

TABLE. Percentage of adults who were current cigarette smokers,* by selected characteristics — National Health Interview Survey, United States, 2005 and 2014

Characteristic	Men			Women			Total		
	2005 (n = 13,762) Weighted % (95% CI)	2014 (n = 16,398) Weighted % (95% CI)	% decline from 2005 to 2014	2005 (n = 17,666) Weighted % (95% CI)	2014 (n = 20,299) Weighted % (95% CI)	% decline from 2005 to 2014	2005 (N = 31,428) Weighted % (95% CI)	2014 (N = 36,697) Weighted % (95% CI)	% decline from 2005 to 2014
Overall	23.9 (22.9–24.8)	18.8[†] (18.0–19.7)	21.1§	18.1 (17.4–18.9)	14.8[†] (14.0–15.7)	18.2§	20.9 (20.3–21.5)	16.8[†] (16.1–17.4)	19.8§
Age group (yrs)									
18–24	28.0 (25.0–31.1)	18.5 [†] (15.6–21.3)	34.2§	20.7 (18.3–23.1)	14.8 [†] (10.6–19.1)	28.4	24.4 (22.4–26.4)	16.7 [†] (14.0–19.3)	31.6§
25–44	26.8 (25.4–28.2)	22.9 [†] (21.4–24.4)	14.4§	21.4 (20.2–22.6)	17.2 [†] (16.0–18.5)	19.5§	24.1 (23.1–25.1)	20.0 [†] (19.1–21.0)	16.8§
45–64	25.2 (23.7–26.7)	19.4 [†] (17.8–20.9)	23.2§	18.8 (17.7–20.0)	16.8 [†] (15.5–18.1)	10.9	21.9 (21.0–22.9)	18.0 [†] (17.0–19.1)	17.7§
≥65	8.9 (7.6–10.2)	9.8 (8.5–11.0)	(9.5) [¶]	8.3 (7.3–9.3)	7.5 (6.4–8.5)	9.8	8.6 (7.8–9.3)	8.5 (7.7–9.3)	0.8
Race/Ethnicity**									
White	24.0 (22.8–25.2)	19.3 [†] (18.1–20.4)	19.8§	20.0 (19.1–20.9)	17.2 [†] (16.0–18.5)	13.7§	21.9 (21.1–22.7)	18.2 [†] (17.3–19.1)	16.9§
Black	26.7 (23.9–29.4)	22.1 [†] (19.8–24.4)	17.1§	17.3 (15.5–19.0)	13.7 [†] (12.1–15.2)	20.9§	21.5 (19.8–23.1)	17.5 [†] (16.1–18.8)	18.6§
Hispanic	21.1 (19.3–23.0)	14.8 [†] (13.2–16.4)	30.0§	11.1 (9.8–12.4)	7.6 [†] (6.5–8.6)	31.7§	16.2 (15.1–17.4)	11.2 [†] (10.2–12.2)	31.2§
AI/AN	37.5 (20.7–54.3)	25.6 (12.5–38.7)	31.7	26.8 (15.6–38.1)	32.5 (17.4–47.5)	(20.9) [¶]	32.0 (22.2–41.7)	29.2 (19.7–38.7)	8.6
Asian ^{††}	20.6 (15.7–25.5)	14.5 (11.1–17.8)	29.8§	6.1 (3.7–8.5)	5.1 (3.5–6.7)	16.5	13.3 (10.4–16.3)	9.5 (7.7–11.2)	29.1§
Multiple race	26.1 (16.3–36.0)	33.4 (23.4–43.3)	(27.7) [¶]	23.5 (14.8–32.2)	23.2 (15.6–30.8)	1.3	24.8 (17.7–31.8)	27.9 (21.7–34.1)	(12.6) [¶]
Education level§§									
0–12 yrs (no diploma)	29.5 (27.2–31.8)	26.6 (24.2–29.0)	9.9	21.9 (20.0–23.7)	19.5 (17.5–21.5)	11.0	25.5 (24.0–27.1)	22.9 (21.3–24.5)	10.1
8th grade or less	21.0 (17.7–24.3)	16.4 (13.2–19.6)	21.9	13.4 (11.1–15.6)	11.3 (8.9–13.8)	15.2	17.1 (15.1–19.0)	13.7 (11.6–15.7)	19.7
9th–11th grade	36.8 (33.3–40.2)	33.3 (29.4–37.3)	9.3	29.0 (26.1–31.8)	25.9 (22.5–29.4)	10.4	32.6 (30.4–34.9)	29.5 (26.9–32.2)	9.5
12th grade (no diploma)	30.2 (23.5–36.9)	29.8 (23.2–36.3)	1.4	22.2 (16.9–27.5)	21.0 (15.1–26.8)	5.4	26.0 (21.8–30.2)	25.7 (21.4–30.1)	1.0
GED	47.5 (41.5–53.6)	46.6 (40.2–53.0)	2.0	38.8 (33.6–44.0)	38.9 (32.9–44.8)	(0.1)[¶]	43.2 (39.1–47.4)	43.0 (38.7–47.4)	0.5
High school graduate	28.8 (27.0–30.7)	24.7 (22.8–26.6)	14.4	20.7 (19.3–22.2)	18.8 (16.8–20.8)	9.4	24.6 (23.4–25.7)	21.7 (20.3–23.0)	11.8
Some college (no degree)	26.2 (24.0–28.4)	19.8 [†] (17.7–21.9)	24.4§	21.1 (19.2–22.9)	19.6 (17.6–21.5)	7.2	23.5 (22.1–24.9)	19.7 [†] (18.3–21.1)	16.3§
Associate degree	26.1 (23.2–28.9)	21.2 [†] (16.3–26.1)	18.5	17.1 (15.0–19.3)	13.7 (11.8–15.6)	20.1	20.9 (19.2–22.6)	17.1 [†] (14.5–19.6)	18.4§
Undergraduate degree	11.9 (10.5–13.3)	9.1[†] (7.7–10.5)	23.6§	9.6 (8.3–10.8)	6.9[†] (5.8–8.0)	28.1§	10.7 (9.8–11.6)	7.9[†] (7.1–8.8)	26.0§
Graduate degree	6.9 (5.3–8.5)	5.8 (4.5–7.1)	16.1	7.4 (5.9–8.8)	5.0 (3.8–6.3)	31.6§	7.1 (6.0–8.3)	5.4 [†] (4.5–6.3)	24.0§
Poverty status¶¶									
At or above poverty level	23.7 (22.6–24.7)	17.5[†] (16.5–18.4)	26.2§	17.6 (16.8–18.5)	13.1[†] (12.2–14.0)	25.8§	20.6 (19.9–21.3)	15.2[†] (14.6–15.9)	26.1§

