



We know how to prevent tobacco use and help current smokers quit, but states and the federal government are not implementing these proven-effective, lifesaving laws and policies. The American Lung Association’s “State of Tobacco Control” 2021 report shows both the progress and failure of states and the federal government to prevent and reduce tobacco use. To learn more go to Lung.org/sotc.



State Goals:

1. Increase state funding to \$5 million for tobacco control programs;
2. Pursue a tobacco tax increase of \$1.50 per pack on cigarettes and equalize taxes on all other tobacco products including e-cigarettes to the cigarette tax; and
3. Support comprehensive smokefree laws that cover all bars, restaurants, and workplaces.

Flavored tobacco products must be prohibited

- Nearly 85% of Black Americans who smoke use menthol cigarettes.
- Over 80% of high school students and over 70% of middle school students who vape use flavored e-cigarettes.
- After the sale of most flavored e-cigarette pods were prohibited, disposable e-cigarette use increased 1000% among high school students from 2019-2020

State Facts:

Health Care Costs Due to Smoking:	\$3,182,695,641
Adult Smoking Rate:	16.3%
High School Smoking Rate:	4.0%
High School Tobacco Use Rate:	21.0%
Middle School Smoking Rate:	N/A
Smoking Attributable Deaths:	11,690

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