

**The Health Consequences of Smoking – 50 Years of Progress:
A Report of the Surgeon General
Quick Facts by the Numbers**

Number of kids alive today estimated to die prematurely from smoking if current rates continue: **5.6 MILLION**

Number of Americans killed by smoking each year: **Nearly HALF A MILLION**
Number of Americans killed by smoking since 1965: **>20 MILLION**
Of those, the number of nonsmokers killed by secondhand smoke exposure:
2.5 MILLION

Number of kids under 18 who smoke their first cigarette every day: **>3,200**
Proportion of today's adult smokers who started before age 18: **9 in 10**

Percent of adults who smoked
in 1965: **43%**
in 2012: **18%**

Percent decrease in prevalence of adult smoking since 1965: **58%**
Decrease in total number of smokers since 1965: **17%**

Number of Americans suffering from at least one disease caused by smoking: **>16 MILLION**
Number of types of cancer caused by smoking found by Surgeon General's Report
in 1964: **1**
by 2014: **13**

Average number of years of life smokers lose because they smoke: **more than 10**
Percent of that loss regained when smokers quit by age 40: **90%**

Babies who died from SIDS, complications from prematurity, low birth weight and other conditions resulting from parental smoking since 1965: **100,000**

Number of times more likely women who smoked were to develop lung cancer
compared to women who never smoked
in 1959: **2.7**
in 2010: **25.7**

Increase in rate of new cases of adenocarcinoma of the lung, the most common form of lung cancer, b/n 1970- 2010
in men: **70%**
in women: **300%**

Percent of Americans protected by comprehensive smoke-free laws: **50%**

Increase in risk for stroke caused by secondhand smoke exposure: **20-30%**

Total annual economic cost of smoking in the US: **>\$289 BILLION**
Amount Americans pay for medical care due to smoking each year: **>\$130 BILLION**
Share of all health expenditures for adults over 18 spent on smoking: **8.6%**
Estimated proportion of those costs paid by public funds: **60%**

Per capita industry spending on tobacco marketing in 2011: **>\$28**
CDC recommended annual per capita funding levels for state tobacco control programs: **~\$12**
Actual state spending on tobacco control, per capita, in FY 2013: **<\$1.50**

More than 50 years after smoking was proven to cause cancer, it is still being found to maim and kill people in new ways including:

- Diabetes
- Colorectal cancer and liver cancer
- Rheumatoid arthritis and poor response to treatment
- Increased risk of tuberculosis disease and death
- Erectile dysfunction

Smoking also has devastating impacts on women and children:

- Women are now as likely to die from smoking as men
- Women smokers' risk of lung cancer and COPD is now the same as men's risk
- COPD used to be thought of as a disease primarily affecting men; because of tobacco, now more women die from COPD than men
- Reduced fertility
- Ectopic pregnancy, which can be fatal
- For the children of women who smoke during pregnancy,
 - Smoking causes birth defects including cleft lip and cleft palate
 - Smoking may contribute to behavioral disorders such as ADHD
 - Smoking can produce lasting adverse consequences for brain development.