Below poverty level	34.3 (31.0–37.5)	30.4 (27.5–33.2)	11.3	26.9 (24.5–29.3)	23.3 [†] (21.3–25.4)	13.2§	29.9 (27.9–31.9)	26.3 [†] (24.6–28.1)	11.9§
Unspecified	21.2 (19.2–23.2)	14.9 [†] (11.8–17.9)	29.8§	16.1 (14.8–17.5)	17.7 (12.0–23.3)	(9.6)¶	18.4 (17.2–19.6)	16.4 (13.0–19.9)	10.8
U.S. Census region***									
Northeast	20.7 (18.6–22.9)	17.1 [†] (14.9–19.3)	17.5	17.9 (16.4–19.5)	13.6 [†] (11.8–15.3)	24.3§	19.2 (17.8–20.6)	15.3 [†] (13.9–16.7)	20.5§
Midwest	27.3 (25.3–29.3)	21.7 [†] (19.7–23.7)	20.5§	21.3 (19.8–22.8)	19.7 [†] (17.2–22.2)	7.2	24.2 (23.0–25.3)	20.7 [†] (18.9–22.4)	14.4§
South	25.3 (23.6–27.0)	19.8 [†] (18.5–21.0)	22.0§	18.5 (17.3–19.7)	14.9 [†] (13.6–16.3)	19.2§	21.8 (20.6–23.0)	17.2 [†] (16.3–18.1)	20.9§
West	20.1 (18.3–21.9)	15.8 [†] (14.0–17.5)	21.4§	13.9 (12.6–15.2)	10.6 [†] (9.5–11.7)	24.0§	17.0 (16.0–18.0)	13.1 [†] (12.1–14.2)	22.7§
Health insurance coverage^{†††}									
Medicaid only	38.0 (32.7–43.2)	32.7 (28.5–36.8)	14.0	33.5 (30.2–36.7)	27.1 [†] (24.6–29.5)	19.1§	34.9 (32.1–37.8)	29.1 [†] (27.0–31.2)	16.7§
Medicare only	13.8 (10.9–16.7)	15.5 (13.2–17.8)	(12.6)¶	11.6 (9.4–13.8)	10.1 (8.3–11.9)	12.8	12.5 (10.7–14.3)	12.5 (10.9–14.0)	0.2
Private insurance	19.7 (18.7–20.8)	14.3 [†] (13.3–15.4)	27.4§	15.1 (14.4–15.9)	11.6 [†] (10.5–12.7)	23.3§	17.3 (16.7–18.0)	12.9 [†] (12.2–13.7)	25.4§
Other public insurance	32.8 (27.1–38.4)	26.0 (21.5–30.5)	20.5	24.2 (19.7–28.7)	16.1 [†] (12.3–20.0)	33.4§	28.2 (24.6–31.9)	21.1 [†] (18.3–24.0)	25.1§
Uninsured	38.0 (35.5–40.5)	31.5 [†] (28.8–34.2)	17.1§	27.6 (25.4–29.7)	23.5 (21.2–25.9)	14.6	33.3 (31.5–35.0)	27.9 [†] (26.0–29.7)	16.2§
Disability/Limitation^{§§§}									
Yes	—¶¶¶	25.2 (22.6–27.8)	—¶¶¶	—¶¶¶	19.3 (17.4–21.2)	—¶¶¶	—¶¶¶	21.9 (20.3–23.5)	—¶¶¶
No	—¶¶¶	18.9 (17.8–20.1)	—¶¶¶	—¶¶¶	13.6 (12.5–14.7)	—¶¶¶	—¶¶¶	16.1 (15.2–16.9)	—¶¶¶
Sexual orientation^{****}									
Straight	—¶¶¶	18.7 (17.8–19.6)	—¶¶¶	—¶¶¶	14.6 (13.7–15.6)	—¶¶¶	—¶¶¶	16.6 (15.9–17.3)	—¶¶¶
Gay/Lesbian/Bisexual	—¶¶¶	23.1 (16.4–29.8)	—¶¶¶	—¶¶¶	24.5 (19.1–29.9)	—¶¶¶	—¶¶¶	23.9 (19.8–27.9)	—¶¶¶

