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Matthew L. Myers is President and CEO of the Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, a privately funded organization established to reduce tobacco use and its devastating consequences in the United States and around the world. Over the last 25 years, Mr. Myers has participated in virtually every major national tobacco-related legislative effort and has worked with state tobacco prevention advocates and officials around the country. In 1999, Mr. Myers was asked to serve on the first advisory committee established to advise the Director General of the World Health Organization on tobacco issues. The following year, Mr. Myers was named by President Clinton to co-chair a Presidential Commission to examine the economic problems being

experienced by tobacco farmers and their communities and recommend possible solutions. In October 2004, the Harvard School of Public Health bestowed its highest honor, the prestigious Julius B. Richmond award, on Mr. Myers for his work as an advocate in preventing tobacco industry marketing to children.



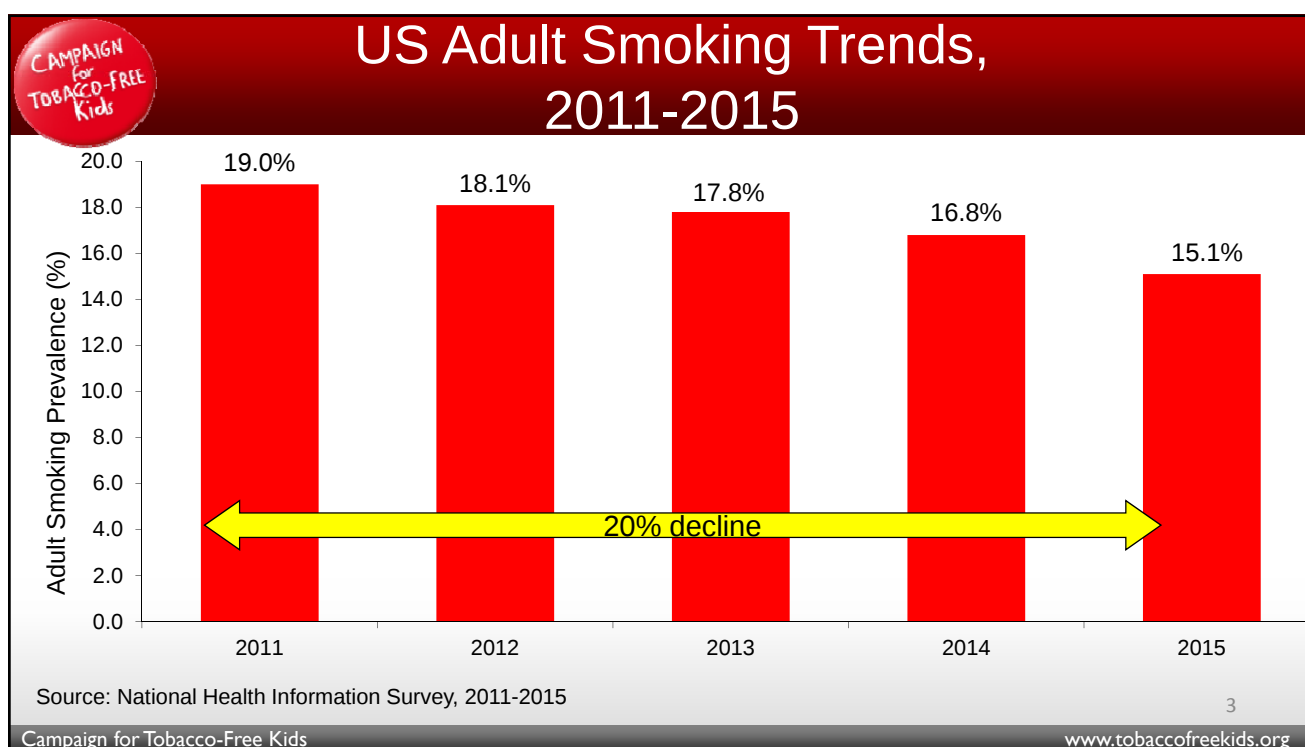
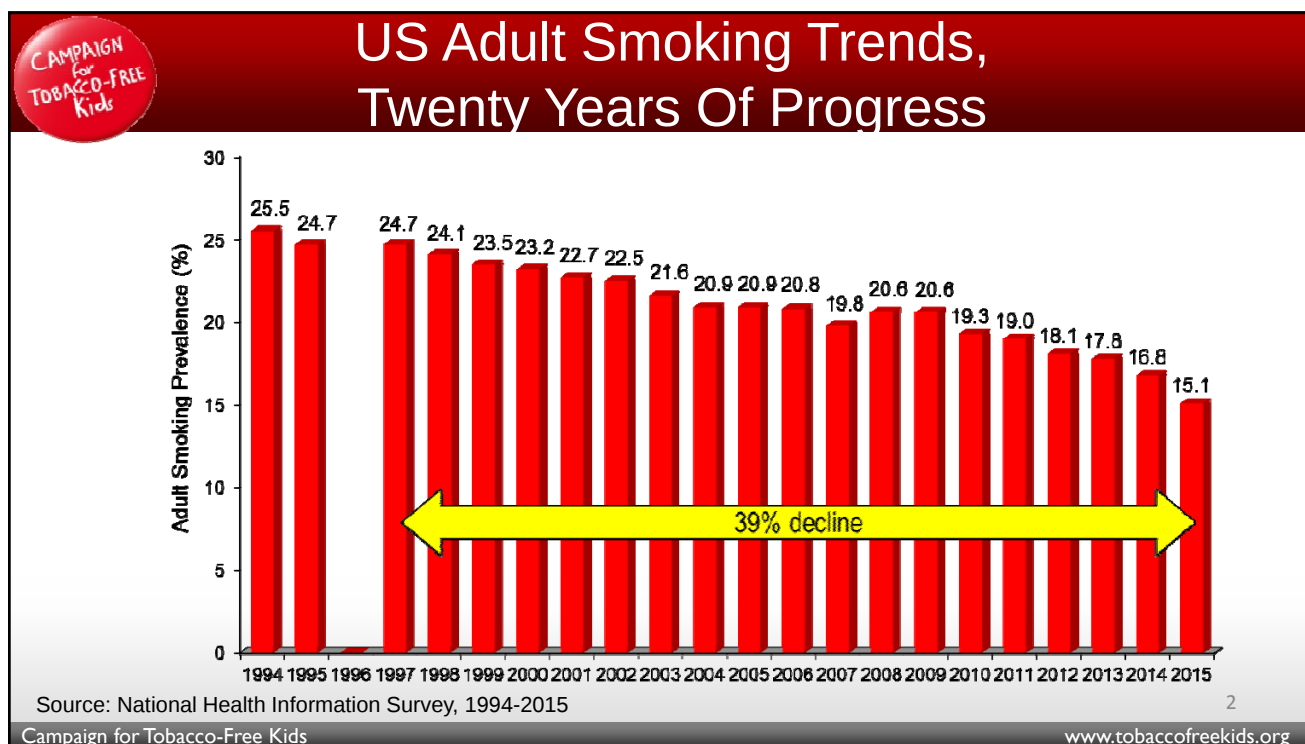
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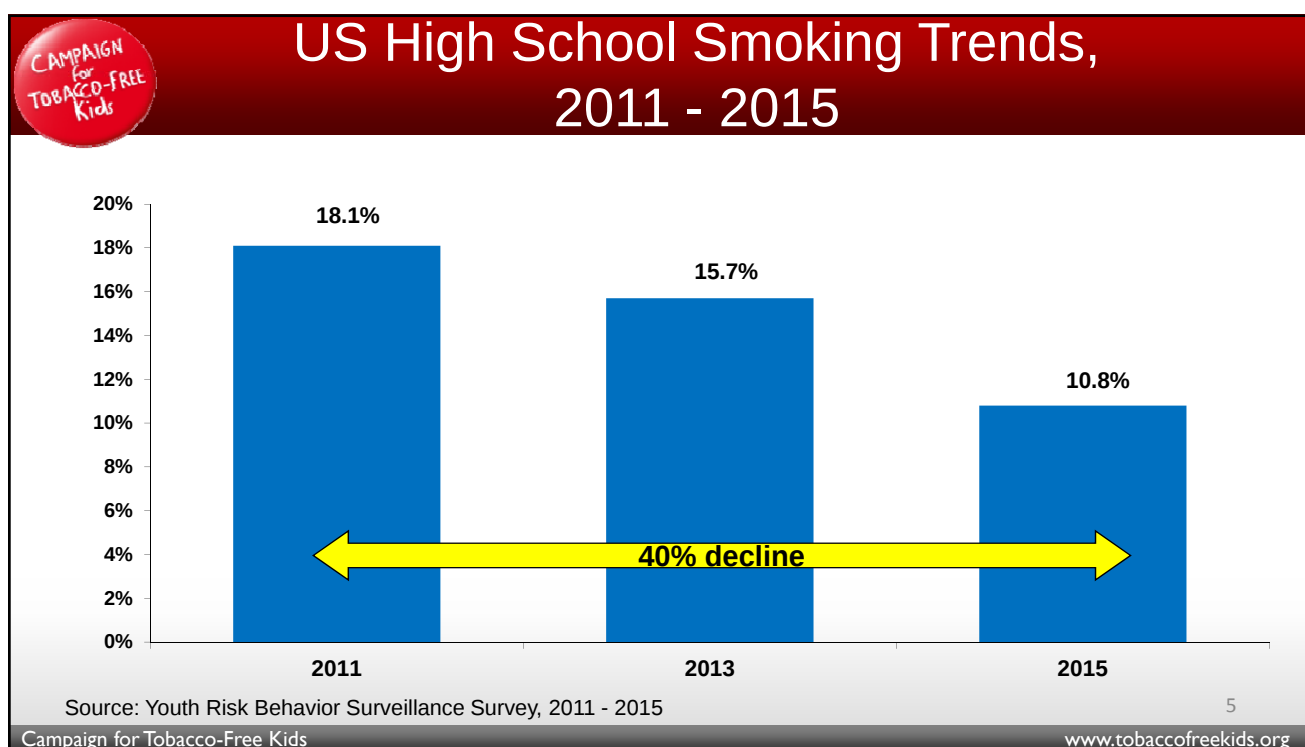
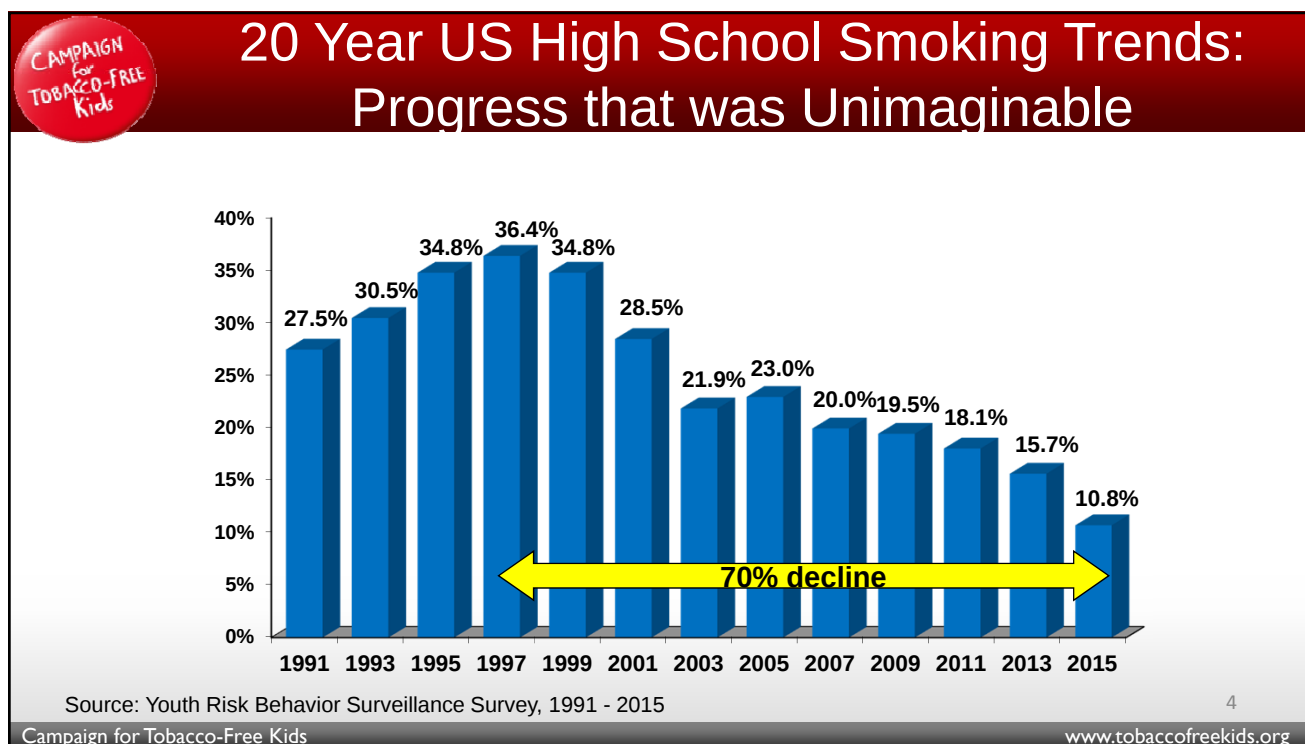


