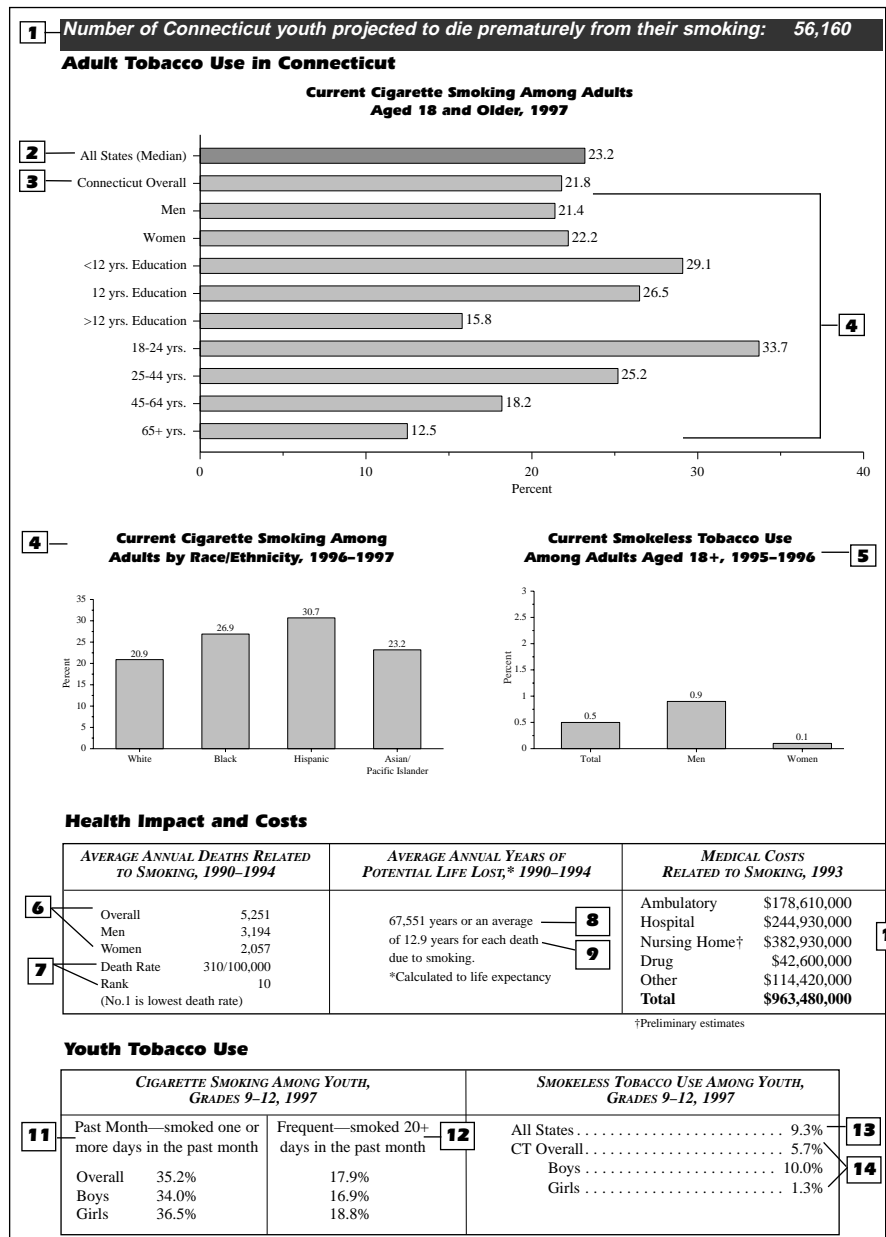


How to Interpret the State Highlights

- 1) Number of youth projected to die prematurely from their smoking, 1996
- 2) Percentage of adults who were current smokers—median from all states participating in the 1997 BRFSS.
- 3) Percentage of adults who were current smokers in the state.
- 4) Percentage of subgroups that were current smokers in the state.
- 5) Percentage of adults who were current users of smokeless tobacco in the state.
- 6) Number of deaths attributable to smoking in the state (average for 1990–1994).
- 7) Age-adjusted death rate attributable to smoking for adults aged 35 years or older in the state (average for 1990–1994). National rank of state death rate due to smoking.
- 8) Number of years of potential life lost in the state due to smoking-attributable deaths based on individual's life expectancy at the time of death (average for 1990–1994).
- 9) Years of potential life lost in the state divided by the number of deaths attributable to smoking in the state.
- 10) Smoking-attributable medical costs, by type of medical service for 1993. Nursing home estimates are preliminary.
- 11) Percentage of 9–12 graders in the state who smoked on one or more days during the past month.
- 12) Percentage of 9–12 graders in the state who smoked on 20 or more days during the past month.
- 13) Percentage of 9–12 graders in the U.S. who used smokeless tobacco on one or more days during the past month.
- 14) Percentage of 9–12 graders in the state who used smokeless tobacco on one or more days during the past month.
- 15) Number of youth in the state exposed to environmental tobacco smoke (ETS) in the home (1996).
- 16) State tobacco control laws, in effect as of September 30, 1998. (Does not include regulations.)
- 17) Age at which individuals may legally purchase tobacco products.
- 18) Penalties incurred by any person, for the first offense, who sells tobacco products to a minor and whether the retail tobacco license may be suspended or revoked if tobacco products are sold to minors.
- 19) Whether it is illegal for a minor to purchase, possess, or use tobacco.
- 20) Restrictions on vending machine placement, and requirements for supervision and locking devices.
- 21) Whether signs explaining minors' access restrictions are required on the premises of a retail establishment or on vending machines.



