

**Table 61 (page 1 of 2). Current cigarette smoking by adults according to sex, race, Hispanic origin, age, and education: United States, average annual 1990–92, 1995–98, and 1999–2001**

[Data are based on household interviews of a sample of the civilian noninstitutionalized population]

Characteristic	Male			Female		
	1990–92	1995–98 <sup>1</sup>	1999–2001 <sup>1</sup>	1990–92	1995–98 <sup>1</sup>	1999–2001 <sup>1</sup>
18 years of age and over, age adjusted <sup>2</sup>	Percent of persons who are current cigarette smokers <sup>3</sup>					
All persons <sup>4</sup> . . . . .	27.9	26.5	25.1	23.7	22.1	21.2
Race <sup>5</sup>						
White only . . . . .	27.4	26.4	25.2	24.3	22.9	22.2
Black or African American only . . . . .	33.9	30.7	27.2	23.1	21.8	19.7
American Indian and Alaska Native only . . . . .	34.2	40.5	30.4	36.7	28.9	34.7
Asian only . . . . .	24.8	18.1	20.3	6.3	11.0	6.7
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander only . . . . .	---	---	*	---	---	*
2 or more races . . . . .	---	---	34.5	---	---	30.8
American Indian and Alaska Native; White . . . . .	---	---	38.7	---	---	39.0
Hispanic origin and race <sup>5</sup>						
Hispanic or Latino . . . . .	25.7	24.4	22.3	15.8	13.7	12.1
Mexican . . . . .	26.2	24.5	22.0	14.8	12.0	10.6
Not Hispanic or Latino . . . . .	28.1	26.9	25.5	24.4	23.1	22.3
White only . . . . .	27.7	26.9	25.6	25.2	24.1	23.5
Black or African American only . . . . .	33.9	30.7	27.3	23.2	21.9	19.7
18 years of age and over, crude						
All persons <sup>4</sup> . . . . .	28.4	27.0	25.5	23.6	22.0	21.0
Race <sup>5</sup>						
White only . . . . .	27.8	26.8	25.4	24.1	22.6	21.8
Black or African American only . . . . .	33.2	30.6	27.4	23.3	21.8	19.8
American Indian and Alaska Native only . . . . .	35.5	39.2	32.0	37.3	31.2	36.9
Asian only . . . . .	24.9	20.0	21.3	6.3	11.2	6.9
Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander only . . . . .	---	---	*	---	---	*
2 or more races . . . . .	---	---	35.9	---	---	31.6
American Indian and Alaska Native; White . . . . .	---	---	41.0	---	---	40.3
Hispanic origin and race <sup>5</sup>						
Hispanic or Latino . . . . .	26.5	25.5	23.2	16.6	13.8	12.5
Mexican . . . . .	27.1	25.2	22.8	15.0	11.6	10.9
Not Hispanic or Latino . . . . .	28.5	27.2	25.8	24.2	22.9	22.0
White only . . . . .	28.0	27.0	25.6	24.8	23.5	22.8
Black or African American only . . . . .	33.3	30.6	27.5	23.3	21.9	19.8
18–24 years:						
Hispanic or Latino . . . . .	19.3	26.5	22.8	12.8	12.0	12.9
Not Hispanic or Latino:						
White only . . . . .	28.9	35.5	32.7	28.7	31.6	30.8
Black or African American only . . . . .	17.7	21.3	21.9	10.8	9.8	13.0
25–34 years:						
Hispanic or Latino . . . . .	29.9	25.9	23.4	19.2	12.6	12.5
Not Hispanic or Latino:						
White only . . . . .	32.7	30.5	30.8	30.9	28.5	27.4
Black or African American only . . . . .	34.6	28.5	23.3	29.2	22.0	16.9
35–44 years:						
Hispanic or Latino . . . . .	32.1	26.2	25.4	19.9	17.6	14.1
Not Hispanic or Latino:						
White only . . . . .	32.3	31.5	29.6	27.3	28.1	28.3
Black or African American only . . . . .	44.1	34.7	32.0	31.3	30.3	27.5
45–64 years:						
Hispanic or Latino . . . . .	26.6	26.8	24.7	17.1	14.7	13.5
Not Hispanic or Latino:						
White only . . . . .	28.4	26.8	25.2	26.1	22.3	22.1
Black or African American only . . . . .	38.0	38.8	34.0	26.1	26.9	23.6
65 years and over:						
Hispanic or Latino . . . . .	16.1	14.7	12.5	6.6	9.4	5.9
Not Hispanic or Latino:						
White only . . . . .	14.2	10.6	10.0	12.3	11.6	9.9
Black or African American only . . . . .	25.2	20.9	17.6	10.7	11.2	11.0

See footnotes at end of table.