**The Progress We Have Made
Is Extraordinary:
It Shows
That We Can Surmount the
Challenges that We Now Face**

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This Change Did Not Just Happen

We Know What Works

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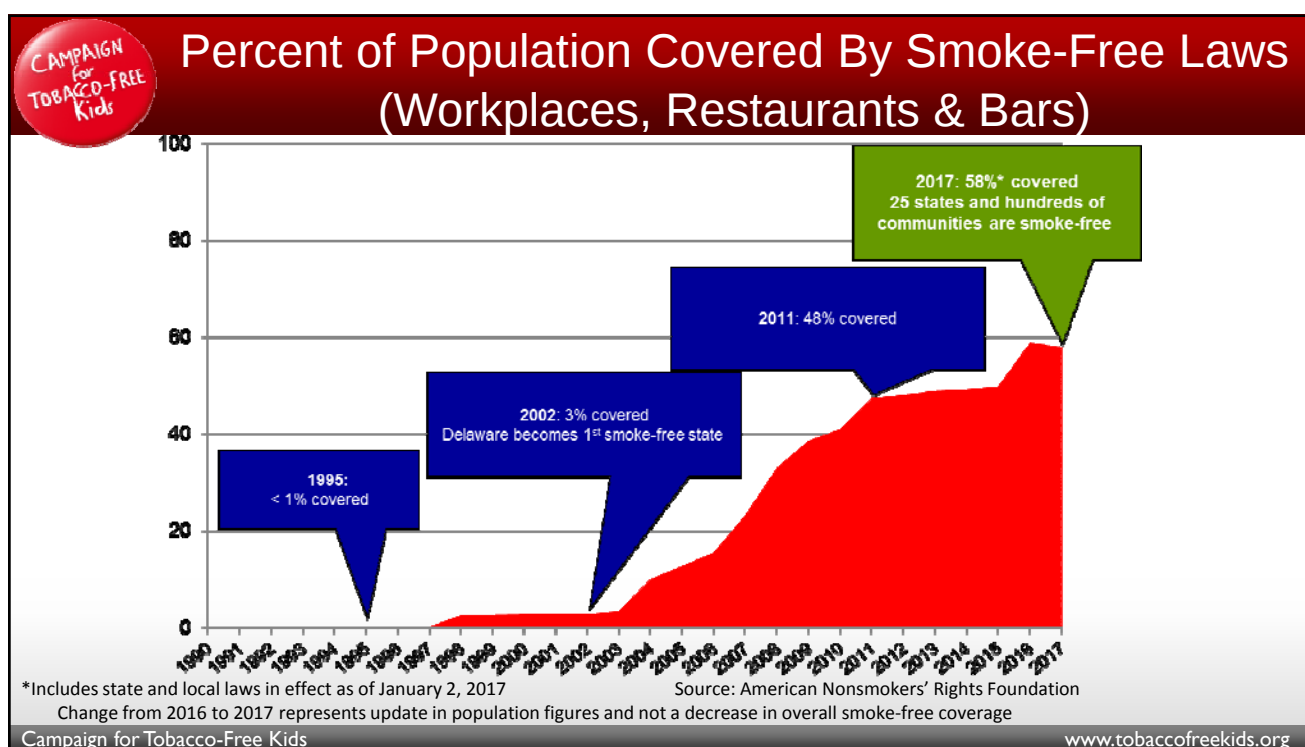
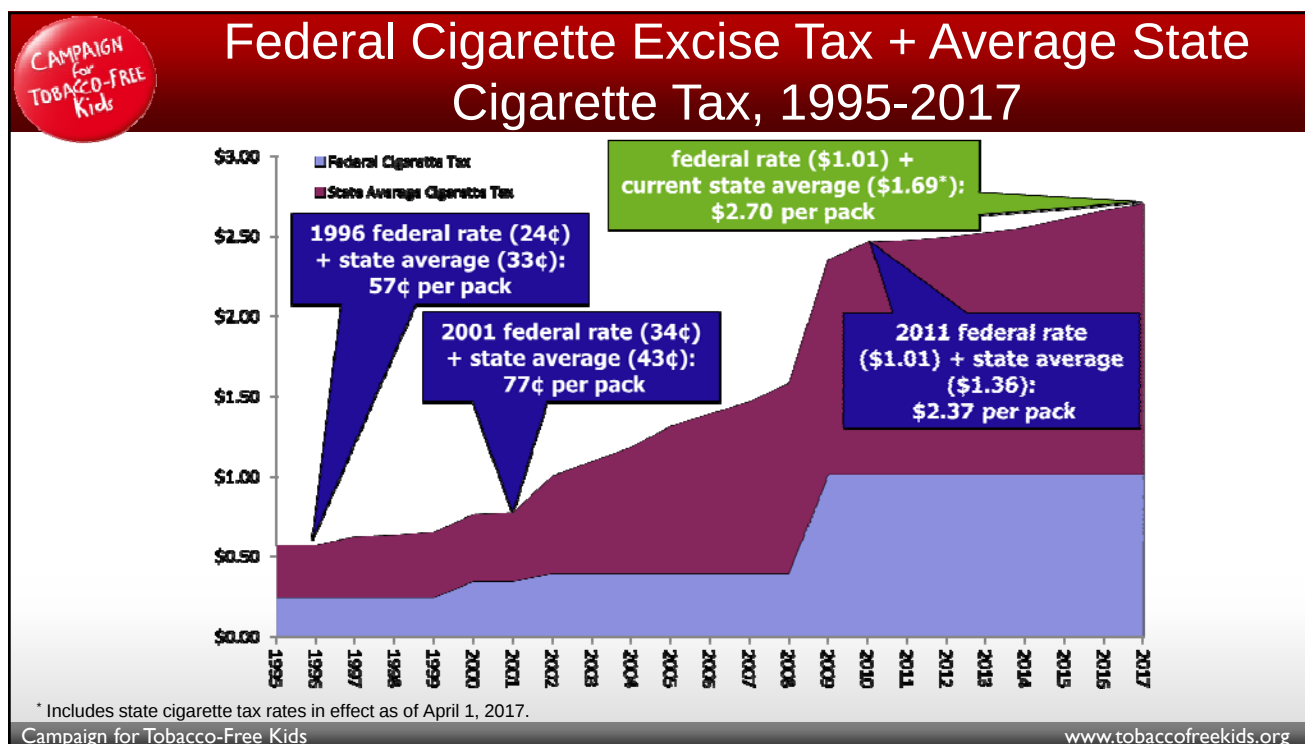


