

## **Tobacco Use in Northeast Health District\*:**

### 2014 Data Summary

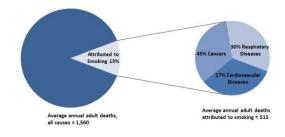
**Cigarette Smoking and Smoking-attributable Mortality** in the 10-0 Northeast (Athens) Health District during 2008-2013

- In 2014, the overall prevalence of smoking among adults aged 18 years and older in Athens health district (20%; 58,000 adults) was higher than both the Georgia (17%; 1.25 million adults) and the national (17%; 40 million adults) prevalences.
- Cigarette smoking was higher among males (24%; 33,000) than among females (16%; 25,500).
- Cigarette smoking was higher among Non-Hispanic (NH) White (23%; 50,000) than Non-Hispanic (NH) Black adults (8%; 4,500).
- Approximately 13% (515/1,560) of all deaths among adults aged 35 years and older were attributed to cigarette smoking (Figure 1).
- Of these,
  o 233 of 382 deaths (45%) were due to cancer.
  o 155 of 258 deaths (30%) were due to
  respiratory disease.
  - o 138 of 920 deaths (27%) were due to cardiovascular disease.

Lung Cancer Incidence among Adults Aged 35 Years and Older in the Athens Health District and Georgia as a whole during 2008-2014

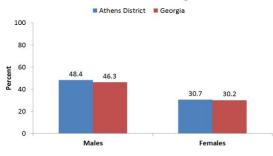
- The age-adjusted lung cancer incidence rate among males (48.4 per 100,000; 721 cases) was higher than the state lung cancer incidence rate (46.3 per 100,000; 13,760 cases).
- The age-adjusted lung cancer incidence rate among females (30.7 per 100,000; 560 cases) was similar to the state lung cancer incidence rate among females (30.2 per 100,000; 11,270 cases) (Figure 2).

Figure 1. Smoking-attributable Mortality among Adults Aged 35 Years and Older, Athens Health District, 2008-2013\*



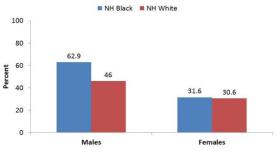
Source: 2008, 2010-2013 SAMMEC \*Because of data quality issues, 2009 mortality data are not used for analysis.

Figure 2. Age-Adjusted Lung Cancer Incidence Rate among Adults Aged 35 Years and Older, Athens Health District and Georgia, 2008-2014



Source: 2008-2014 Age-Adjusted Cancer Incidence Rates for Georgia (GCCR)

Figure 3. Age-Adjusted Lung Cancer Incidence Rate among Adults Aged 35 Years and Older, by Race and Sex, Athens Health District and Georgia, 2008-2014

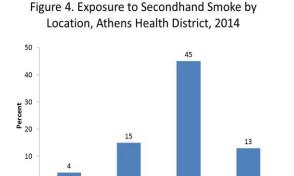


Source: 2008-2014 Age-Adjusted Cancer Incidence: Rates for Georgia (GCCR)

- In the Athens Health District, the lung cancer incidence rate among NH Black males (62.9 per 100,000; 133 cases) was significantly higher than the lung cancer incidence rate among NH White males (46.0 per 100,000; 573 cases) (Figure 3).
- The lung cancer incidence rate for NH White females (30.6 per 100,000; 457 cases) was similar to the NH Black females (31.6 per 100,000; 92 cases) (Figure 3).

# Secondhand Smoke Exposure in the Athens Health District in 2014

- Approximately 56% (250,000) of Athens Health District adults were exposed to secondhand smoke<sup>a</sup>, which was more than the overall Georgia prevalence of secondhand smoke exposure (45%; 5.3 million).
- Adults were significantly more likely to be exposed to secondhand smoke in public places (45%; 195,000) than in the workplace (15%; 40,000), in a vehicle (13%; 60,000), and at home (4%; 17,500) (Figure 4).
- Secondhand smoke exposure was higher among males (36%; 159,000) than females (21%; 91,000).



**Public Places** 

Vehicle

Source: 2014 Adult Tobacco Survey (ATS)

Home

• Exosure to secondhand smoke was significantly higher among NH White adults (37%; 165,000) than NH Black adults (11%; 50,000).

Work

- Adults with less than a college degree (18%; 81,000) were more likely to be exposed to secondhand smoke than college graduates (16%; 72,000).
- Overall, the percent of adults in the Athens Health District who support strict enforcement of tobacco use polices related to indoor/outdoor public places<sup>b</sup> increased from 90% (250,000) in 2009-2010 to 91% (386,000) in 2014.

\*Athens Health District: Barrow, Clarke, Elbert, Greene, Jackson, Madison, Morgan, Oconee, Oglethorpe, and Walton counties <sup>a</sup>Secondhand smoke exposure includes exposure at home, work, public place, or vehicle <sup>b</sup>Results based on 2014 ATS question, "Should policies that don't allow tobacco use in indoor or outdoor public places be strictly enforced?" Yes or No

### Definitions

- 1. Adults are defined as civilian persons aged 18 years and older, unless otherwise stated.
- 2. Cigarette smokers are defined as those who have smoked at least 100 cigarettes in their lifetime and are currently smoking.
- 3. Lung cancer incidence rates are age-adjusted to the 2000 U.S. standard population.

### Data sources

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- 3. CDC. Current Cigarette Smoking Among Adults United States, 2014; Available at:
- http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/data\_statistics/fact\_sheets/adult\_data/cig\_smoking/index.htm#national
- 4. Georgia Comprehensive Cancer Registry (GCCR), 2008-2014 Age-Adjusted Cancer Incidence Rates for the State of Georgia
- 5. 2009-2010 National Adult Tobacco Survey (NATS) and 2014 Adult Tobacco Survey (ATS)