Policy & Systems Change – Tobacco

CIGARETTE USE among adults and high school students

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<td>Adults</td>
<td>17.0%</td>
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<td>High School Students</td>
<td>7.4%</td>
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2018 TOBACCO TAXES

- $0.64 state tax / pack of cigarettes
- $1.73 U.S. average

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Clean indoor air ordinances
- Smoking is prohibited in all government workplaces, private workplaces, schools, childcare facilities, restaurants, bars (except cigar shops), casinos/gaming establishments, retail stores and recreational/cultural facilities.

Youth access laws
- The minimum age of sale for tobacco products in Nebraska is 18.
- Minors are prohibited from buying e-cigarettes.
- The sale of tobacco products through self-service displays is prohibited.

Source: https://truthinitiative.org/tobacco-use-nebraska
Economics of tobacco use and tobacco control

- Nebraska received $103.5 million (estimated) in tobacco settlement payments and taxes in fiscal year 2018.¹
- Of this, the state allocated $2.6 million in state funds to tobacco prevention in fiscal year 2018, just 12.4 percent of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s annual spending target.⁴
- Smoking-caused health care costs: $795 million per year⁴
- Smoking-caused losses in productivity: $605.5 million per year⁴

Quitting statistics and benefits

- The CDC estimates that 47.1 percent of daily adult smokers in Nebraska quit smoking for one or more days in 2016.⁹
- In 2014, the Affordable Care Act required that Medicaid programs cover all quit medications.⁷**
- Nebraska’s state quit line invests $1.35 per smoker, compared to the national average of $2.10.⁷
- Nebraska does not have a private insurance mandate provision for quitting tobacco.⁷

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