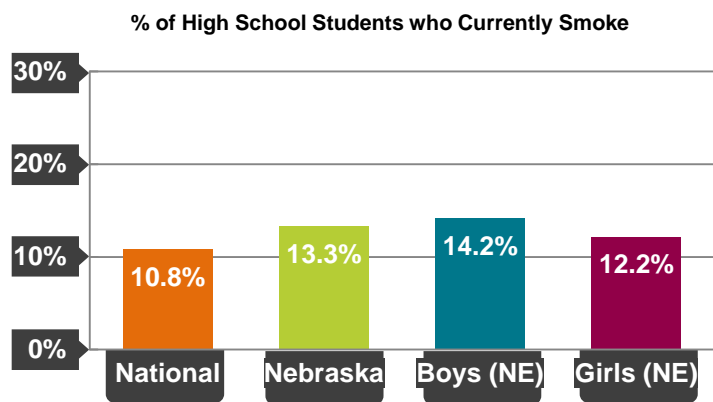
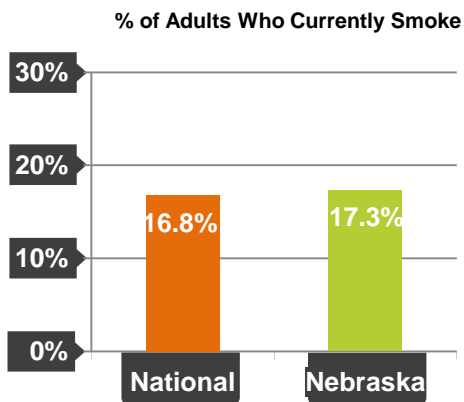


TOBACCO IN NEBRASKA

CIGARETTE USE^{1-2*}



OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCT USE

- The prevalence of smokeless tobacco use among adults in Nebraska was 5.3% in 2013. 9% of adult current cigarette smokers in Nebraska were also current smokeless tobacco users in 2013.³
- In 2015, 9.3% of high school students in Nebraska used chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip on at least one day in the past 30 days. Nationally, 7.3% of high school students used smokeless tobacco on at least one day in the past 30 days.²
- In 2015, 8.1% of high school students in Nebraska smoked cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars on at least one day in the past 30 days. Nationally, 10.3% of high school students smoked cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars on at least one day in the past 30 days.²
- In 2015, 22.3% of high school students in Nebraska used electronic vapor products on at least one day in the past 30 days. Nationally, 24.1% of high school students used electronic vapor products on at least one day in the past 30 days.²

ECONOMICS OF TOBACCO USE AND TOBACCO CONTROL

- In FY2016, Nebraska allocated \$2.6 million in state funds to tobacco prevention, which is 12.4% of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Annual Spending Target.⁴
- Nebraska received an estimated \$101 million in tobacco settlement payments and taxes in FY2016.⁴
- The health care costs in Nebraska, directly caused by smoking, amount to \$795 million annually.⁴

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

- Nebraska loses \$605.5 million in productivity each year due to smoking.⁵

STATE TOBACCO LAWS⁶⁻⁷

EXCISE TAX

- The state tax increased to \$0.64 per pack of cigarettes in October 2002. Snuff is taxed \$0.44 per ounce. All other tobacco products are taxed 20% of the purchase price.

CLEAN INDOOR AIR ORDINANCES

- Smoking is prohibited in all government workplaces, private workplaces, schools, childcare facilities, restaurants, bars (allowed in cigar shops), casinos/gaming establishments, retail stores, and recreational/cultural facilities.

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.
- The sale to minors of electronic cigarettes is prohibited.

CESSATION STATISTICS AND BENEFITS

- The CDC estimates that 49.4% of adult every day smokers in Nebraska quit smoking for one or more days in 2014.⁸
- Nebraska's Medicaid program covers all seven recommended cessation medications and individual counseling.^{7†}
- The state's Medicaid program's barriers to coverage include limits on duration, an annual limit on quit attempts, required prior authorization for medications, minimal co-payments and required use of counseling to get medications.⁷
- Nebraska's state quitline invests \$1.29 per smoker; the national average investment per smoker is \$3.37.⁷
- Nebraska does not have a private insurance mandate provision for cessation.⁷

† 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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