(See Data Sources and Definitions section for additional information on terms used in the State Highlights)

15 Number of Connecticut youth exposed to ETS in the home in 1996: 186,859

Tobacco Control Legislation, 1998 **16**

17 Minors' Access to Tobacco Products

18 Minimum age for sale: 18

19 Penalties: Any person who sells to a minor will be fined up to \$50. Revocation/suspension of license for violation.

20 Illegal for minors to:

- Purchase Yes
- Possess No
- Use No

21 Restrictions on Vending Machines
Vending machines must be located where minors cannot access them unless machines are supervised.

22 Signage
Signs required on premises and affixed to vending machines.

23 Licensure
Retail license and vending machine license required.


Excise Tax

- Cigarette tax per pack 50¢ **23**
- Rank = 15 (No. 1 is highest tax) **24**
- Federal and state taxes as a percentage of retail price 34.0% **25**
- Annual gross tax revenue from cigarettes \$123,589,875 **26**
- Smokeless tobacco tax: 20% of wholesale sales price. **27**

Advertising **28**

State Preempts Local Laws **29**

Smokefree Indoor Air **31** **32** **33** **34** **35**

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					

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Tobacco Economy

Cigarette Sales, 1997

36 Number of packages sold and taxed, per capita 75.9

Tobacco Agriculture, 1997

- 37** Acres harvested 2,270
- Production in pounds 3,600,000
- 38** Cash receipts from tobacco \$13,919,000
- 39** Tobacco as a percentage of cash receipts from crops and all farm commodities 2.804%

Tobacco Manufacturing, 1996

- 40** Overall tobacco manufacturing \$105,000,000
- 41** Tobacco manufacturing as a percentage of gross state product089%

Tobacco Use Prevention and Control Program

Funding: CDC IMPACT & RWJF/AMA SmokeLess States Program **42**

Regional Network: Tobacco-Free New England **43**

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- 22) Whether a retail over-the-counter or vending machine license is required for sales of tobacco products.
- 23) State cigarette excise tax per pack, in effect as of September 30, 1998.
- 24) National rank of state cigarette tax.
- 25) Federal tax plus state tax divided by average retail price (includes generic cigarettes), November 1, 1997.
- 26) Gross state cigarette tax revenues, fiscal year ending June 30, 1997.
- 27) State smokeless tobacco excise tax rate, in effect as of September 30, 1998.
- 28) Whether there are any restrictions on advertising of tobacco products.
- 29) Whether state law preempts local smokefree indoor air laws, minors' access laws, or promotion, display, and/or sampling provisions. Preemption of minors' access includes sale and either or both of the following provisions: distribution, and vending machines. Preemption on taxation is not included.
- 30) Whether there are restrictions on smoking in various sites.
- 31) No smoking is allowed at the specified site.
- 32) No smoking is allowed or smoking is permitted in designated areas that have separate ventilation.
- 33) In states that allow designated smoking areas, sites may exceed that minimum requirement and become smokefree. In states that require designated smoking areas, sites may not become smokefree.

- 34) No restrictions on smoking at the site.
- 35) Whether penalties for violating smoking restrictions are assessed on the business or on the smoker.
- 36) Number of packages of cigarettes sold and taxed, divided by the U.S. Census Bureau's estimated state population (1997).
- 37) Number of acres of tobacco harvested and number of pounds of tobacco harvested.
- 38) Cash receipts from tobacco farming (gross value of the crop at auction).
- 39) Percentage of total crops and farm commodities cash receipts that is accounted for by tobacco.
- 40) Real gross revenue from tobacco manufacturing (includes expenditures for tobacco company administrative offices).
- 41) Percentage of real gross state product that is accounted for by real gross revenues from tobacco manufacturing.
- 42) Whether state receives funding through the CDC's IMPACT program, the National Cancer Institute's ASSIST program, and/or the American Medical Association/Robert Wood Johnson Foundation SmokeLess States program.
- 43) Regional tobacco control network to which the state belongs.
- 44) State health department tobacco use prevention and control contact person and information.