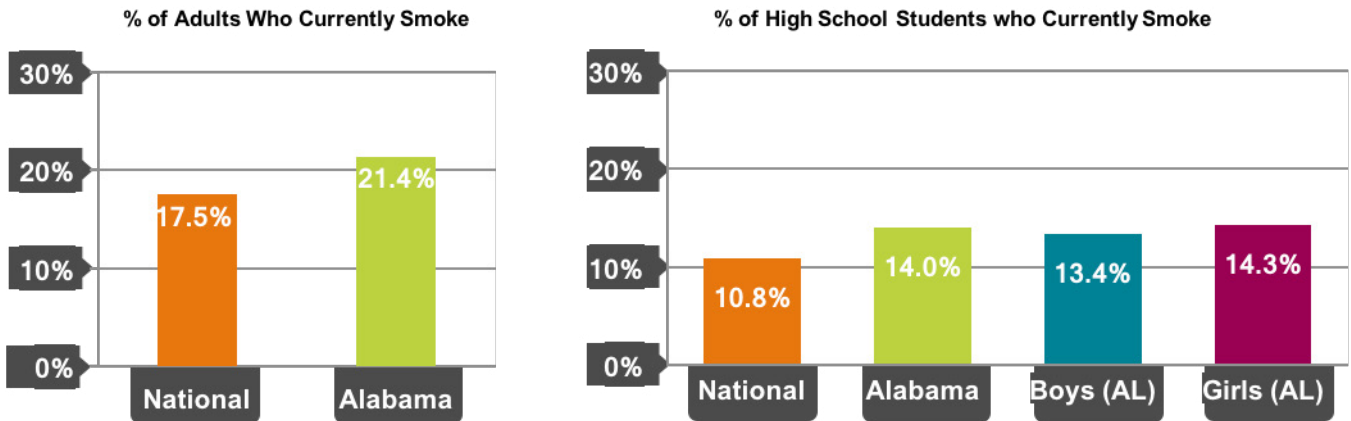


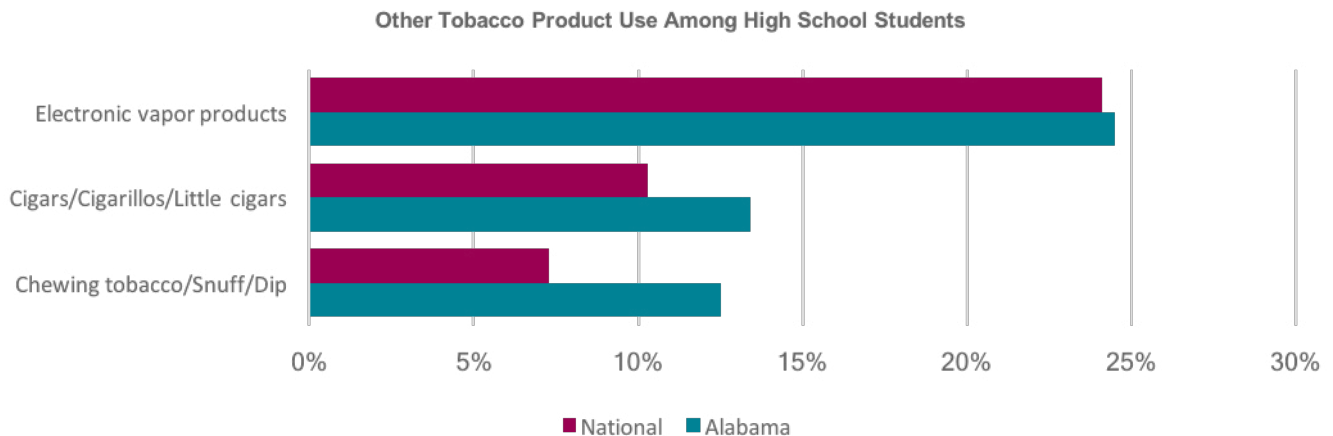
Tobacco in Alabama

CIGARETTE USE*1-2



OTHER TOBACCO USE

- The prevalence of smokeless tobacco use among adults in Alabama was 5.8% in 2014.³
- In 2015, 12.5% of high school students in Alabama 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, 13.4% of high school students in Alabama 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, 24.5% of high school students in Alabama 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



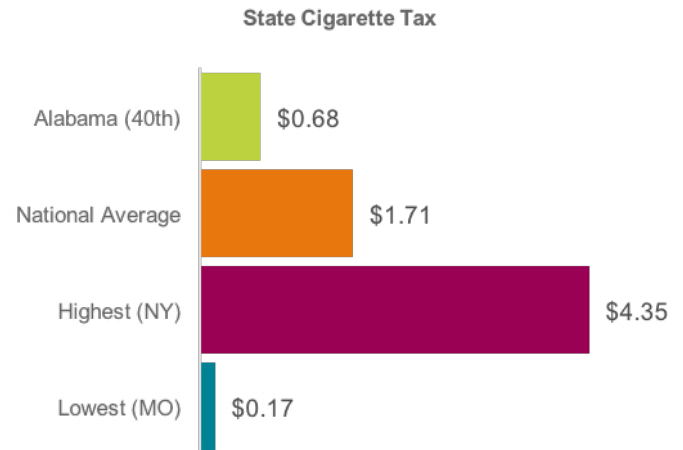
ECONOMICS OF TOBACCO USE AND TOBACCO CONTROL

- In FY2017, Alabama allocated \$1.5 million in state funds to tobacco prevention, which is 2.7% of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Annual Spending Target.⁴
- Alabama received an estimated \$306.3 million in tobacco settlement payments and taxes in FY2017.⁴
- The health care costs in Alabama, directly caused by smoking, amount to \$1.88 billion annually.⁴
- Alabama loses \$2.71 billion in productivity each year due to smoking.⁵

STATE TOBACCO LAWS⁶⁻⁸

EXCISE TAX

- The state tax increased to \$0.675 per pack of cigarettes in October 2015. Alabama is ranked 40th 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).
- Chewing tobacco is taxed \$0.015 per ounce. All other tobacco products have varying taxes based on weight and price.



CLEAN INDOOR AIR ORDINANCES

- Smoking restrictions are required in all government workplaces, schools, childcare facilities, retail stores, and recreational/cultural facilities.
- There are no smoking restrictions in private workplaces, restaurants, bars, or casinos/gaming establishments.

YOUTH ACCESS LAWS

- The minimum age requirement for the purchase of tobacco products is 19, 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 electronic smoking devices, including electronic cigarettes, is prohibited.

CESSATION STATISTICS AND BENEFITS

- The CDC estimates that 56.2% of adult every day smokers in Alabama quit smoking for one or more days in 2015.⁹
- The Affordable Care Act requires all Medicaid programs cover all tobacco cessation medications beginning January 1, 2014.^{8†}
- Alabama's state quitline invests \$1.10 per smoker; the national average investment per smoker is \$3.46.⁸
- Alabama does not have a 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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