CURRENT CIGARETTE SMOKING RATES

More than 25 in 100 adults in Aroostook County

Nearly 20 in 100 adults in Maine

More than 17 in 100 adults in the United States

If Aroostook County’s current cigarette rate among adults was on par with the national average, 4,703 less adults would smoke. This is about half the population of Presque Isle.

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ADULT SMOKING RATE

25.4% (MAINE 19.8%)

TIED FOR HIGHEST RATE IN MAINE

TOBACCO INDUSTRY INFLUENCE IN MAINE

Tobacco Companies Spend $46.7 MILLION Annually Marketing in Maine

VS.

State Spending on Tobacco Prevention $5.3 MILLION

TOBACCO USE DISPARITIES

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  AROOSTOOK COUNTY

USE RATES

Youth Cigarette Smoking Rate

13.4%  (MAINE 8.8%)

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

14.3%  (MAINE 13.9%)

Second Hand Smoke Exposure Rate

42.6%  (MAINE 31.1%)

Electronic Vapor Product Use Rate

13.7%  (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 Aroostook County high school students report seeing tobacco advertisements “a lot” in stores.

44.9%  (MAINE 42.5%)

References


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

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