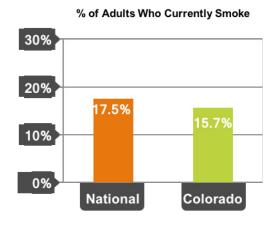
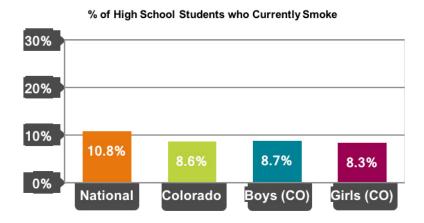


# Tobacco in Colorado

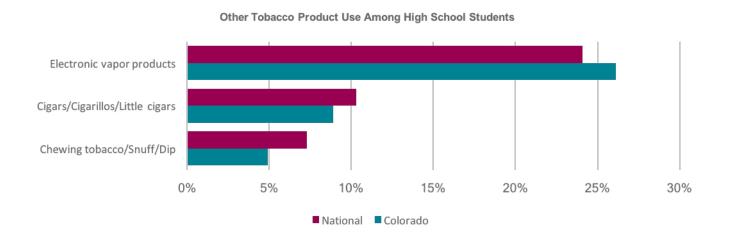
## **CIGARETTE USE**\*1-2





#### OTHER TOBACCO USE

- The prevalence of smokeless tobacco use among adults in Colorado was 4.0% in 2014.<sup>4</sup>
- In 2015, 4.9% of high school students in Colorado 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>3</sup>
- In 2015, 8.9% of high school students in Colorado 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>3</sup>
- In 2015, 26.1% of high school students in Colorado 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>3</sup>



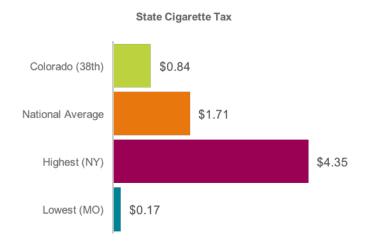
#### **ECONOMICS OF TOBACCO USE AND TOBACCO CONTROL**

- In FY2017, Colorado allocated \$23.2 million in state funds to tobacco prevention, which is 43.8% of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Annual Spending Target.<sup>5</sup>
- Colorado received an estimated \$296.3 million in tobacco settlement payments and taxes in FY2017.5
- The health care costs in Colorado, directly caused by smoking, amount to \$1.89 billion annually.
- Colorado loses \$1.27 billion in productivity each year due to smoking.<sup>6</sup>

## STATE TOBACCO LAWS<sup>7-9</sup>

#### **EXCISE TAX**

- The state tax increased to \$0.84 per pack of cigarettes in January 2005. Colorado is ranked 38th 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 40% of the manufacturer's list price.



#### **CLEAN INDOOR AIR ORDINANCES**

Smoking is prohibited in all government workplaces, private workplaces (non-public workplaces with three or
fewer employees are exempt), schools, childcare facilities, restaurants, bars (allowed in cigar-tobacco bars),
casinos/gaming establishments (tribal establishments are exempt), 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.
- Establishments are required to post signs stating that sales to minors are prohibited.
- The sale to minors of electronic cigarettes is prohibited.

#### **CESSATION STATISTICS AND BENEFITS**

- The CDC estimates that 52% of adult every day smokers in Colorado quit smoking for one or more days in 2015. 10
- The Affordable Care Act requires all Medicaid programs cover all tobacco cessation medications beginning January 1, 2014. 91
- Colorado's state quitline invests \$4.86 per smoker; the national average investment per smoker is \$3.46.
- Colorado has a private insurance mandate provision for cessation.

<sup>&</sup>lt;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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