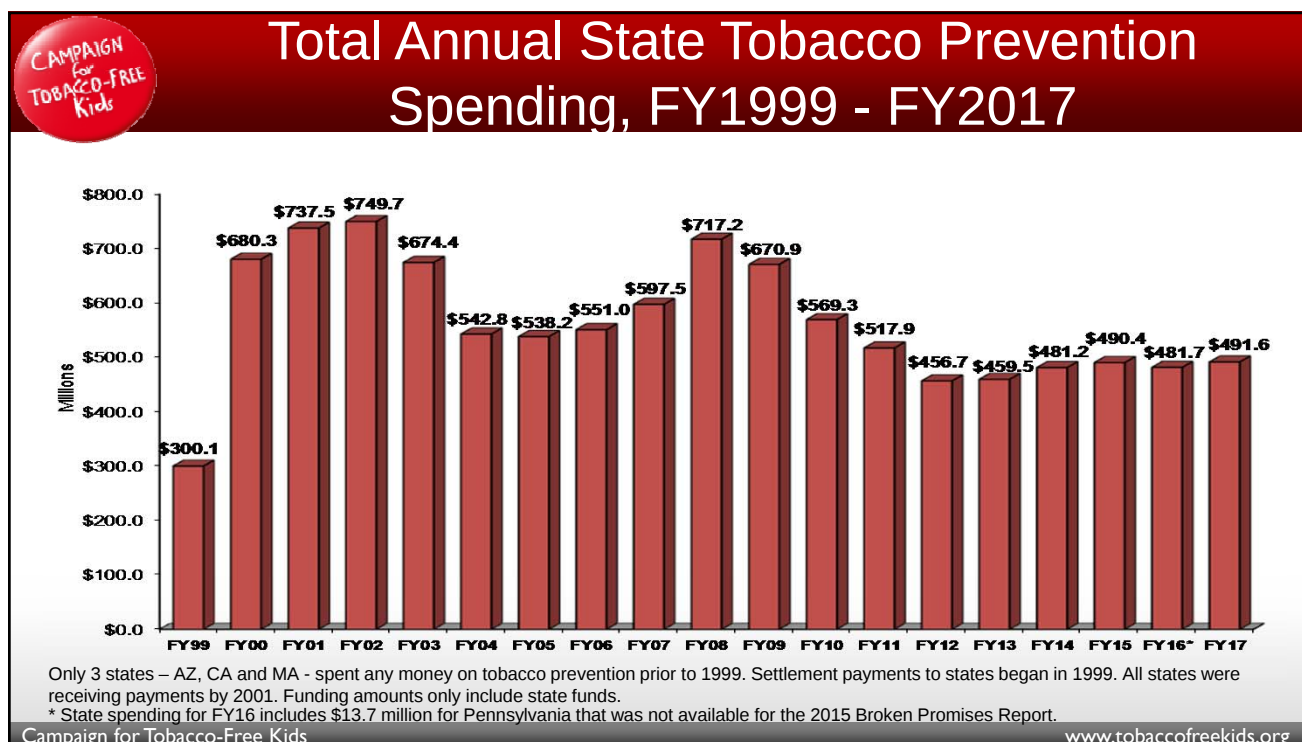
From 1997 until 2009 The Major Changes Were Driven by Change at the State and Local Level



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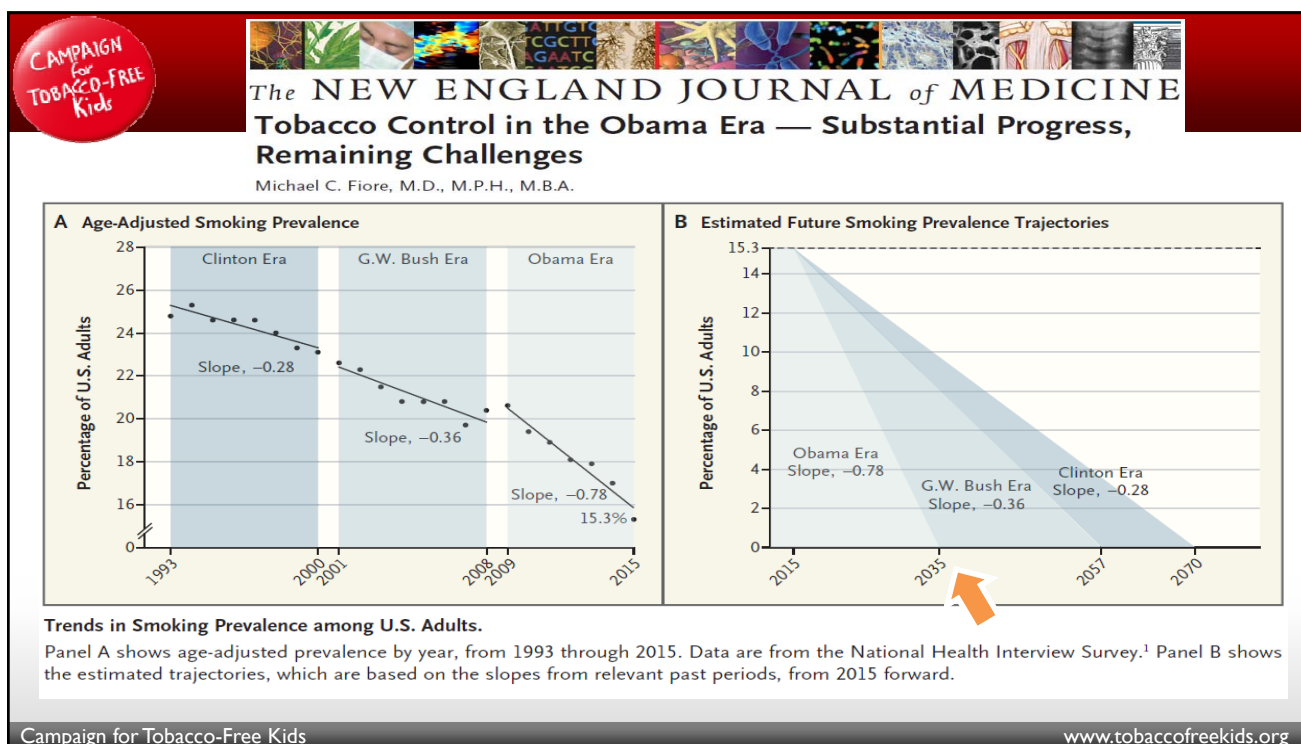
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Beginning in 2009, Action at the National Level Accelerated

