



## FATHER'S DAY DATA ON SMOKING DADS AND RELATED HARMS

For many kids, Father's Day means taking dad out to breakfast, giving him a gift, or just saying thanks. But hundreds of thousands of kids throughout the country have fathers who smoke and who need to be reminded that smoking is America's number one preventable cause of death. On this special day for dads, one terrific way to celebrate Father's Day might be to pledge to give dads who currently smoke the kind of loving support and encouragement that could help them to be tobacco-free before Father's Day next year. Another lasting tribute would be to support new public and private tobacco-control initiatives that will not only help smoking fathers quit but also prevent their sons from ever becoming another statistic in the terrible toll that tobacco addiction takes on America's dads and their families.

States	Smoking Rate Among Men	State Rank Men Smoking (1 <sup>st</sup> is lowest)	Number of Men Smokers	Annual Smoking Deaths Among Men	Kids in State Who Have Already Lost Their Dads to Smoking	New Kids Who Lose Their Dads to Smoking Each Year	Taxes paid for SSSI Payments to Kids With Dads Lost to Smoking (millions/year)	Total State Health Costs to Treat Male Smokers (millions/year)
<b>United States</b>	<b>23.9%</b>	<b>--</b>	<b>26.8 million</b>	<b>240,500</b>	<b>216,000</b>	<b>30,000</b>	<b>\$1.9 billion</b>	<b>\$59.0 billion</b>
Alabama	25.7%	43rd	428,600	4,800	4,100	590	\$26.7	\$983.4
Alaska	24.7%	39th	64,400	200	500	80	\$4.4	\$105.9
Arizona	23.3%	34th	540,400	3,800	3,900	550	\$30.5	\$792.2
Arkansas	24.8%	40th	255,600	3,100	2,600	360	\$14.0	\$517.6
California	18.1%	7th	2,438,600	22,400	21,800	3,000	\$226.1	\$5,430.7
Colorado	19.7%	15th	362,500	2,500	2,700	380	\$29.2	\$792.9
Connecticut	16.5%	2nd	212,300	2,600	2,100	300	\$31.8	\$903.1
Delaware	17.5%	4th	54,900	700	600	90	\$6.9	\$173.8
Washington, DC	19.1%	12th	42,000	400	500	70	\$6.0	\$146.3
Florida	21.2%	25th	1,462,200	17,400	14,200	2,000	\$95.3	\$3,837.0
Georgia	21.2%	25th	720,600	6,600	7,200	1,000	\$55.9	\$1,447.0
Hawaii	19.7%	15th	98,000	800	700	100	\$8.8	\$234.2
Idaho	20.9%	23rd	113,900	900	900	120	\$7.6	\$203.4
Illinois	22.1%	30th	1,038,000	10,300	8,600	1,200	\$96.5	\$2,511.7
Indiana	25.9%	45th	599,300	5,900	4,700	660	\$45.7	\$1,273.4
Iowa	21.3%	27th	236,400	2,900	1,600	220	\$20.3	\$661.3
Kansas	18.6%	10th	189,600	2,400	1,600	230	\$19.1	\$591.6
Kentucky	28.7%	51st	448,900	4,800	3,500	490	\$24.1	\$939.3
Louisiana	26.4%	47th	405,000	4,100	4,900	700	\$22.9	\$943.8
Maine	21.1%	24th	105,400	1,200	800	110	\$7.7	\$351.1
Maryland	18.3%	8th	370,500	3,900	4,400	620	\$43.2	\$1,140.0
Massachusetts	17.3%	3rd	414,100	5,000	3,600	510	\$52.1	\$1,980.3
Michigan	23.4%	35th	867,300	8,800	7,600	1,000	\$82.6	\$2,066.0
Minnesota	18.3%	8th	355,400	3,400	2,400	340	\$40.6	\$1,273.1
Mississippi	27.8%	48th	283,700	3,100	3,300	460	\$15.2	\$485.8
Missouri	25.9%	45th	555,000	5,900	5,200	730	\$0.0	\$1,300.4
Montana	19.7%	15th	72,200	800	700	100	\$5.2	\$169.9

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Nebraska	23.2%	33rd	151,100	1,500	1,000	140	\$11.8	\$346.9
Nevada	23.4%	35th	226,400	1,800	1,600	230	\$12.2	\$328.5
New Hampshire	20.1%	19th	99,800	1,000	700	100	\$10.4	\$322.0
New Jersey	19.3%	13th	616,000	6,600	5,500	780	\$80.0	\$1,863.5
New Mexico	23.6%	37th	169,300	1,200	1,600	230	\$9.9	\$281.0
New York	21.6%	28th	1,534,400	14,400	11,700	1,600	\$154.9	\$4,625.2
North Carolina	25.2%	41st	829,800	7,500	6,400	910	\$54.6	\$1,566.5
North Dakota	22.2%	31st	55,000	600	300	50	\$4.1	\$172.1
Ohio	24.3%	38th	1,016,800	11,200	7,200	1,000	\$77.5	\$2,652.2
Oklahoma	27.9%	49th	369,800	3,500	3,200	460	\$19.1	\$712.5
Oregon	18.9%	11th	268,400	2,900	2,500	360	\$24.1	\$659.9
Pennsylvania	20.8%	22nd	961,600	12,000	8,100	1,100	\$94.0	\$3,130.9
Rhode Island	17.8%	5th	69,800	900	600	80	\$7.9	\$289.2
South Carolina	25.3%	42nd	405,800	3,800	3,900	560	\$25.4	\$718.6
South Dakota	20.1%	20th	59,400	700	600	90	\$4.4	\$190.1
Tennessee	25.7%	44th	579,300	6,000	5,800	820	\$39.4	\$1,388.3
Texas	21.9%	29th	1,869,700	15,200	18,000	2,500	\$127.0	\$3,680.2
Utah	15.5%	1st	141,900	700	1,100	160	\$12.7	\$245.2
Vermont	19.4%	14th	46,200	500	300	50	\$4.3	\$141.5
Virginia	20.2%	21st	576,200	5,600	4,900	690	\$50.8	\$1,271.8
Washington	18.0%	6th	438,500	4,400	3,900	550	\$45.7	\$1,148.3
West Virginia	28.4%	50th	195,600	2,300	1,500	220	\$10.3	\$419.2
Wisconsin	19.7%	15th	415,300	4,500	2,900	410	\$41.9	\$1,248.7
Wyoming	22.9%	32nd	45,800	400	400	60	\$3.2	\$82.5
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Men = 18 years and older. Kids = Less than 18 years old.

For information to help smoking dads quit, see the Campaign website at <http://tobaccofreekids.org/research/webresources/quitting.shtml>.

**Sources:** State-specific smoking rates, 2007 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS). National: 2006 National Health Interview Survey (NHIS); U.S. Bureau of Census, 2007 population estimates used to compute number of men smokers. Annual smoking deaths from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's STATE System (average annual deaths from 1997-2001 <http://apps.nccd.cdc.gov/StateSystem/systemIndex.aspx>). Leistikow, B., et al., "Estimates of Smoking-Attributable Deaths at Ages 15-54, Motherless or Fatherless Youths, and Resulting Social Security Costs in the United States in 1994," *Preventive Medicine* 30(5): 353-360 (May 2000), and state-specific data provided by the author, Costs: CDC, *Sustaining State Programs for Tobacco Control: Data Highlights 2006*, [http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/data\\_statistics/state\\_data/data\\_highlights/2006/index.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/data_statistics/state_data/data_highlights/2006/index.htm).