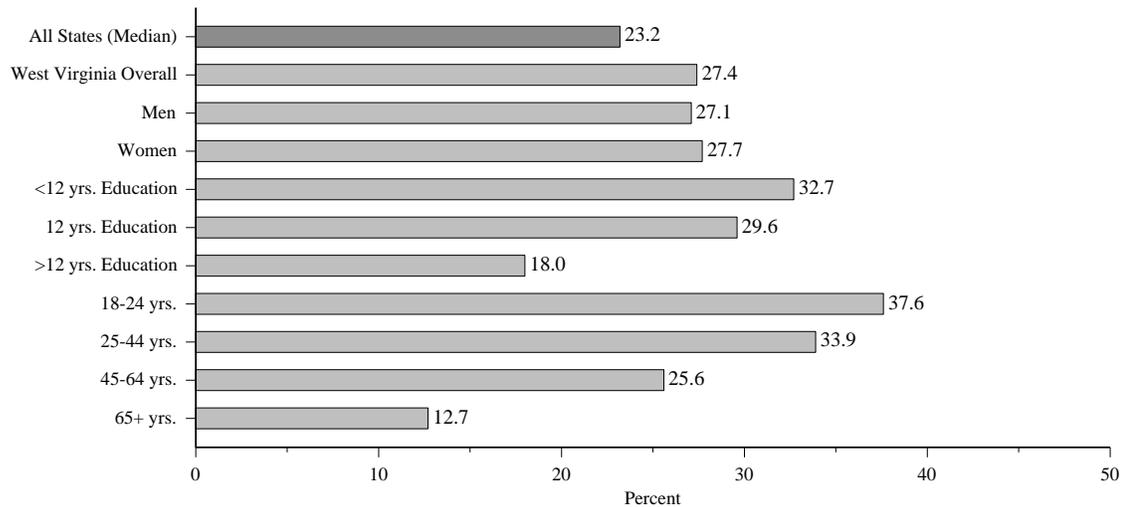


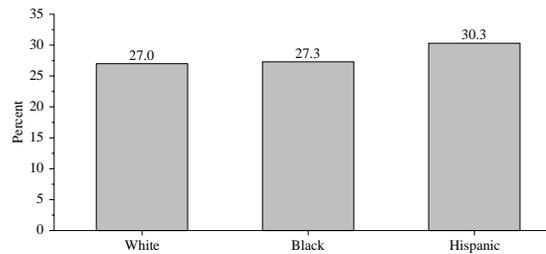
Number of West Virginia youth projected to die prematurely from their smoking: 38,542

Adult Tobacco Use in West Virginia

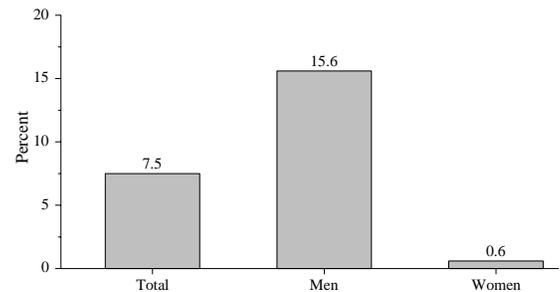
Current Cigarette Smoking Among Adults Aged 18 and Older, 1997



Current Cigarette Smoking Among Adults by Race/Ethnicity, 1996-1997



Current Smokeless Tobacco Use Among Adults Aged 18+, 1995-1996



Health Impact and Costs

AVERAGE ANNUAL DEATHS RELATED TO SMOKING, 1990-1994		AVERAGE ANNUAL YEARS OF POTENTIAL LIFE LOST,* 1990-1994	MEDICAL COSTS RELATED TO SMOKING, 1993	
Overall	4,229	57,678 years or an average of 13.6 years for each death due to smoking. *Calculated to life expectancy	Ambulatory	\$76,710,000
Men	2,720		Hospital	\$137,620,000
Women	1,510		Nursing Home†	\$83,740,000
Death Rate	424/100,000		Drug	\$26,470,000
Rank	49 (No. 1 is lowest death rate)		Other	\$56,020,000
			Total	\$380,560,000

†Preliminary estimates

Youth Tobacco Use

CIGARETTE SMOKING AMONG YOUTH, GRADES 9-12, 1997		SMOKELESS TOBACCO USE AMONG YOUTH, GRADES 9-12, 1997 (PAST MONTH)
Past Month	Frequent	
All States	36.4%	All States 9.3%
WV	41.9%	WV 15.8%
Boys	42.4%	Boys 31.0%
Girls	41.3%	Girls 1.3%

Past Month = tobacco use on one or more days in the past month
Frequent = tobacco use on 20+ days in the past month

Number of West Virginia youth exposed to ETS in the home in 1996: 128,665



Tobacco Control Legislation, 1998

Minors' Access to Tobacco Products

Minimum age for sale: 18
Penalties: Any person who sells to a minor will be guilty of a misdemeanor and fined \$10–\$25.
Illegal for minors to:
 Purchase No
 Possess Yes
 Use Yes

Restrictions on Vending Machines

None

Signage

None

Licensure

None

Excise Tax

Cigarette tax per pack 17¢
 Rank = 41 (No.1 is highest tax)
 Federal and state taxes as a percentage of retail price 24.0%
 Annual gross tax revenue from cigarettes \$35,549,000

Smokeless tobacco tax:

None

Advertising

Warning labels required on billboards for smokeless tobacco products.

State Preempts Local Laws

No preemption

Smokefree Indoor Air

Site	Restrictions				Penalties	
	100% Smokefree	Designated smoking areas with separate ventilation	Designated smoking areas required or allowed	None	To businesses	To smokers
						
Government worksites				✓		
Private worksites				✓		
Restaurants				✓		
Day care centers				✓		
Home-based day care				✓		

Tobacco Economy

Cigarette Sales, 1997

Number of packages sold and taxed, per capita 114.5

Tobacco Agriculture, 1997

Acres harvested 2,550
 Production in pounds 5,690,000
 Cash receipts from tobacco \$3,272,000
 Tobacco as a percentage of cash receipts from crops and all farm commodities 0.83%

Tobacco Manufacturing, 1996

Overall tobacco manufacturing \$34,000,000
 Tobacco manufacturing as a percentage of gross state product 0.10%

Tobacco Use Prevention and Control Program

Funding: NCI ASSIST & RWJF/AMA SmokeLess States Program

Regional Network: Mid-Atlantic

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