- 2009 Tobacco Control Act – limited marketing, banned flavored cigarettes, increased youth access enforcement, etc.
- 2009 - \$.61.5 increase in the excise tax
- 2009 – PACT Act – limited mail order and internet sales
- Unprecedented Mass media – each of which produced measurable and meaningful results
 - CDC – Multi-Year *Tips From Former Smokers* campaign
 - FDA – Real Cost and other mass media campaigns
 - TRUTH Initiative – re-invigoration of Truth mass media campaigns

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High School Tobacco Use – Proof of What is Possible
 - In Each the Greatest Decline Was Since 2008/2009

	Cigarette Use		
	2000 – 2001 High School Rate	2014 – 2016 High School Rate	Percent Decline
New York	27.1%	4.3%	84%
Rhode Island	24.8%	4.8%	81%
Florida	22.6%	5.2%	77%
Wisconsin	32.9%	8.1%	75%
Massachusetts	26%	7.7%	70%
Nevada	25.2%	7.5%	70%
Minnesota	32.4%	10.6%	67%
California	21.6%	7.7%*	64%
US	28.5%	10.8%	62%

NY, FL, WI from Youth Tobacco Survey. MA, NV, RI, US from Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS)
 *CA data from different surveys: 2000 data from CA Student Tobacco Survey, 2015 data from YRBS

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BUT The Challenges that Remain are Substantial

Three Broad Categories

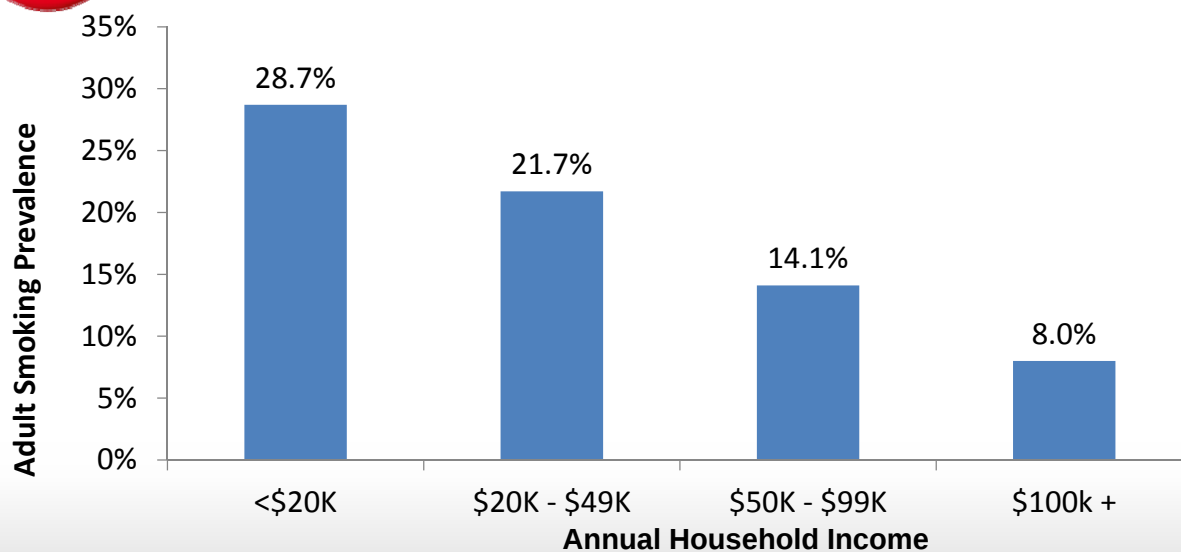
1. Who Smokes Has Changed – with Real Consequences
2. The Emerging Threat of Other Tobacco Products and Poly Tobacco Use
3. Today We will Need to Make Progress in the Wake of the New Political Realities