TABLE. (Continued) Percentage of adults who were current cigarette smokers,* by selected characteristics — National Health Interview Survey, United States, 2005 and 2014

Abbreviations: AI/AN = America Indian/Alaska Native; CI = confidence interval; GED = General Education Development certificate.

* Persons who reported smoking ≥100 cigarettes during their lifetime and who, at the time of interview, reported smoking every day or some days. Excludes 296 (2005) and 200 (2014) respondents whose smoking status was unknown.

† Denotes significant linear trend during 2005–2014 (p<0.05), adjusted for sex, age, and race/ethnicity as applicable. Although the table only presents data from the surveys in 2005 and 2014, data from all the surveys for 2005 through 2014 were used in the trend analysis.

§ Denotes significant difference in prevalence (p <0.05) between 2005 and 2014.

¶ Indicates an increase in the relative percentage change from 2005 to 2014.

** Excludes 30 (2005) and 62 (2014) respondents of non-Hispanic unknown race. Unless indicated otherwise, all racial/ethnic groups are non-Hispanic; Hispanics can be of any race.

†† Does not include Native Hawaiians or Other Pacific Islanders.

§§ Among persons aged ≥25 years. Excludes 339 (2005) and 162 (2014) persons whose education level was unknown.

¶¶ Family income is reported by the family respondent who might or might not be the same as the sample adult respondent from whom smoking information is collected. 2005 estimates are based on reported family income and 2004 poverty thresholds published by the U.S. Census Bureau, and 2014 estimates are based on reported family income and 2013 poverty thresholds published by the U.S. Census Bureau.

*** *Northeast:* Connecticut, Maine, Massachusetts, New Hampshire, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania, Rhode Island, and Vermont. *Midwest:* Illinois, Indiana, Iowa, Kansas, Michigan, Minnesota, Missouri, Nebraska, North Dakota, Ohio, South Dakota, and Wisconsin. *South:* Alabama, Arkansas, Delaware, District of Columbia, Florida, Georgia, Kentucky, Louisiana, Maryland, Mississippi, North Carolina, Oklahoma, South Carolina, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, and West Virginia. *West:* Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Hawaii, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington, and Wyoming.