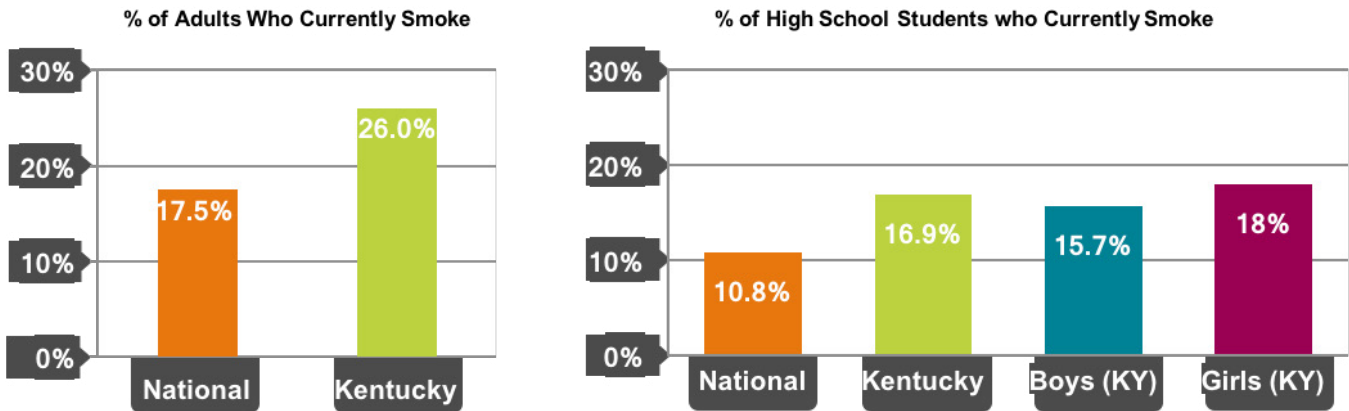


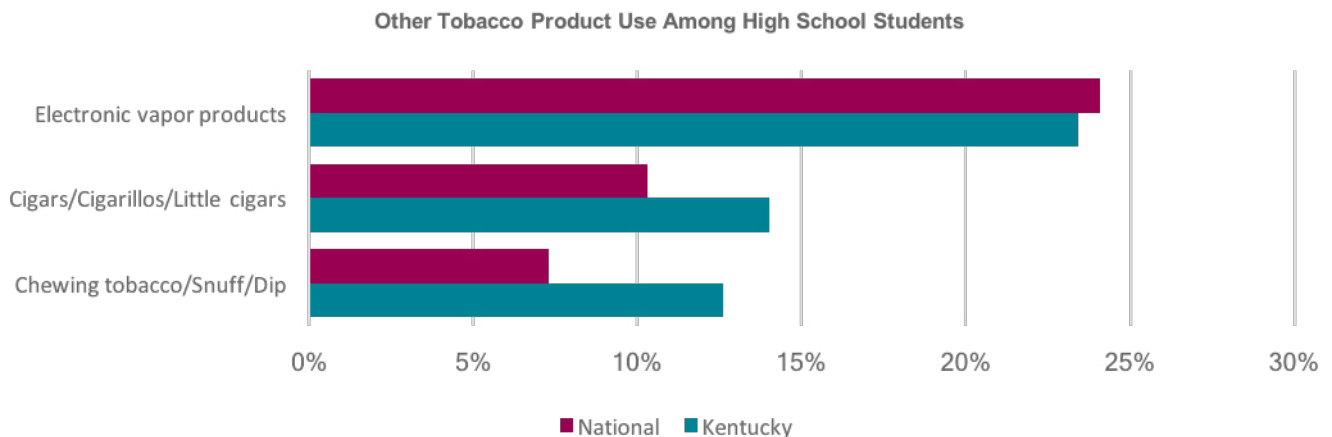
# Tobacco in Kentucky

## CIGARETTE USE\*1-2



## OTHER TOBACCO USE

- The prevalence of smokeless tobacco use among adults in Kentucky was 6.8% in 2014.<sup>3</sup>
- In 2015, 12.6% of high school students in Kentucky 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, 14.0% of high school students in Kentucky 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, 23.4% of high school students in Kentucky 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>



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

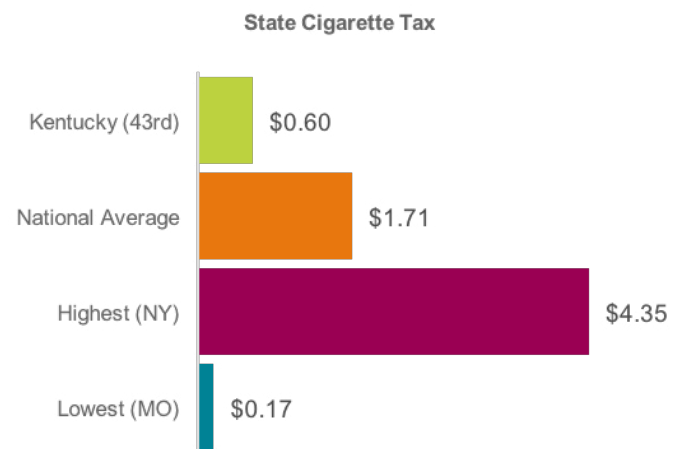
## ECONOMICS OF TOBACCO USE AND TOBACCO CONTROL

- In FY2017, Kentucky allocated \$2.4 million in state funds to tobacco prevention, which is 4.2% of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Annual Spending Target.<sup>4</sup>
- Kentucky received an estimated \$361 million in tobacco settlement payments and taxes in FY2017.<sup>4</sup>
- The health care costs in Kentucky, directly caused by smoking, amount to \$1.92 billion annually.<sup>4</sup>
- Kentucky loses \$2.79 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 \$0.60 per pack of cigarettes in April 2009. Kentucky is ranked 43rd 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).
- Moist snuff is taxed \$0.19 per unit of 1.5 ounces or less. Chewing tobacco is taxed \$0.19 per each single unit, \$0.40 per each half pound unit, and \$0.65 per each pound unit. All other tobacco products are taxed 15% of the wholesale price.



### CLEAN INDOOR AIR ORDINANCES

- Smoking restrictions are required in government workplaces (prohibited in state government buildings) and schools.
- There are no smoking restrictions in private workplaces, childcare facilities, restaurants, bars, 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.
- Establishments are required to post signs stating that sales to minors are prohibited.
- The sale to minors of electronic cigarettes is prohibited.

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## CESSATION STATISTICS AND BENEFITS

- The CDC estimates that 46.7% of adult every day smokers in Kentucky quit smoking for one or more days in 2015.<sup>9</sup>
- The Affordable Care Act requires all Medicaid programs cover all recommended tobacco cessation medications beginning January 1, 2014.<sup>8†</sup>
- Kentucky' state quitline invests \$1.01 per smoker; the national average investment per smoker is \$3.46.<sup>8</sup>
- Kentucky does not have a private insurance mandate provision for cessation.<sup>8</sup>

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<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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