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Who Smokes? The Poor

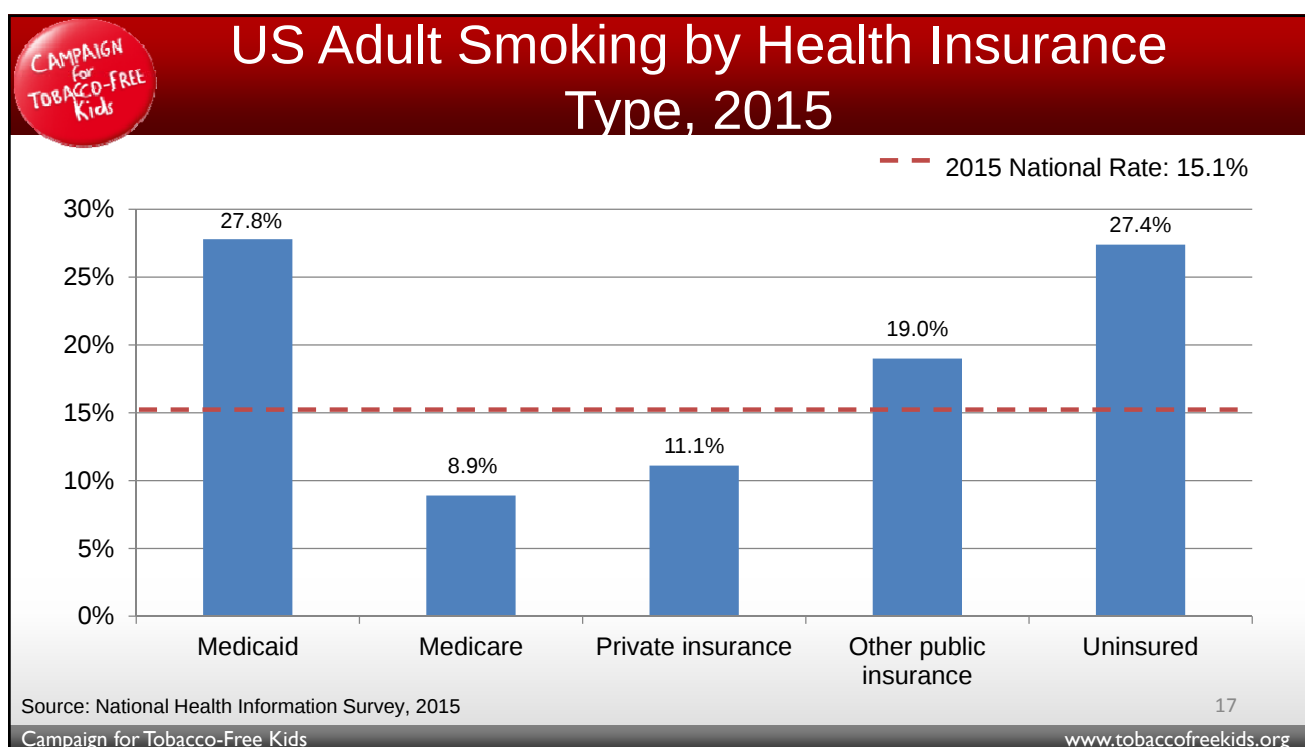
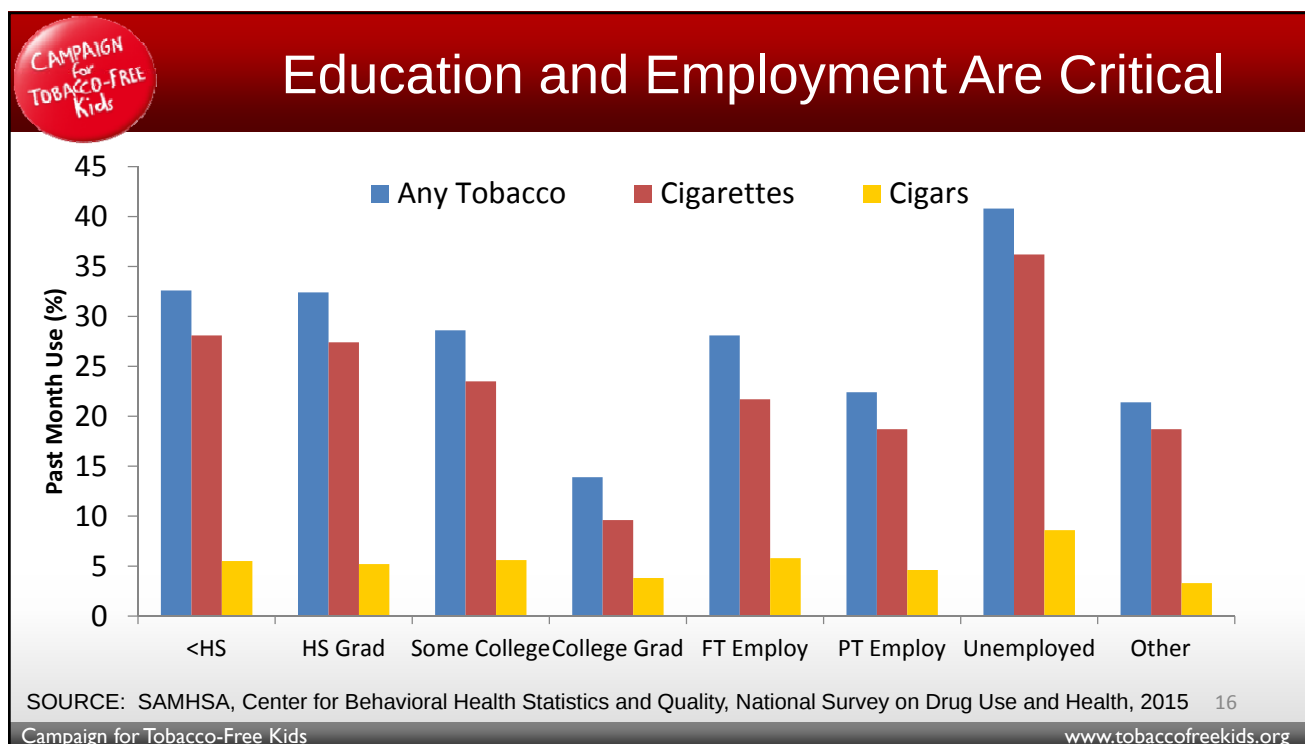


Source: 2013-2014 Adult Tobacco Survey

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Medicaid Enrollees Are Not Being Provided Tobacco Cessation Services

HealthAffairs

By Leighton Ku, Brian K. Bruen, Erika Steinmetz, and Tyler Bysshe

Medicaid Tobacco Cessation: Big Gaps Remain In Efforts To Get Smokers To Quit

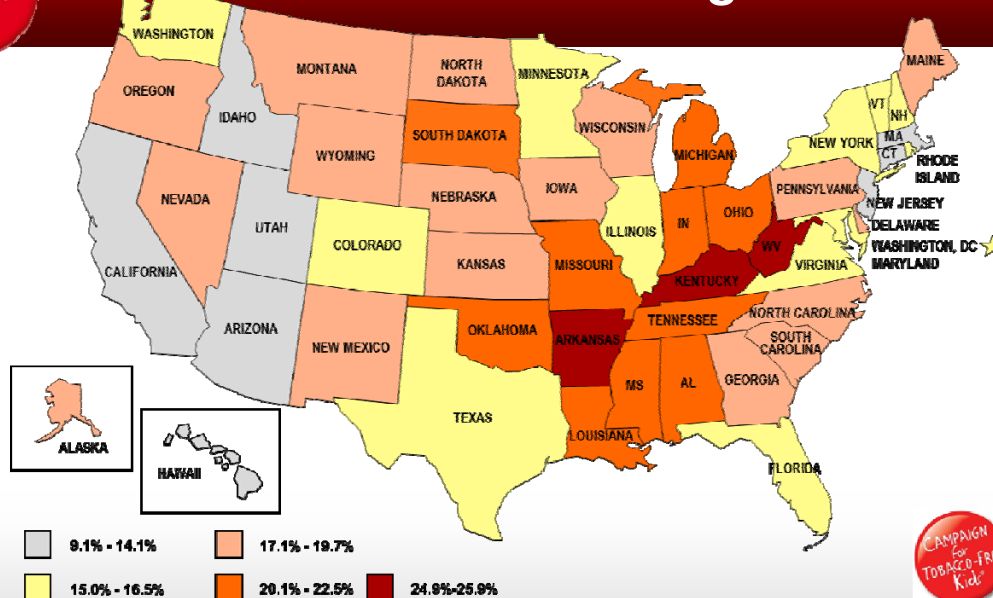
- Smokers with Medicaid coverage do not receive help in quitting even though cessation benefits are covered
- In 2013 only 1 in 10 current smokers with Medicaid received cessation medications despite the fact that it has been proven that when Medicaid agencies collaborate with PH agencies, physician groups, healthcare advocacy orgs and others to promote tobacco cessation to Medicaid population, it works

