

Tobacco use costs Georgia more than \$5 billion every year.¹

DEATHS¹

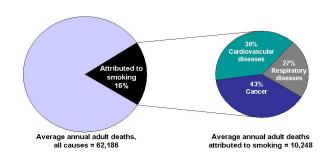
About 10,300 Georgians die every year from tobaccorelated illnesses – that is one out of every six deaths in adult Georgians.

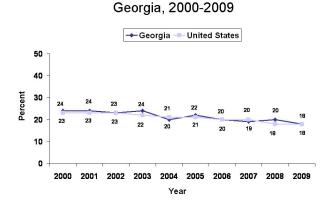
- More adult males (6,400) than adult females (3,900) die from tobacco-related illnesses
- Among Georgia adults ages 35 and older, cancer accounts for 43% of all deaths due to smoking
- Cardiovascular diseases and respiratory diseases account for 30% and 27% of all deaths due to smoking, respectively
- Adult smokers lose an average of 16 years of life compared to adult non-smokers

SMOKING BEHAVIOR^{2, 3}

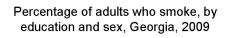
- Approximately 1.3 million (18%) adults aged 18 years and older (adults) in Georgia currently smoke cigarettes
- Declines in current smoking have been slow over the past decade
- Georgia's current overall adult smoking prevalence
 matches the national smoking prevalence
- About 20% (700,000) of the adult male population and 16% (600,000) of the adult female population in Georgia smoke cigarettes
- Non-Hispanic (NH) white adults in Georgia (830,000; 19%) are more likely than non-Hispanic Black (300,000; 15%) and Hispanic (60,000; 12%) adults in Georgia to smoke cigarettes
- Adult Georgians with less than a high school education are more likely than adult Georgians with a high school education or above to smoke cigarettes
- The smoking prevalence is twice as high among adult smokers in Georgia who do not have health insurance (34%) than among adult smokers who have health insurance (15%)
- About 8% (11,000) of pregnant women in Georgia smoked during the last three months of their pregnancy
- The smoking prevalence is highest among adult Georgians aged 18-24 (130,000; 22%), 25-34 (360,000; 20%), and 45-54 (300,000; 22%)
- Counties in the northwest (1-1), north central (5-2), south (8-1), southeast (9-2), and coastal (9-1) regions of the state have the highest adult smoking prevalence

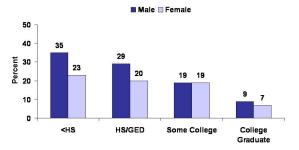
Average annual smoking-attributable deaths among adults ages 35 and older, Georgia, 2003-2007





Trends in current adult smoking,







ADULT TOBACCO USE

SMOKELESS TOBACCO USE²

- About 5% (340,000) of adults in Georgia currently use smokeless tobacco (chewing tobacco, snuff, or snus)
- Adult males Georgians (8%; 280,000) are more likely to use smokeless tobacco than female Georgians (2%; 60,000)
- Use of smokeless tobacco is highest among the NH white adult population in Georgia (6%; 300,000)
- Adults in Georgia aged 25-34 (6%; 110,000) and 35-44 (6%; 80,000) are more likely to use smokeless tobacco
- Georgia adults with less than a high school education (8%; 65,000) and a high school level education (6%; 130,000) are more likely to be smokeless tobacco users

SMOKING CESSATION²

About 58% (730,000) of adult smokers in Georgia have made a guit attempt in the past year

- NH black adult smokers in Georgia (68%) are more likely than NH white adult smokers (54%) to have made a quit attempt in the past year
- Overall about 1.6 million (22%) adult Georgians are former smokers

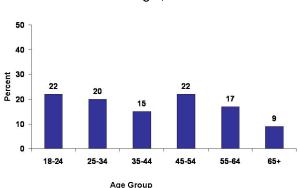
FINANCIAL IMPACT¹

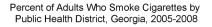
- \$1.8 billion in healthcare costs among adults aged 18 years and older
- \$3.4 billion in lost productivity costs among adults aged 35 years and older

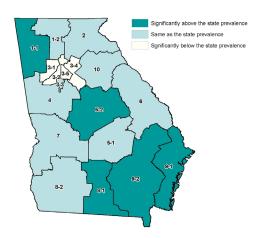
Definitions:

- 1. Adults are defined as civilian persons aged 18 years and older.
- 2. Cigarette smokers are defined as those who have smoked at least 100 cigarettes in their lifetime and are currently smoking.
- Former smokers are defined as those who have smoked at least 100 cigarettes in their lifetime and are not currently smoking.
- 4. A quit attempt is defined as having stopped smoking for one day or longer during the past 12 months in effort to quit smoking.

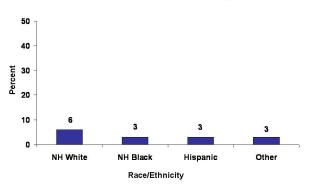
* Percentages shown in graphs do not add to 100% because analysis of nonsmokers is not shown







Percentage of adult smokeless tobacco users by race/ethnicity, Georgia, 2009



Data sources:

- 1. Georgia Vital Statistics, 2003-2007; CDC SAMMEC web application (http://apps.nccd.cdc.gov/sammec/).
- 2. 2009 Georgia Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) Data.
- 3. 2008 Georgia Pregnancy Risk Assessment Monitoring System (PRAMS) Data.

More data on tobacco use in Georgia can be found at http://www.health.state.ga.us/epi/cdiee/tobaccouse.asp. Visit http://health.state.ga.us/programs/tobacco/index.asp for more information about the Georgia Tobacco Use Prevention Program.

Percentage of adult smokers by age group, Georgia, 2009