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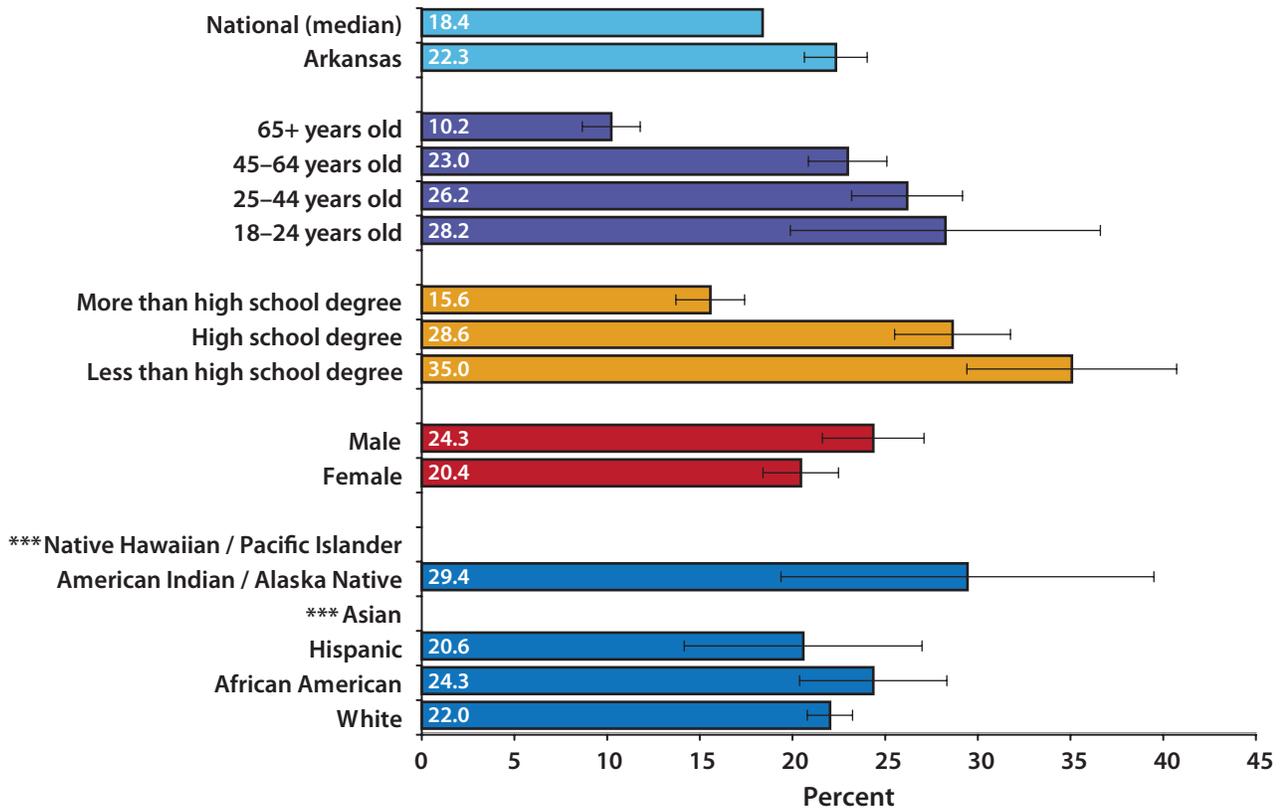
Monitor

In Arkansas, 22.3% of the adult population (aged 18+ years)—over 480,000 individuals—are current cigarette smokers. Across all states, the prevalence of cigarette smoking among adults ranges from 9.3% to 26.5%. Arkansas ranks 44th among the states.

Among youth aged 12–17 years, 14.5% smoke in Arkansas. The range across all states is 6.5% to 15.9%. Arkansas ranks 49th among the states.

Among adults aged 35+ years, over 4,900 died as a result of tobacco use per year, on average, during 2000–2004. This represents a smoking-attributable mortality rate of 323.7/100,000. Arkansas's smoking-attributable mortality rate ranks 45th among the states.

