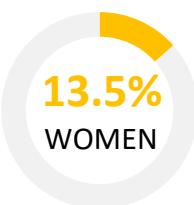
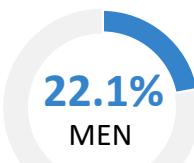


# Connecticut Department of Public Health Fact Sheet

## Tobacco Control Program | May 2022

### 2017 Current Tobacco Use Among Adults

#### By Gender



#### TOBACCO USE

##### SOME DAY OR EVERY DAY USE RATE

17.6%

use some form of tobacco



#### By Highest Level of Education

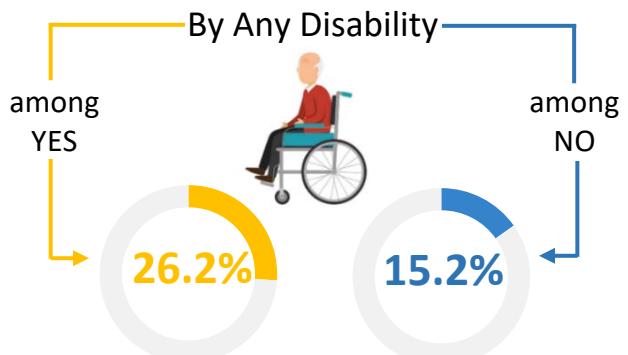
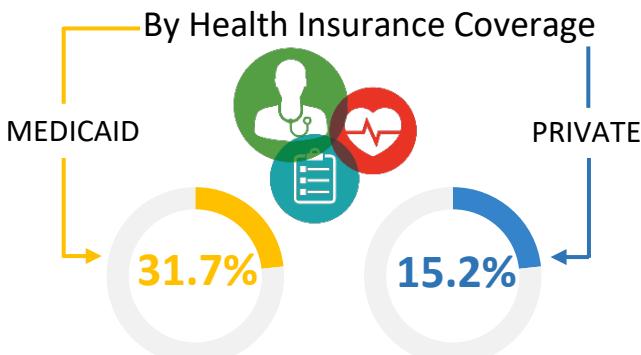
HIGH SCHOOL DIPLOMA

23.3%



COLLEGE DEGREE

7.7%



# Key Facts

- Results from the 2017 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System estimate that approximately 474,000 or 17.6% of Connecticut adults used cigarettes, cigars, e-cigarettes, hookahs or smokeless tobacco, such as chewing tobacco, dip snus or snuff, some days or every day (i.e., current tobacco use)
- Males (22.1%) were significantly more likely than females (13.5%) to have currently used tobacco
- Adults who reported poor mental health (34.7%), were significantly more likely than their counterparts without mental health problems (15.6%) to have used tobacco
- Young adults between the age of 18 and 34 years (24.0%) were twice as likely as adults 55 and older (12.4%) to use tobacco
- Adults whose highest level of educational attainment was a high school diploma (23.3%) were significantly more likely to have used tobacco some days or every day than were those who had earned a college degree (7.7%)
- The rate of current tobacco use was significantly higher among Hispanic (22.3%) adults than it was among White (17.0%) adults
- Adults in the LGBTQ community (30.7%) were significantly more likely than heterosexual (17.4%) adults to report current tobacco use
- The prevalence of tobacco use among adults covered by Medicaid (31.7%) was twice as high as it was among those with private health insurance (15.2%)
- Adults with an annual household income of less than \$25,000 (25.9%) were about twice as likely to have used tobacco than were adults with a yearly income of \$75,000 or more (13.3%)
- Current tobacco use was significantly higher among adults with any type of disability (26.2%) than it was among those who were not disabled (15.2%)

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