Overview

- There is no such thing as safe tobacco. Some of the harmful chemicals in tobacco occur naturally in the plant, while others are absorbed from the soil and fertilizers. Tobacco becomes even more dangerous when it is burned because new chemicals are formed.\(^1\)
- The average age of adult tobacco users in Connecticut is 41.3 years.\(^2\)
- An estimated 4,300 adults in Connecticut die each year as a result of their own smoking.\(^3\)
- Approximately 480,000 adults or 17.4% used some form of tobacco, including cigarettes, chewing tobacco, snuff, dip, hookahs, snus, and dissolvable tobacco, on 1 or more of the past 30 days.\(^2\)

### Key Points:
- No tobacco is safe.
- An estimated 17.4% of CT adults used some type of tobacco in the past 30 days.
- Men are more likely than women to currently use tobacco.
- Cigarettes are the most prevalent type of tobacco used by adults.
- 9.1% of adults have tried electronic cigarettes at least once in their lifetime.\(^2\)
- In 2012, among adult current tobacco users, by annual income, the largest proportion (35.3%) lived in households earning less than $25,000 (Figure 1).
- Men are more likely than women to use tobacco (Figure 2).
- Smokeless tobacco use remains mostly male behavior (Figure 2).

![Annual Household Income Among Adult Current Tobacco Users in CT](image)

#### 2012 Connecticut Estimates of Current Tobacco Use Among Adults\(^2\)

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<tr>
<th>Tobacco Product</th>
<th>Overall</th>
<th>Males</th>
<th>Females</th>
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<tr>
<td>Any tobacco product*</td>
<td>17.4%</td>
<td>20.7%</td>
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<td>Cigarettes</td>
<td>16.0%</td>
<td>18.5%</td>
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<td>Chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip</td>
<td>1.9%</td>
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<td>Hookahs (water pipes)</td>
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<td>Snus</td>
<td>0.6%</td>
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<td>0.1%(^1)</td>
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<td>Other tobacco products**</td>
<td>3.0%</td>
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*including cigarettes, chewing tobacco, snuff, dip, hookahs (water pipes), snus, and dissolvable tobacco

\(^1\)Data are statistically unreliable because sample size <50 or relative standard error >30%. These estimates are subject to high sampling error and should be interpreted with caution.

\(^2\)including chewing tobacco, snuff, dip, hookahs (water pipes), snus, and dissolvable tobacco
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References

Note:
Current use is defined as using a product on >1 day during the past 30 days.

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