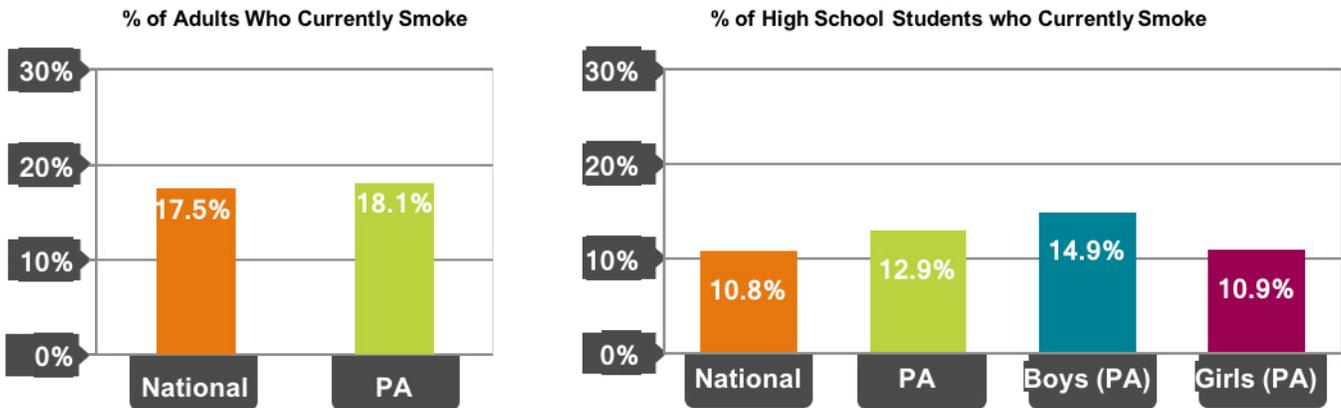


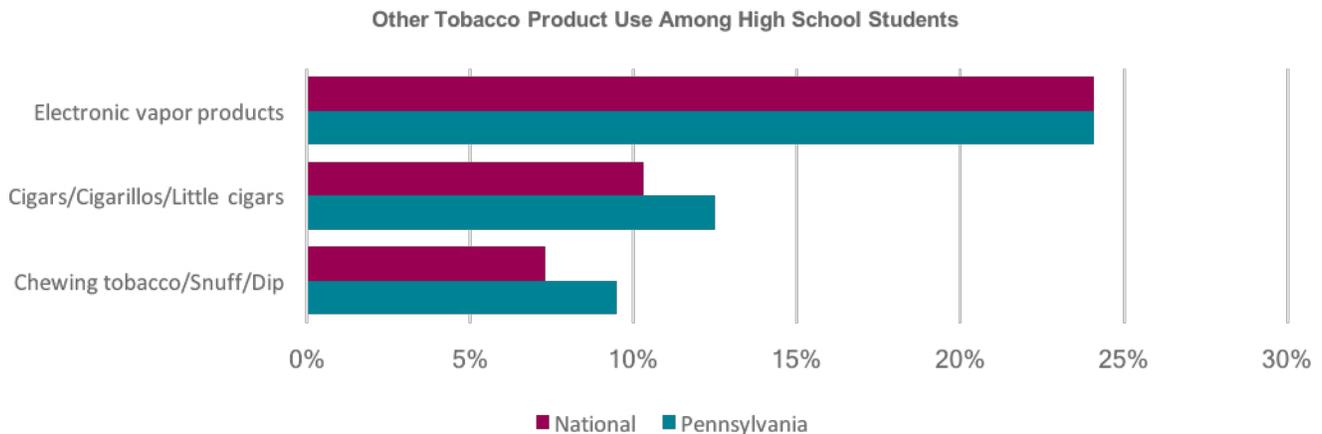
# Tobacco in Pennsylvania

## CIGARETTE USE\*1-2



## OTHER TOBACCO USE

- The prevalence of smokeless tobacco use among adults in Pennsylvania was 4.3% in 2014.<sup>3</sup>
- In 2015, 9.5% of high school students in Pennsylvania used chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip on at least one day in the past 30 days. Nationally, 7.3% of high school students used smokeless tobacco on at least one day in the past 30 days.<sup>2</sup>
- In 2015, 12.5% of high school students in Pennsylvania used cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars on at least one day in the past 30 days. Nationally, 10.3% of high school students used cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars on at least one day in the past 30 days.<sup>2</sup>
- In 2015, 24.1% of high school students in Pennsylvania used electronic vapor products on at least one day in the past 30 days. Nationally, 24.1% of high school students used electronic vapor products on at least one day in the past 30 days.<sup>2</sup>



