

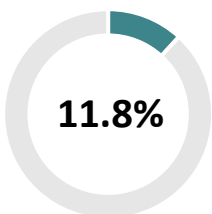
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2022 Cigarette Smoking Among Adults

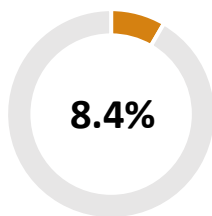
By Gender



Men



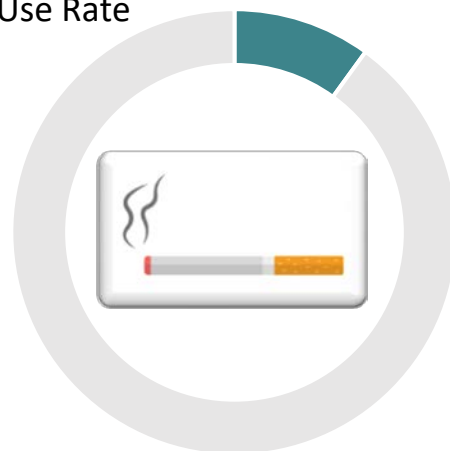
Women



CIGARETTE

Some Day or Every Day
Use Rate

10.0%
smoke
cigarettes

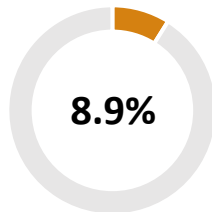
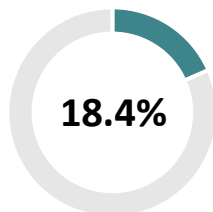


By Cognitive
Disability

among
Yes



among
No

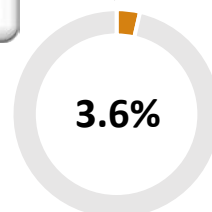
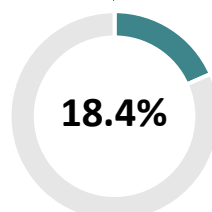


By Highest Level
of Education

No High
School
Diploma



College
Degree

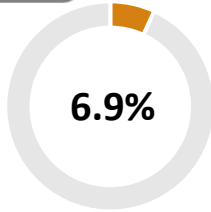
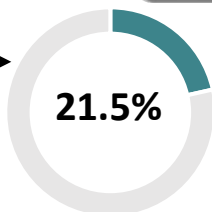


By Health Insurance
Coverage

Medicaid



Private

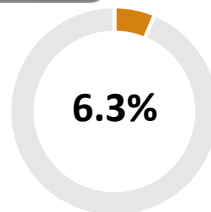
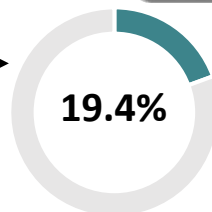


By Annual Household
Income

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 drink¹ (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

¹Binge 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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