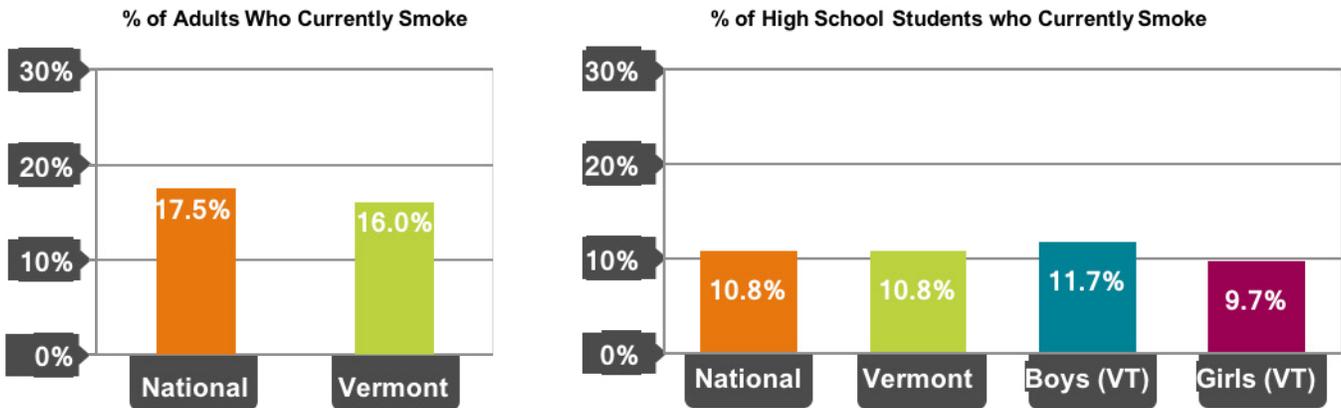


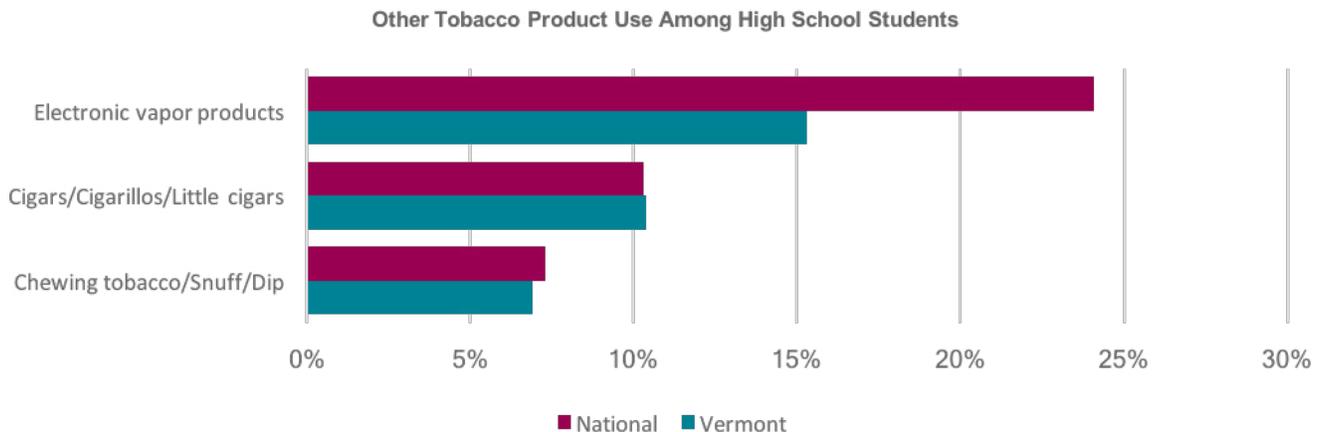
Tobacco in Vermont

CIGARETTE USE*1-2



OTHER TOBACCO USE

- The prevalence of smokeless tobacco use among adults in Vermont was 3.4% in 2014.³
- 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 FY2017, Vermont allocated \$3.4 million in state funds to tobacco prevention, which is 40.2% of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Annual Spending Target.⁴
- Vermont received an estimated \$117.6 million in tobacco settlement payments and taxes in FY2017.⁴
- The health care costs in Vermont, directly caused by smoking, amount to \$348 million annually.⁴
- Vermont loses \$232.8 million in productivity each year due to smoking.⁵

STATE TOBACCO LAWS⁶⁻⁹

EXCISE TAX

- The state tax increased to \$3.08 per pack of cigarettes in July 2015. Vermont is ranked 6th 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 \$3.08 per pack of twenty. Cigars with a wholesale price greater than \$2.17 and less than \$10 are taxed \$2.00 per cigar. Cigars with a wholesale price of \$10 or more are taxed \$4 per cigar. Roll-your-own tobacco is taxed \$4.74 per ounce. Snuff with a moisture content of no less than 45% is taxed \$2.57 per ounce. New smokeless tobacco products with a moisture content of less than 45% are taxed \$2.57 per ounce, or if packaged in quantities of less than 1.2 ounces, \$3.08 per package. All other tobacco products 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/cultural 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 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 50.5% of adult every day smokers in Vermont tried to quit smoking for one or more days in 2015.¹⁰
- The Affordable Care Act requires all Medicaid programs cover all tobacco cessation medications beginning January 1, 2014.^{9†}
- Vermont's state quitline invests \$5.34 per smoker; the national average investment per smoker is \$3.46.⁹
- Vermont has a private insurance mandate provision for cessation.⁹

†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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