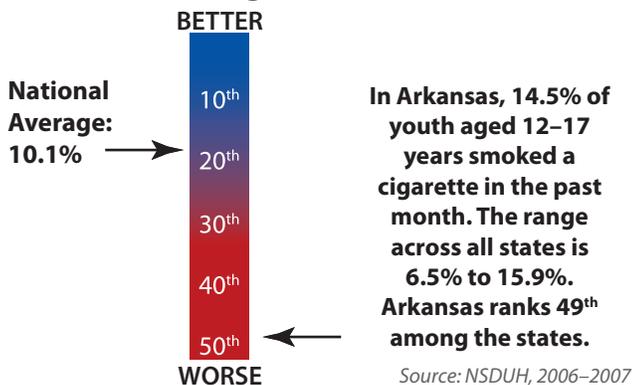
Current Smoking Among Adults by Demographic Characteristics



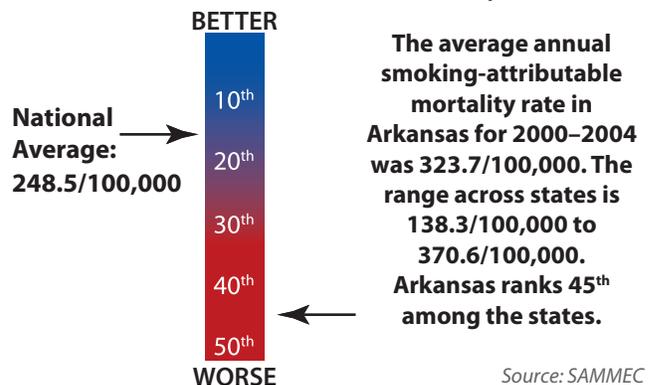
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Source: BRFSS, 2007–2008

Past-Month Cigarette Use Among Youth Aged 12–17 Years



Smoking-Attributable Adult (35+ Years) Mortality



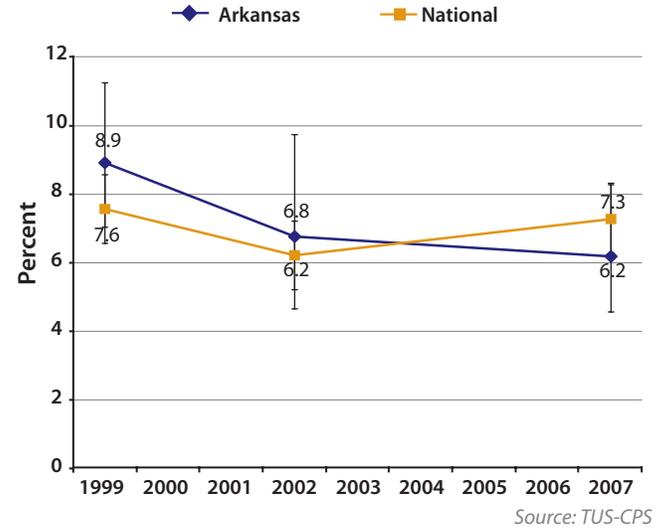
Protect

Arkansas has a smoke-free law that provides partial protection against exposure to secondhand smoke in public places.

State Smoke-Free Policy		
Smoke-Free Workplaces	Smoke-Free Restaurants	Smoke-Free Bars
 Yes	 No	 No

Source: STATE System, 2009

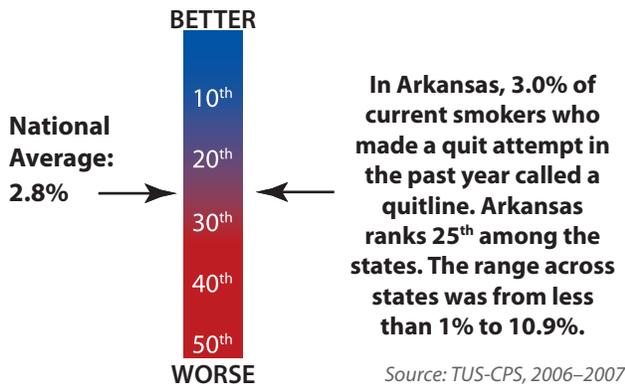
Adults Who Reported Anyone Smoking in Work Area Within Past 2 Weeks



