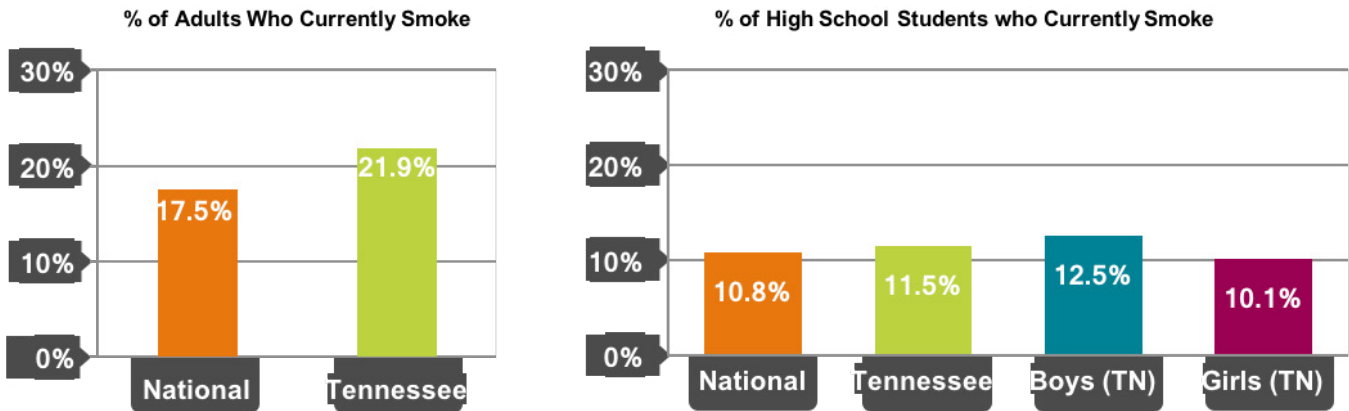


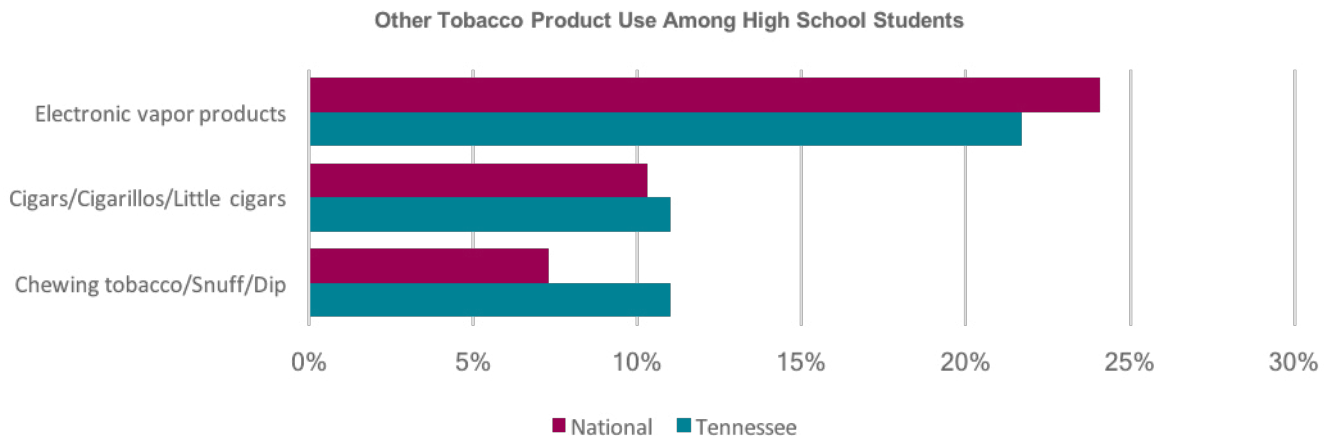
# Tobacco in Tennessee

## CIGARETTE USE\*<sup>1-2</sup>



## OTHER TOBACCO USE

- The prevalence of smokeless tobacco use among adults in Tennessee was 7.3% in 2014.<sup>3</sup>
- In 2015, 11.0% of high school students in Tennessee 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.<sup>2</sup>
- In 2015, 11.0% of high school students in Tennessee 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.<sup>2</sup>
- In 2015, 21.7% of high school students in Tennessee 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.<sup>2</sup>



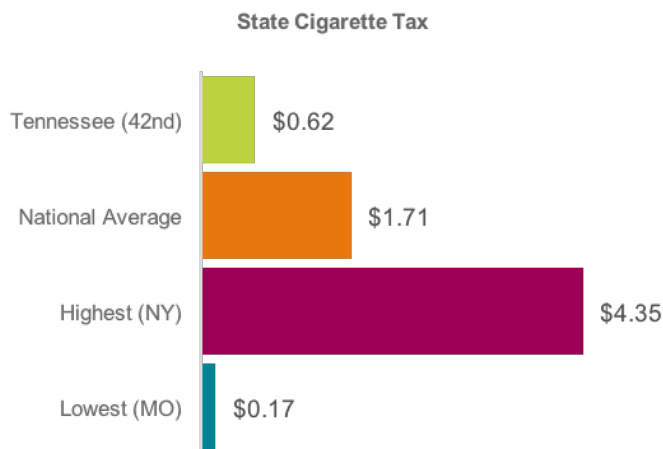
## ECONOMICS OF TOBACCO USE AND TOBACCO CONTROL

- In FY2017, Tennessee allocated \$1.1 million in state funds to tobacco prevention, which is 1.5% of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Annual Spending Target.<sup>4</sup>
- Tennessee received an estimated \$418.3 million in tobacco settlement payments and taxes in FY2017.<sup>4</sup>
- The health care costs in Tennessee, directly caused by smoking, amount to \$2.67 billion annually.<sup>4</sup>
- Tennessee loses \$3.59 billion in productivity each year due to smoking.<sup>5</sup>

## STATE TOBACCO LAWS<sup>6-8</sup>

### EXCISE TAX

- The state tax increased to \$0.62 per pack of cigarettes in July 2007. Tennessee is ranked 42nd in the United States for its cigarette tax. The national average cigarette tax is \$1.71 per pack of cigarettes. The highest state cigarette tax is New York (\$4.35) and the lowest state cigarette tax is Missouri (\$0.17).
- All other tobacco products are taxed 6.6% of the wholesale price.



### CLEAN INDOOR AIR ORDINANCES

- Smoking is prohibited in all schools, childcare facilities, government workplaces, private workplaces (non public workplaces with three or fewer employees are exempt), retail stores, recreational/cultural facilities, and health care facilities.
- Smoking is restricted in restaurants and bars that allow individuals under the age of 21 to enter at any time.

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

## CESSATION STATISTICS AND BENEFITS

- The CDC estimates that 48% of adult every day smokers in Tennessee tried to quit smoking for one or more days in 2015.<sup>9</sup>
- The Affordable Care Act requires all Medicaid programs cover all tobacco cessation medications beginning January 1, 2014.<sup>8†</sup>
- Tennessee's state quitline invests \$0.37 per smoker; the national average investment per smoker is \$3.46.<sup>8</sup>
- Tennessee has no private insurance mandate provision for cessation.<sup>8</sup>

<sup>†</sup>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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