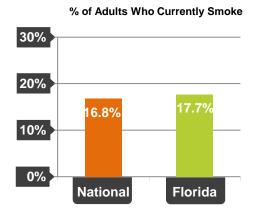




TOBACCO IN FLORIDA

CIGARETTE USE*1-2



% of High School Students who Currently Smoke 30% 20% 10% 10.8% 9.9% 11.5% 7.8% 0% National Florida Boys (FL) Girls (FL)

OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCT USE

- The prevalence of smokeless tobacco use among adults in Florida was 2.6% in 2013. 5.2% of adult current cigarette smokers in Florida were also current smokeless tobacco users in 2013.³
- In 2015, 4.9% of high school students in Florida used chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip on at least one day in the past 30 days.⁴
- In 2015, 8.5% of high school students in Florida smoked cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars on at least one day in the past 30 days.⁴
- In 2015, 15.8% of high school students in Florida used an electronic cigarette on at least one day in the past 30 days.⁴

ECONOMICS OF TOBACCO USE AND TOBACCO CONTROL

- In FY2016, Florida allocated \$67.7 million in state funds to tobacco prevention, which is 34.9% of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Annual Spending Target.⁵
- Florida received an estimated \$1.559 billion in tobacco settlement payments and taxes in FY2016.⁵
- The health care costs in Florida, directly caused by smoking, amount to \$8.64 billion annually.⁵
- Florida loses \$8.32 billion in productivity each year due to smoking.⁶

^{*} National and state-level prevalence numbers reflect the most recent data available. This may differ across state fact sheets.

STATE TOBACCO LAWS7-8

EXCISE TAX

• The state tax increased to \$1.339 per pack of cigarettes in July 2009. The tax on all other tobacco products, except cigars, is 85% of the wholesale price.

CLEAN INDOOR AIR ORDINANCES

- Smoking is prohibited in all government workplaces, private workplaces, schools, childcare facilities, restaurants, casinos/gaming establishments (tribal establishments are exempt), retail stores, and recreational/cultural facilities.
- Smoking restrictions are required in bars. Stand-alone bars that make no more than 10% of their gross revenue from the sales of food are exempt.

YOUTH ACCESS LAWS

- The minimum age requirement for the purchase of tobacco products is 18, and penalties exist for both minors and merchants who violate this law.
- Establishments are required to post signs stating that sales to minors are prohibited.
- Products must be under supervision of sales clerk(s) or in sight of the sales clerk.
- The sale to minors of nicotine dispensing devices, including electronic cigarettes, is prohibited.

CESSATION STATISTICS AND BENEFITS

- The CDC estimates that 57.8% of adult every day smokers in Florida quit smoking for one or more days in 2014.⁹
- Florida's Medicaid program covers NRT Gum, NRT Patch, NRT Lozenge, Varenicline (Chantix), and Bupropion (Zyban). Coverage of individual, group, and phone counseling varies by plan.^{8†}
- The state Medicaid program's barriers to coverage include co-payments, use of some treatments before using others, and dollar limits on benefits vary by plan. Medications are limited to six months.⁸
- Florida's state quitline invests \$5.01 per smoker; the national average investment per smoker is \$3.37.8
- Florida does not have private insurance mandate provision for cessation.⁸

[†] The seven recommended cessation medications are NRT Gum, NRT Patch, NRT Nasal Spray, NRT Inhaler, NRT Lozenge, Varenicline (Chantix), and Bupropion (Zyban).

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