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2015 Adult Smoking Prevalence



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2015 BRFSS online data.

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Disparities in Policy Progress Translate into Disparities in Use

There are dramatic differences between states.

While the national adult smoking rate has dropped to 15.1% (2015 NHIS) and the youth smoking rate to 10.8% (2015 YRBS)

- 8 states have adult smoking rates below 15% **BUT**
- 13 states have adult smoking rates over 20%
- 19 states have youth smoking rates under 10%, and
- 7 states are already under 8% **BUT**
- 7 states have youth smoking rates over 15%

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State Adult Smoking Prevalence, 2015 – The Power of Taxes and Smoke-Free Air

Lowest Prevalence

1. Utah (9.1%)
2. California (11.7%)
3. New Jersey (13.5%)
3. Connecticut (13.5%)
5. Idaho (13.8%)
6. Massachusetts (14.0%)
6. Arizona (14.0%)
8. Hawaii (14.1%)
9. Washington (15.0%)
10. Maryland (15.1%)
10. Illinois (15.1%)

- Average Cigarette Tax: \$2.50*
- States with Smokefree Restaurants and Bars: 10 out of 11

Highest Prevalence

1. Kentucky (25.9%)
2. West Virginia (25.7%)
3. Arkansas (24.9%)
4. Mississippi (22.5%)
5. Missouri (22.3%)
6. Oklahoma (22.2%)
7. Louisiana (21.9%)
8. Tennessee (21.9%)
9. Ohio (21.6%)
10. Alabama (21.4%)

- Average Cigarette Tax: \$0.88*
- States with Smokefree Restaurants and Bars: 1 out of 10

Source: CDC, 2015 BRFSS

*Taxes in effect as of 4/1/17

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Smoking Disparities Contribute to the Growing Health Disparities in Health And Life Expectancy In the United States

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Growing Life Expectancy Gap Between the Rich and the Poor Coincides with Growing Gap in Who Smokes

The New York Times
**Disparity in Life Spans of the Rich and the Poor
Is Growing**

By SABRINA TAVERNISE FEB. 12, 2016

- Researchers at Brookings: there is a growing disparity in life expectancy between high-income and low-income individuals
- A study in JAMA also concluded that inequality in life expectancy based on wealth has increased over time.
- These changes occur at the same time as the growing disparity in tobacco use between the rich and the poor.
- Researchers at Duke and CDC calculated that **disparities in smoking rates account for as much as a quarter to a third of the gap in life expectancy by educational level.**

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If You are Poor: Where You Live Impacts How Long You Will Live

- Where you live matters for the poor: Life expectancy among low-income individuals varies by where you live – but there is little or no difference where you live if you are wealthy
- If you are poor, your smoking rate also varies based on where you live. The smoking rates of the wealthy are similar wherever they live.
- Poor people have lower smoking rates when they live in an environment where the government invests in a safety net
- Disparities in life expectancy are not inevitable. There are communities throughout the US, where differences in life expectancy are relatively small.

Source: Chetty, R, et al., "The Association Between Income and Life Expectancy in the United States, 2001-2014," *JAMA*, published online April 10, 2016.

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Least Healthy States & Adults Smoking Rates

8 of Least Healthy States are in 10 Highest Smoking Prevalence States

Least Healthy*

1. Mississippi
2. Louisiana
3. Arkansas
4. Alabama
5. Oklahoma
6. Kentucky
7. Tennessee
8. West Virginia
9. South Carolina
10. Georgia

Highest Smoking Prevalence‡

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*America's Health Rankings 2016 Annual Report

‡ Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, 2015

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The Least Heart Healthy States Have the Highest Adult Smoking Rates

8 of Least Heart Healthy States are in 10 Highest Smoking Prevalence States

Least Heart Healthy*

1. Mississippi
2. West Virginia
3. Kentucky
4. Louisiana
5. Alabama
6. Tennessee
7. Arkansas
8. South Carolina
9. Oklahoma
10. Indiana

Highest Smoking Prevalence[‡]

1. Kentucky (25.9%)
2. West Virginia (25.7%)
3. Arkansas (24.9%)
4. Mississippi (22.5%)
5. Missouri (22.3%)
6. Oklahoma (22.2%)
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*Based on CDC data excess heart age, smoking rates & obesity prevalence data (<http://conditions.healthgrove.com/stories/6140/states-healthiest-hearts>)

[‡] Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, 2015

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States with Highest Proportion of Cancer Deaths Attributable to Smoking and Adult Smoking Prevalence

8 States with Greatest Smoking-Attributable Cancer Deaths are in 10 Highest Smoking Prevalence States

Proportion of Cancer Deaths Attributable to Smoking*

1. Kentucky (34.0%)
2. Arkansas (33.5%)
3. Tennessee (32.9%)
4. West Virginia (32.6%)
5. Louisiana (32.6%)
6. Alaska (31.4%)
7. Missouri (31.3%)
8. Alabama (31.3%)
9. Oklahoma (31.1%)
10. Nevada (30.9%)

Highest Smoking Prevalence[‡]

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*Lortet-Tieulent, J, et al., "State-Level Cancer Mortality Attributable to Cigarette Smoking in the United States," *JAMA Internal Medicine*, published online October 24, 2016.

