

# The Human Cost of Tobacco in New York State

For every person who dies because of smoking, at least **30 people live with a serious smoking-related illness**<sup>1</sup>



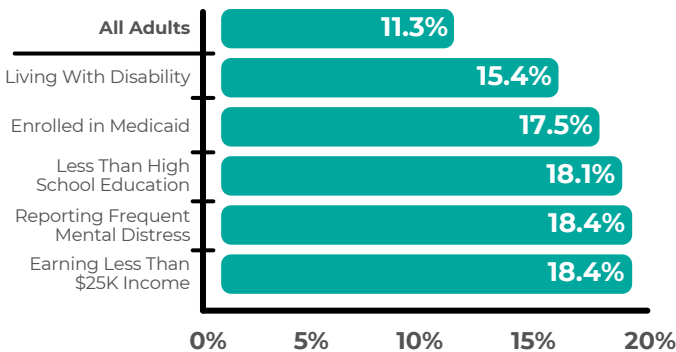
Annual number of deaths attributable to smoking or secondhand smoke in New York

**30,000**<sup>2</sup>

Number of adults in New York State that are current cigarette smokers

**1.6 Million**<sup>2</sup>

Prevalence of current smoking among all adults and adults in demographic groups with high smoking rates in NYS<sup>2</sup>

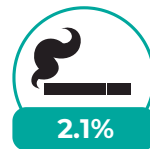


Tobacco use among high school students<sup>3</sup>

**33.6%**  
in 2000

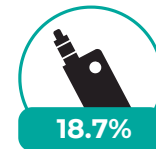


**20.8%**  
in 2022



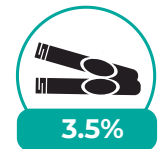
**2.1%**

Cigarettes



**18.7%**

E-Cigarettes



**3.5%**

Other Tobacco Products

(Cigars, Cigarillos, Smokeless)

## The Role of Flavored Tobacco in Addicting Youth and Targeted Communities

Of Black adults who smoke,

**93%**

first tried smoking using menthol cigarettes<sup>4</sup>



**Nearly 9 out of 10**

middle school and high school students who used e-cigarettes used flavored e-cigarettes<sup>6</sup>

**MENTHOL MAKES SMOKING EASIER TO START AND HARDER TO QUIT**<sup>5</sup>



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