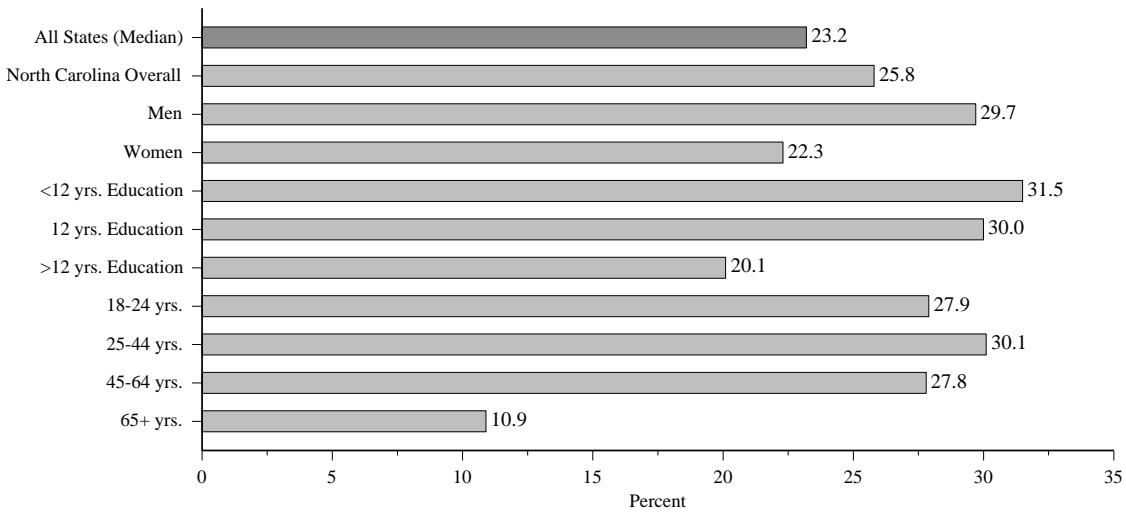


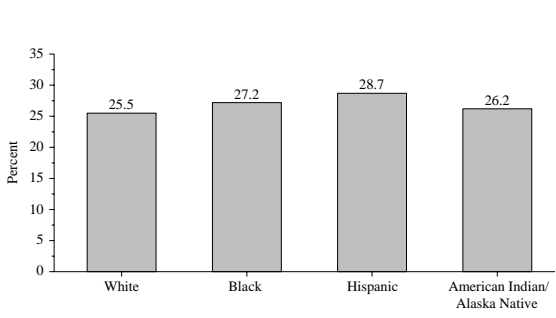
**Number of North Carolina youth projected to die prematurely from their smoking: 165,692**

## Adult Tobacco Use in North Carolina

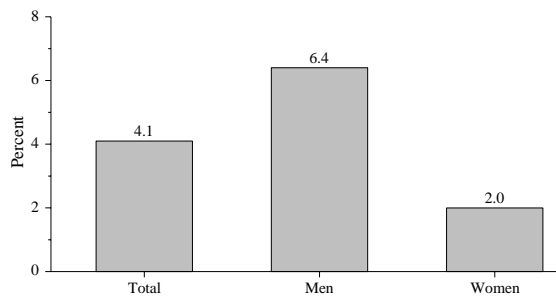
### Current Cigarette Smoking Among Adults Aged 18 and Older, 1997



### 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	11,642	170,621 years or an average of 14.7 years for each death due to smoking. <small>*Calculated to life expectancy</small>	Ambulatory	\$262,500,000
Men	8,112		Hospital	\$392,880,000
Women	3,530		Nursing Home†	\$327,040,000
Death Rate	368/100,000		Drug	\$83,390,000
Rank	38 (No. 1 is lowest death rate)		Other	\$165,830,000
			<b>Total</b>	<b>\$1,231,630,000</b>

†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%	16.7%	All States	9.3%
NC	35.8%	16.9%	NC Overall	7.4%
Boys	37.6%	19.4%	Boys	14.3%
Girls	34.1%	14.8%	Girls	1.6%

\*Unweighted data. May not apply to all youth (grades 9-12) in the state.

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 North Carolina youth exposed to ETS in the home in 1996: 416,544**



**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 class II misdemeanor.  
**Illegal for minors to:**  
     **Purchase** . . . . . Yes  
     **Possess** . . . . . No  
     **Use** . . . . . No

**Restrictions on Vending Machines**

Vending machines must be located where minors cannot access them unless machines are supervised or equipped with a locking device.

**Signage**

Signs required on premises.

**Licensure**

None

**Excise Tax**

Cigarette tax per pack . . . . . 5¢  
     Rank = 49 (No.1 is highest tax)  
 Federal and state taxes as a percentage of retail price . . . . . 17.3%  
 Annual gross tax revenue from cigarettes . . . . . \$45,844,901

Smokeless tobacco tax:  
 2% of cost.


**Advertising**

No restrictions

**State Preempts Local Laws**

Preemption of smokefree indoor air laws and minors' access laws, and display and promotion provisions.

**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				✓		

\*Smoking areas are required; non-smoking areas are allowed.

**Tobacco Economy**

**Cigarette Sales, 1997**

Number of packages sold and taxed, per capita . . . . . 125.6

**Tobacco Agriculture, 1997**

Acres harvested . . . . . 317,400  
 Production in pounds . . . . . 731,419,000  
 Cash receipts from tobacco . . . . . \$1,193,155,000  
 Tobacco as a percentage of cash receipts from crops and all farm commodities . . . . . 14.372%

**Tobacco Manufacturing, 1996**

Overall tobacco manufacturing . . . . . \$9,754,000,000  
 Tobacco manufacturing as a percentage of gross state product . . . . . 5.47%

**Tobacco Use Prevention and Control Program**

**Funding:** NCI ASSIST & RWJF/AMA SmokeLess States Program  
**Regional Network:** Southeastern Tobacco Prevention (SToP)

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