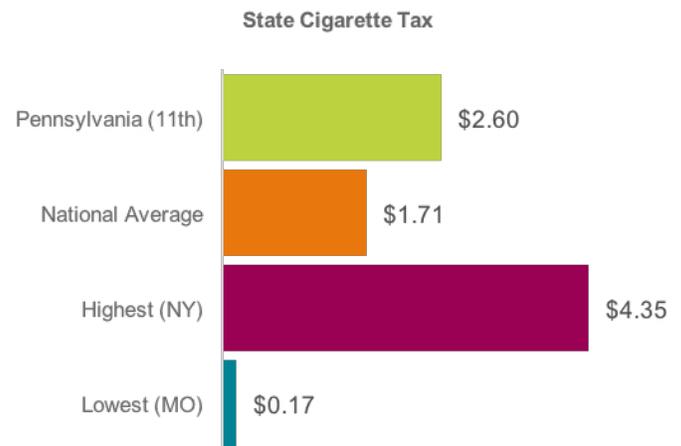
## ECONOMICS OF TOBACCO USE AND TOBACCO CONTROL

- In FY2017, Pennsylvania allocated \$13.9 million in state funds to tobacco prevention, which is 9.9% of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's (CDC) Annual Spending Target.<sup>4</sup>
- Pennsylvania received an estimated \$1.660 billion in tobacco settlement payments and taxes in FY2017.<sup>4</sup>
- The health care costs in Pennsylvania, directly caused by smoking, amount to \$6.38 billion annually.<sup>4</sup>
- Pennsylvania loses \$5.73 billion in productivity each year due to smoking.<sup>5</sup>

## STATE TOBACCO LAWS<sup>6-8</sup>

### EXCISE TAX

- The state tax increased to \$2.60 per pack of cigarettes in August 2016. Pennsylvania is ranked 11th in the United States for its cigarette tax. The national average cigarette tax is \$1.71 per pack of cigarettes. The highest state cigarette tax is New York (\$4.35) and the lowest state cigarette tax is Missouri (\$0.17).
- Little cigars are taxed \$0.13 per cigar. Electronic cigarettes are taxed 40% of the purchase price charged to the retailer. Roll-your-own and smokeless tobacco are taxed \$0.55 per ounce on all fractional parts of an ounce.



### CLEAN INDOOR AIR ORDINANCES

- Smoking is prohibited in all schools, childcare facilities, government workplaces, private workplaces, health care facilities, retail stores, and recreational/cultural facilities.
- Smoking is restricted in restaurants and casinos (tribal establishments are exempt).
- There are no smoking restrictions for bars.

### YOUTH ACCESS LAWS

- The minimum age requirement for the purchase of tobacco products is 18, and penalties exist for both minors and merchants who violate this law.
- Only sales clerks are allowed access to tobacco products prior to sale, unless the tobacco products are located within the line of sight or under the control of a cashier or other employee and unless it is a retail stores which derives 75% or more of sales revenue from tobacco products.

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## LOCAL TOBACCO LAWS

- Philadelphia restricts the number of tobacco retailers to 1 per 1,000 people in each planning district and prohibits new tobacco retailers within 500 feet of a school.<sup>9</sup>

## CESSATION STATISTICS AND BENEFITS

- The CDC estimates that 52.7% of adult every day smokers in Pennsylvania tried to quit smoking for one or more days in 2015.<sup>10</sup>
- The Affordable Care Act requires all Medicaid programs cover all tobacco cessation medications beginning January 1, 2014.<sup>8†</sup>
- Pennsylvania's state quitline invests \$1.23 per smoker; the national average investment per smoker is \$3.46.<sup>8</sup>
- Pennsylvania has no private insurance mandate provision for cessation.<sup>8</sup>

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†The seven recommended cessation medications are NRT Gum, NRT Patch, NRT Nasal Spray, NRT Inhaler, NRT Lozenge, Varenicline (Chantix), and Bupropion (Zyban).

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