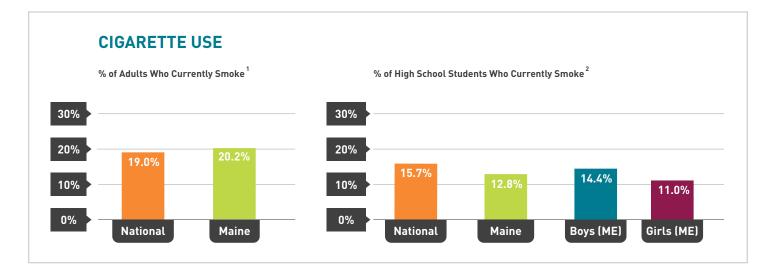




MAINE + TOBACCO



OTHER TOBACCO PRODUCT USE

- The prevalence of smokeless tobacco use among adults in Maine was 2.0% in 2013. 3.9% of adult current cigarette smokers in Maine were also current smokeless tobacco users in 2013.³
- In 2013, 6.0% of high school students in Maine 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, 10.6% of high school students in Maine 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, Maine allocated \$8.2 million in state funds to tobacco prevention, which is 51.4% of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Annual Spending Target.⁴
- The health care costs in Maine, directly caused by smoking, amount to \$811 million annually.
- State and federal Medicaid costs for Maine total \$261.5 million annually for smoking-caused health care.⁵
- Maine loses \$647 million in productivity each year due to smoking.

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Maine received an estimated \$186 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 September 2005. Smokeless tobacco, including chewing tobacco and snuff, is taxed a minimum of \$2.02 per ounce. Cigars, pipe tobacco, and other smoking tobacco are taxed 20% of the wholesale price.

CLEAN INDOOR AIR ORDINANCES

- Smoking is prohibited in all childcare facilities, schools, government workplaces, restaurants, bars, private workplaces, retail stores, recreational facilities, and health care facilities.
- Smoking is restricted in casinos (tribal establishments are exempt).

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.

CESSATION STATISTICS AND BENEFITS

- The CDC estimates that 51.2% of adult smokers in Maine tried to guit smoking in 2013.
- Maine's Medicaid program covers all seven recommended cessation medications, and individual and group counseling.
- The state Medicaid program's barriers to coverage include prior authorization requirements for some medications and requirements to use some medications before using others.
- Maine's state quitline invests \$12.66 per smoker; the national average investment per smoker is \$3.65.
- Maine does not have a private insurance mandate provision for cessation.

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