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Characteristic	Male			Female		
	1990–92	1995–98 <sup>1</sup>	1999–2001 <sup>1</sup>	1990–92	1995–98 <sup>1</sup>	1999–2001 <sup>1</sup>
Education, Hispanic origin, and race <sup>5,6</sup>	Percent of persons who are current cigarette smokers <sup>3</sup>					
25 years of age and over, age adjusted <sup>7</sup>						
No high school diploma or GED:						
Hispanic or Latino . . . . .	30.2	27.6	24.2	15.8	13.3	12.1
Not Hispanic or Latino:						
White only . . . . .	46.1	43.9	43.5	40.4	40.7	39.3
Black or African American only . . . . .	45.4	44.6	40.0	31.3	30.0	29.4
High school diploma or GED:						
Hispanic or Latino . . . . .	29.6	26.7	24.2	18.4	16.4	12.5
Not Hispanic or Latino:						
White only . . . . .	32.9	32.8	31.9	28.4	28.8	29.2
Black or African American only . . . . .	38.2	35.7	31.5	25.4	26.6	23.0
Some college or more:						
Hispanic or Latino . . . . .	20.4	16.6	17.2	14.3	13.5	11.1
Not Hispanic or Latino:						
White only . . . . .	19.3	18.3	17.6	18.1	17.2	16.7
Black or African American only . . . . .	25.6	23.3	19.2	22.8	18.9	17.0

\* Estimates are considered unreliable. Data preceded by an asterisk have a relative standard error (RSE) of 20–30 percent. Data not shown have a RSE of greater than 30 percent.

--- Data not available.

<sup>1</sup>Data starting in 1997 are not strictly comparable with data for earlier years due to the 1997 questionnaire redesign. See Appendix I, National Health Interview Survey. Cigarette smoking data were not collected in 1996.

<sup>2</sup>Estimates are age adjusted to the year 2000 standard population using five age groups: 18–24 years, 25–34 years, 35–44 years, 45–64 years, and 65 years and over. See Appendix II, Age adjustment. For age groups where percent smoking is 0 or 100, the age adjustment procedure was modified to substitute the percent smoking from the previous 3-year period.

<sup>3</sup>Beginning in 1993 current cigarette smokers reported ever smoking 100 cigarettes in their lifetime and smoking now on every day or some days. See Appendix II, Cigarette smoking.

<sup>4</sup>Includes all other races not shown separately.

<sup>5</sup>The race groups, white, black, American Indian and Alaska Native (AI/AN), Asian, Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander, and 2 or more races, include persons of Hispanic and non-Hispanic origin. Persons of Hispanic origin may be of any race. Starting with data years 1999–2001 race-specific estimates are tabulated according to 1997 Standards for Federal data on Race and Ethnicity and are not strictly comparable with estimates for earlier years. The five single race categories plus multiple race categories shown in the table conform to 1997 Standards. The 1999–2001 race-specific estimates are for persons who reported only one racial group; the category “2 or more races” includes persons who reported more than one racial group. Prior to data years 1999–2001, data were tabulated according to 1977 Standards with four racial groups and the category “Asian only” included Native Hawaiian and Other Pacific Islander. Estimates for single race categories prior to 1999–2001 included persons who reported one race or, if they reported more than one race, identified one race as best representing their race. The effect of the 1997 Standard on the 1999–2001 estimates can be seen by comparing 1999–2001 data tabulated according to the two Standards: Age-adjusted estimates based on the 1977 Standards of the percent of current smokers for adults 18 years of age and over are: identical for white males; 0.2 percentage points higher for black males; 1.1 percentage points higher for AI/AN males; 0.9 percentage points higher for Asian and Pacific Islander males; identical for white females; 0.1 percentage points higher for black females; 1.0 percentage points higher for AI/AN females; and 1.6 percentage points higher for Asian and Pacific Islander females than estimates based on the 1997 Standards. See Appendix II, Race.

<sup>6</sup>Education categories shown are for 1997 and subsequent years. GED stands for General Educational Development high school equivalency diploma. In years prior to 1997 the following categories based on number of years of school completed were used: less than 12 years, 12 years, 13 years or more. See Appendix II, Education.

<sup>7</sup>Estimates are age adjusted to the year 2000 standard using four age groups: 25–34 years, 35–44 years, 45–64 years, and 65 years and over. See Appendix II, Age adjustment.

NOTES: Data for additional years are available (see Appendix III). Standard errors for selected years are available in the spreadsheet version of this table. See [www.cdc.gov/nchs/hus.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/hus.htm). For more data on cigarette smoking see the National Health Interview Survey home page: [www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis.htm).

SOURCES: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Health Interview Survey. Data are from the following questionnaire supplements: health promotion and disease prevention (1990–91), cancer control and cancer epidemiology (1992), and year 2000 objectives (1993–95). Starting in 1997 data are from the family core and sample adult questionnaires.