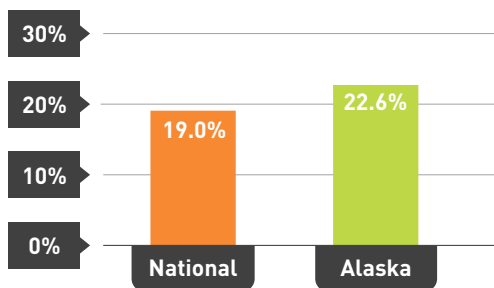


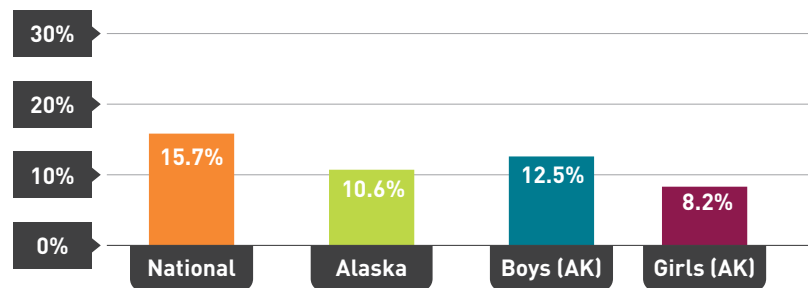
ALASKA + TOBACCO

CIGARETTE USE

% of Adults Who Currently Smoke ¹



% of High School Students Who Currently Smoke ²



OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCT USE

- The prevalence of smokeless tobacco use among adults in Alaska was 6.8% in 2013. 8.8% of adult current cigarette smokers in Alaska were also current smokeless tobacco users in 2013.³
- In 2013, 9.1% of high school students in Alaska used chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip on at least one day in the past 30 days. Nationally, 8.8% of high school students used smokeless tobacco on at least one day in the past 30 days.²
- In 2013, 7.3% of high school students in Alaska smoked cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars on at least one day in the past 30 days. Nationally, 12.6% of high school students smoked cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars on at least one day in the past 30 days.²

ECONOMICS OF TOBACCO USE AND TOBACCO CONTROL

- In FY2015, Alaska allocated \$9.7 million in state funds to tobacco prevention, which is 95.6% of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Annual Spending Target.⁴
- The health care costs in Alaska, directly caused by smoking, amount to \$438 million annually.⁴

- State and federal Medicaid costs for Alaska total \$92.4 million annually for smoking-caused health care.⁵
- Alaska loses \$205.9 million in productivity each year due to smoking.⁵
- Alaska received an estimated \$98.1 million in tobacco settlement payments and taxes in FY2015.⁴

STATE TOBACCO LAWS^{6,7}

EXCISE TAX

- The state tax increased to \$2.00 per pack of cigarettes in July 2007. All other tobacco products are taxed 75% of the wholesale price.

CLEAN INDOOR AIR ORDINANCES

- Smoking is prohibited in all childcare facilities and schools.
- Smoking restrictions are required in all government workplaces, health care facilities, recreational facilities, restaurants, private workplaces, and retail stores.

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 persons under 19 are prohibited.
- The sale to minors of alternative nicotine products, including electronic cigarettes, is prohibited.

CESSATION STATISTICS AND BENEFITS

- The CDC estimates that 50.1% of adult smokers in Alaska tried to quit smoking in 2013.⁸
- Alaska's Medicaid program covers all seven recommended cessation medications and individual counseling.^{7*}
- The state Medicaid program's barriers to coverage include co-payments, and prior authorization for NRT Nasal Spray, NRT Inhaler, and Varenicline (Chantix).⁷
- Alaska's state quitline invests \$4.92 per smoker; the national average investment per smoker is \$3.65.⁷
- Alaska does not have a private insurance mandate provision for cessation.⁷

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