Among adults who work indoors, the percentage who reported anyone smoking in their work area within the preceding 2 weeks has remained lower in Arkansas than in the nation overall. Currently, Arkansas ranks 19th among the states for workplace exposure, at 6.2%.

Offer

Percentage of Smokers Calling Quitline



Best Practices estimates 8% of smokers could access quitlines each year. In Arkansas, 3.0% of current smokers who made a quit attempt in the past year called a quitline.

The Medicaid fee-for-service program in Arkansas provides only partial coverage for tobacco dependence treatment. Arkansas's Medicaid policy provides coverage for both bupropion and varenicline. Arkansas's Medicaid policy provides coverage for individual counseling but not group or telephone counseling.

Medicaid Coverage for Counseling and Medications

Nicotine Replacement	Varenicline	Bupropion	Counseling
Partial	 Yes	 Yes	Partial

Source: MMWR 2009;58(43):1199–204

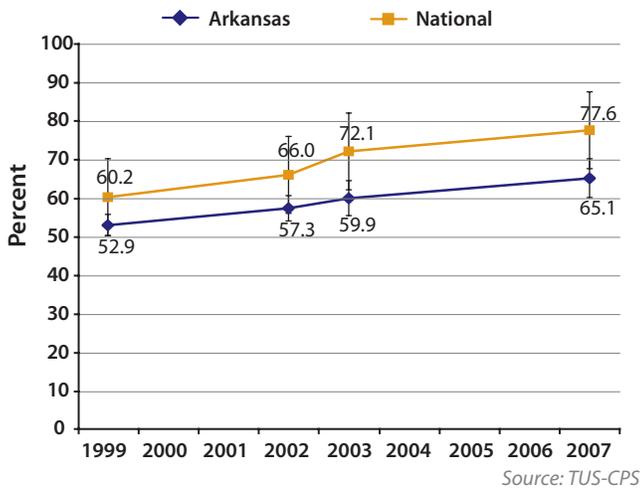
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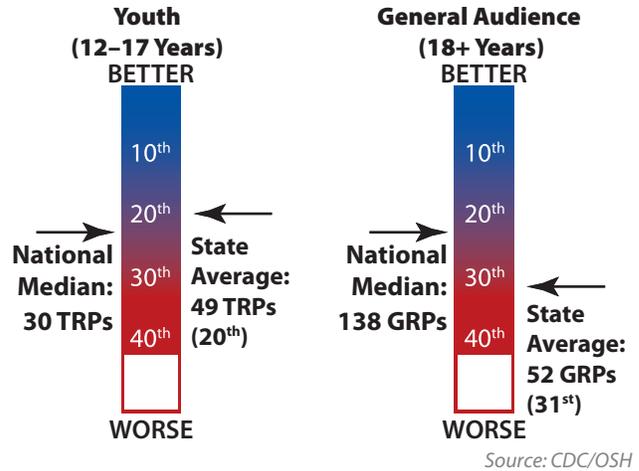
Smoke-free home rules represent awareness of the dangers of secondhand smoke. In Arkansas, as in the nation, an increasing number of families have such a rule.

Currently, 65.1% of Arkansas homes have this rule. Arkansas ranks 49th among the states.

