

Connecticut Department of Public Health Fact Sheet

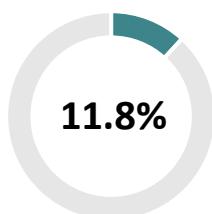
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2022 Cigarette Smoking Among Adults

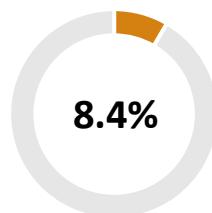
By Gender



Men



Women



CIGARETTE

Some Day or Every Day Use Rate

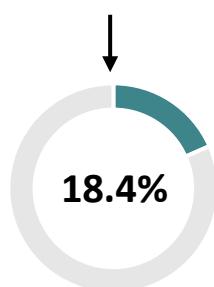


10.0%
smoke
cigarettes

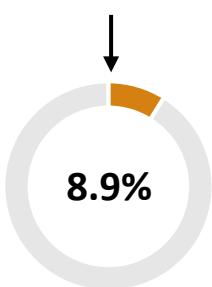
By Cognitive Disability



among
Yes



among
No



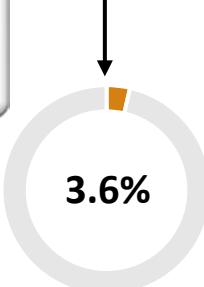
By Highest Level of Education



No High
School
Diploma

18.4%

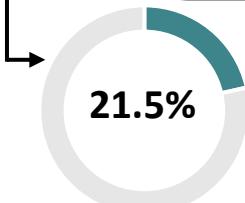
College
Degree



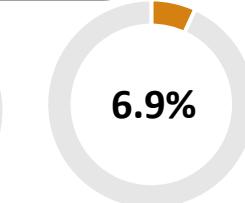
By Health Insurance Coverage



Medicaid



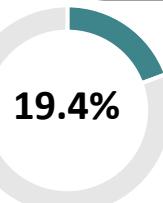
Private



By Annual Household Income



Less than
\$25,000



\$75,000
or more



Key Facts

- Results from the 2022 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System estimate that approximately 254,000 or 10.0% of Connecticut adults, aged 18 years or older, smoked cigarettes some days or every day (i.e., current cigarette smoking)
- Men (11.4%) were significantly more likely than women (8.4%) to have currently smoked cigarettes
- Adults who reported having some type of cognitive disability, such as serious difficulties concentrating, remembering, or making decisions (18.4%), were more than twice as likely as their counterparts without these health difficulties (8.9%) to have smoked cigarettes some days or every day
- Cigarette smoking was significantly higher among adults who binge drink[†] (15.8%) than it was among those who do not (8.6%)
- The rate of current cigarette smoking was slightly higher among non-Hispanic Black adults but did not vary significantly by race/ethnicity:
 - Non-Hispanic Black (12.6%)
 - Hispanic (11.9%)
 - Non-Hispanic White (9.6%)
- Adults with a college degree (3.6%) were significantly less likely than their counterparts with no high school diploma (18.4%), a high school degree or GED (15.2%), and those with some college or technical school (10.7%) to have smoked cigarettes some days or every day
- Medicaid recipients (21.5%) were three times more likely to be current cigarette smokers than were privately insured adults (6.9%)
- Current cigarette smoking was significantly higher among adults with any type of disability, such as with their hearing, vision, self-care, mobility, independence, or mental health, (16.0%) than it was among those without disabilities (7.8%)
- Adults with an annual household income of less than \$25,000 (19.4%) were over three times more likely to have currently smoked cigarettes than were adults with a yearly income of \$75,000 or more (6.3%)
- Current cigarette smoking was significantly higher among adults under the age of 65 (11.0%) than it was among their older peers (7.1%)
- Both Connecticut and New York have a cigarette excise tax of \$4.35 a pack, the highest in the nation, and the average price of a pack of cigarettes in Connecticut is now \$11.60, the third highest in the US behind New York (\$11.96) and Rhode Island (\$11.71)¹

[†]Binge drinking is defined as males having five or more drinks on one occasion or females having four or more drinks on one occasion.

¹<https://www.homesnacks.com/cigarette-prices-by-state/> (accessed 2023 Nov 07).

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