[‡] Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, 2015

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The Continued Presence of Menthol

Despite later initiation and smoking fewer cigarettes/day on average, African American men have 18% higher incidence rates and 20% higher death rates for lung cancer.

The Question is WHY?

There is no certain explanation. Possible reasons:

- While adult smoking rates are nearly equal to whites, African Americans quit smoking at lower rates. African Americans use tobacco cessation medications at a lower rate than Whites and are less likely to receive advice to quit from a health professional
- The vast majority of African Americans smoke menthol cigarettes which masks the harshness of smoke and is associated with greater addiction and reduced cessation.

Garrett, et al., *Nicotine & Tobacco Research*, 2016; Alexander, et al., *Nicotine & Tobacco Research*, 2016; Roberts, et al., *Nicotine & Tobacco Research*, 2016; Kulak, et al., *Nicotine & Tobacco Research*, 2016; Holford, et al., *Nicotine & Tobacco Research*, 2016; American Cancer Society, 2016; Alexander, *Nicotine & Tobacco Research*, 2016; FDA TPSAC Report on Menthol

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The Emergence of Other Tobacco Products and Poly Tobacco Use

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Exclusive and Poly Use Among Any New Tobacco Users at Wave 2

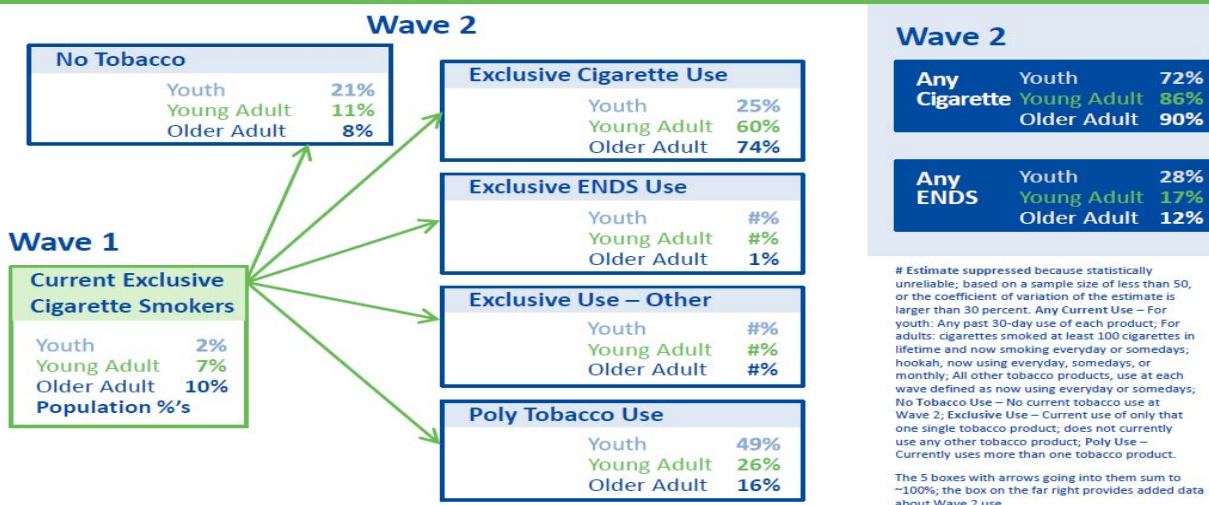


Any New Tobacco User – Never used a tobacco product in Wave 1, past 30-day use of any tobacco product at Wave 2; Older Adult estimates suppressed because statistically unreliable; based on a sample size of less than 50, or the coefficient of variation of the estimate is larger than 30 percent.



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What Happens to Wave 1 Current Exclusive Cigarette Smokers at Wave 2?



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MORE HIGH SCHOOL BOYS SMOKE CIGARS THAN CIGARETTES

14%
smoke cigars



11.8%
smoke cigarettes



Source: CDC 2015 Youth Risk Behavior Survey

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E-Cigarettes Marketing Mimics the Worst of Cigarette Marketing

TV Ads

Kid-Friendly Flavors

Music Sponsorships

Celebrity Endorsements

NASCAR Car Sponsorships

Cartoons

Branded Items

"Cigarette Girls"

Countertop Displays

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8 out of 10 kids who currently use tobacco used a flavored product in the past month.

tfk.org/flavortrap

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The Threats to Tobacco Progress Are Real: The Need to Protect the Engines of Change

- Proposals to Weaken FDA authority over tobacco products
- Proposed Cuts to Funding for the Office on Smoking and Health at CDC threatens the TIPS media campaign, state quitlines and state tobacco prevention programs
- ACA mandates coverage of tobacco cessation treatment for individuals in private plans and many on Medicaid – What will Happen If the ACA is Repealed?
- The Department of Housing and Urban Development's regulations to make public housing smoke-free just went into Effect – Will They be Challenged?

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Three Threats are Immediate

- Congress curtailment of FDA Authority: Efforts to undercut the legislative authority of the FDA related to cigars, e-cigarettes and other tobacco products during the Appropriations process
- Congressional Budget Attack on CDC-OSH: Proposed Budget cuts to CDC's Office on Smoking and Health would cut budget by more than half
- Congressional/Industry Attacks to NNN Proposed Standard – Would prevent FDA from moving forward on its first product standard

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The Trifecta Works: Building on the Momentum Already Created

It is Also a Time to Advocate for Innovative State & Local Policies

- Raising the Tobacco sale age to 21
- Restrictions on flavored tobacco products other than Cigarettes
- Innovative Approaches to curtailing Menthol Products
- Coupon and discounting bans
- Minimum price laws
- Tobacco-free retailers

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Source: New England Journal of Medicine, 8/17/2016

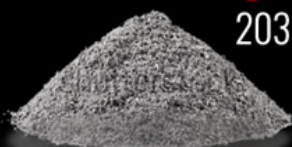
42.4%
1965 smoking rate

If progress continues at current rates,
the United States can
eliminate smoking by 2035.

15.1%
2015 smoking rate

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2035 smoking rate?



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Help us write the final chapter of the tobacco epidemic.

We've made great progress since the first Surgeon General's report on smoking and health was issued 50 years ago. But tobacco is still the No. 1 cause of preventable death. Our proven strategies are saving lives, and we won't stop until the death and disease caused by tobacco is finally eradicated.

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Make Tobacco HISTORY
Ending the epidemic for good.

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