

The Burden of Tobacco in New York

Tobacco Use in New York

Kids (under 18) who try cigarettes for the first time each year	85,000
Kids (under 18) who become new regular, daily smokers each year	20,900
Packs of cigarettes bought or smoked by kids each year	35.5 million

Deaths in New York From Smoking

Adults who die each year from their own smoking	25,400
Kids now under 18 and alive in New York who will ultimately die prematurely from smoking	389,000
Adult nonsmokers who die each year from exposure to secondhand smoke	2,690

Tobacco-Related Monetary Costs in New York

Annual health care costs in New York directly caused by tobacco use	\$8.17 billion
State Medicaid Program's total health expenditures caused by tobacco use	\$5.4 billion
Citizens' state/federal tax burden from tobacco-related government expenditures	\$6.3 billion (\$900 per household)
Smoking-caused productivity losses in New York	\$6.05 billion

Table¹

Unmet Need

Although New York has experienced tremendous success due to tobacco use prevention and cessation efforts, there remain population pockets that do not share equally in the successes.	To achieve maximum success, sustained funding is imperative for continuing efforts for the following low-access and high-risk populations.
Due to limited access to services and a greater need for sustained efforts, the unmet need is a continuous concern.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> -Immigrant Populations -HIV/AIDS patients -Mental Health patients -Individuals of low socioeconomic status -Pregnant women

¹ Campaign For Tobacco Free Kids (CTFK), Fact Sheet: The Toll of Tobacco in New York, September 21, 2009