Households with No-Smoking Rules



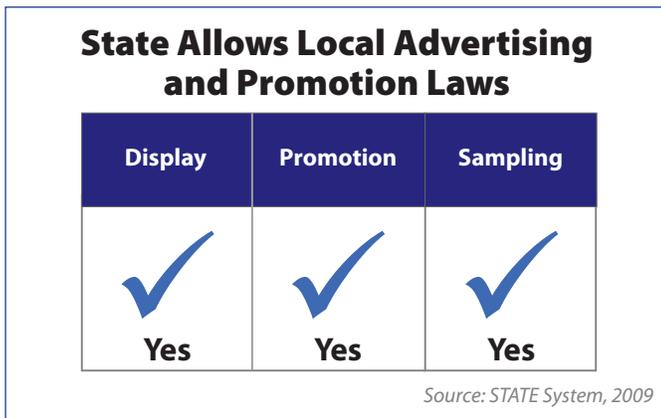
Antitobacco Media Campaign Intensity, Per Quarter



Rating point data were available for 42 states and the District of Columbia. *Best Practices* recommendations translate into an average of 800 targeted rating points (TRPs) in effective youth and 1,200 gross rating points (GRPs) in effective general audience antitobacco media campaigns per quarter. Arkansas's major media market(s) aired an average of 49 youth TRPs and 52 general audience GRPs per quarter in 2008. Arkansas ranks 20th among the states for the number of youth TRPs and 31st among the states for the number of general audience GRPs aired.

Enforce

Arkansas allows local regulation of tobacco industry promotions, sampling, and display of tobacco products in commercial establishments.



Retail Environment Tobacco Licensure

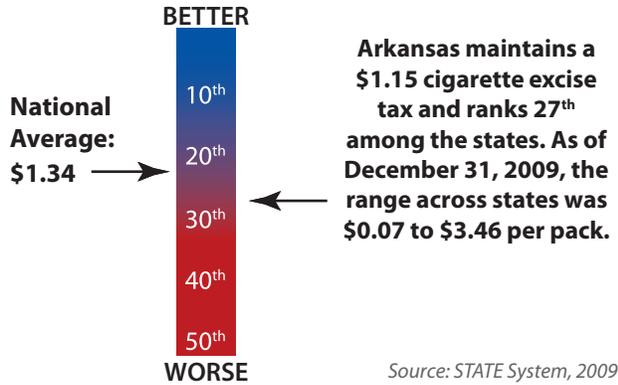
Over the Counter	Vending Machines
Yes	Yes

Source: STATE System, 2009

Arkansas requires all establishments selling tobacco products over the counter and by vending machine to be licensed. Currently, 38 states require licensure for both over-the-counter and vending machine sales.

Raise

Amount of Cigarette Excise Tax

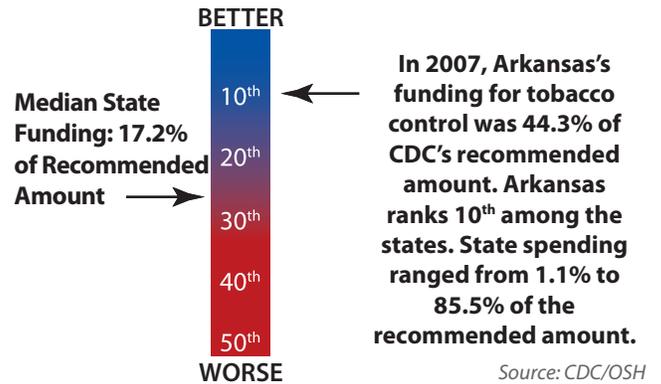


Arkansas maintains a \$1.15 per pack tax and ranks 27th among the states.

Arkansas has a minimum price law. Wholesalers must mark up cigarettes by 4% and retailers must mark up cigarettes by at least 7%. This law has the effect of limiting the amount of discounting that can be offered through coupons and other types of sales promotions.

Approximately 18% of the annual revenue generated from state excise taxes and settlement payments would fund Arkansas's tobacco control program at the *Best Practices* recommended amount. However, in 2007, Arkansas's funding for tobacco control was 44.3% of the recommended level. Arkansas ranks 10th among the states.

State Funding for Tobacco Control



Minimum Price Law for Cigarettes



Source: CDC/OSH