Current smoking rates are twice as high among adults with a behavioral health condition.

People with a behavioral health condition are not only more likely to smoke, they also smoke more frequently. They account for 25% of the adult population, but they consume 40% of cigarettes sold in the U.S.
YOUTH AND TOBACCO USE  ANDROSCOGGIN COUNTY

USE RATES

Youth Cigarette Smoking Rate

7.7%  (MAINE 8.8%)

Youth cigarette, cigar, chewing tobacco, snuff, dip, dissolvable tobacco products use

11.8%  (MAINE 13.9%)

Second Hand Smoke Exposure Rate

33.4%  (MAINE 31.1%)

Electronic Vapor Product Use Rate

14.1%  (MAINE 15.3%)

Vaping with e-cigarettes that contain nicotine can be addictive.
In a large study of youth*, those who used e-cigarettes were 2x more likely to start smoking cigarettes within 2 years than youth who never used any tobacco product.

* Nationally representative sample of 10,384 youth, ages 12-17, participating in the Population Assessment of Tobacco and Health (PATH) study

EXPOSURE TO ADVERTISING

Nearly half of all Androscoggin County high school students report seeing tobacco advertisements “a lot” in stores.

Maine is Slipping Backward

2015 was the first year since 1997 that Maine’s youth smoking rate rose above the national rate

References


For more information, please visit www.mainepublichealth.org.

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