2011 school year, 1.4% of middle school students and 10.7% of high school students in Pennsylvania smoked cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars on at least one day in the past 30 days.

ECONOMICS OF TOBACCO USE AND TOBACCO CONTROL

- In FY2015, Pennsylvania allocated \$13.8 million in state funds to tobacco prevention, which is 9.9% of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Annual Spending Target. ⁵
- The health care costs in Pennsylvania, directly caused by smoking, amount to \$6.38 billion annually.⁴
- State and federal Medicaid costs for in Pennsylvania total \$2.077 billion annually for smokingcaused health care.⁶
- Pennsylvania loses \$5.73 billion in productivity each year due to smoking.⁶

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 Pennsylvania received an estimated \$1.344 billion in tobacco settlement payments and taxes in FY2015.⁵

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EXCISE TAX

• The state tax increased to \$1.60 per pack of cigarettes in November 2009. Little cigars are taxed \$0.08 per cigar. No tax is levied on all other tobacco products.

CLEAN INDOOR AIR ORDINANCES

- Smoking is prohibited in all schools, childcare facilities, government workplaces, private workplaces, health care facilities, retail stores, and recreational facilities.
- Smoking is restricted in restaurants and casinos (tribal establishments exempt).
- There is no smoking provision for bars.

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.
- Only sales clerks are allowed access to tobacco products prior to sale.

CESSATION STATISTICS AND BENEFITS

- ullet The CDC estimates that 53.8% of adult smokers in Pennsylvania tried to quit smoking in 2013. $^\circ$
- Pennsylvania's Medicaid program covers all seven recommended cessation medications and individual and group counseling.^{8*}
- The state Medicaid program's barriers to coverage include prior authorization in some health plans and copayment requirements.
- Pennsylvania's state quitline invests \$1.04 per smoker; the national average investment per smoker is \$3.65.8
- Pennsylvania does not have a private insurance mandate provision for cessation.

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- ** Pennsylvania is providing coverage to some Medicaid expansion enrollees through a 'private coverage option.' Coverage of tobacco cessation treatments in these private plans is unknown at this time. The information displayed here represents coverage available in 'Healthy' and 'Healthy Plus' Medicaid plans only.

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