

The Burden of Tobacco—New York State

TOBACCO USE IN NEW YORK¹

Current Smokers				
	2000	2002	2004	2006
Adults (18+)	21.6%	22.3%	19.9%	18.2%
High School (grades 9-12)	27.1%	20.4%	18.5%	16.3%
Middle School (grades 6-8)	10.5%	6.3%	5.4%	4.1%
Use of Other Tobacco Products*				
	2000	2002	2004	2006
Adults (18+)	N/A	N/A	6.7%	7.1%
High School (grades 9-12)	17.9%	14.6%	12.5%	10.8%
Middle School (grades 6-8)	7.2%	7.2%	5.6%	4.2%

* Other Tobacco includes chewing tobacco, cigars/cigarillos, pipe tobacco, bidis, and clove cigarettes.

- ⊗ In 2006, the prevalence of youth and adult smoking declined faster in New York than the country as a whole.¹

DEATHS IN NEW YORK FROM TOBACCO USE²

Adults who die each year from their own smoking	25,500 (1 in 5 deaths)
Annual deaths from someone else's smoking (from secondhand smoke and smoking during pregnancy)	2,420 to 4,310
Youth alive today in NYS who will ultimately die from smoking	389,000
Number of adults suffering with a tobacco related illness	Over 500,000

- ⊗ Every year smoking kills more people than alcohol, AIDS, car crashes, illegal drugs, murder, and suicide combined-- and thousands more die from other tobacco-related causes.¹

TOBACCO-RELATED MONETARY COSTS IN NEW YORK²

Annual health care cost in NYS caused by smoking	\$8.17 billion
Portion covered by Medicaid program	\$5.4 billion
Resident's tax burden from smoking-caused expenditures	\$904/ household
Smoking-caused productivity losses in NYS	\$6.01 billion

- ⊗ Health costs do not include those caused by exposure to secondhand smoke, smoking-caused fires, spit tobacco use, or cigar and pipe smoking.
- ⊗ Productivity losses include productive work lives shortened by a smoking-caused death. They do not include lost work time due to smoking, smoking breaks, decline in performance, or disability due to smoking.

¹ RTI International. (2007). *Independent Evaluation of New York's Tobacco Control Program Final Report 2007*. Research Triangle Park, NC: RTI International.

² Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids. (2007). The toll of tobacco in New York. Retrieved on April 25, 2007 from www.tobaccofreekids.org.