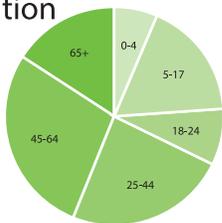


# Starke County

Lead agency:  
**Drug and Tobacco Free Starke County**  
 Coalition Coordinator: Linda Molenda

Total Population  
 23,363



Population by age group

Hispanic ..... 766  
 White..... 22,683  
 African American ..... 66

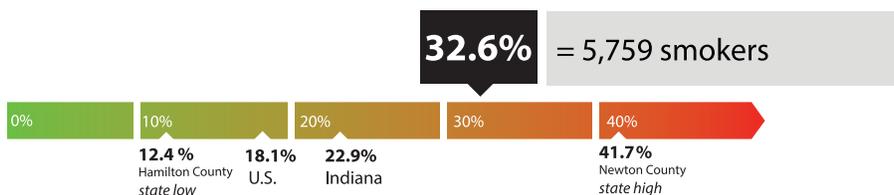
Population by race

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## TOBACCO AND HEALTH IN STARKE COUNTY

### Percent of adults who smoke



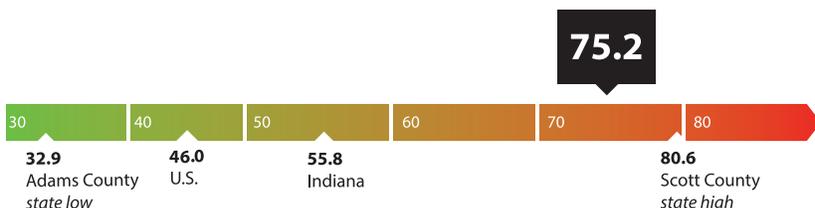
### Smoking and pregnancy

**Births affected by smoking** **65**

*low birth weight, SIDS, reduced lung function*

**Cost of smoking related births** **\$88,299**

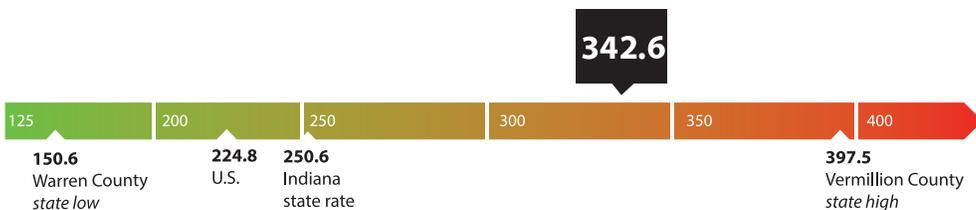
### Lung cancer deaths per 100,000 residents



### Percent of pregnant women who smoke

Indiana ..... 15.1%  
 Starke County ..... 25.3%

### Cardiovascular disease deaths per 100,000 residents



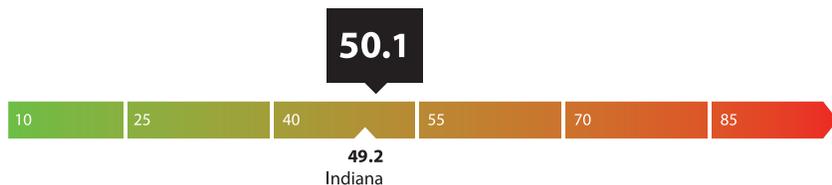
### Smoking deaths

**Deaths attributable to smoking**  
**40**

**Deaths due to secondhand smoke**  
**5**

**Economic burden of secondhand smoke: \$4.7 million**

### Asthma related emergency room visits per 10,000 residents



### Smoking related illness

**1,207**

## TOBACCO CONTROL FUNDING

**\$60,000**

Funding in Starke County for July 2015- June 2017.

**\$6.1 billion**

Economic cost in Indiana due to smoking, according to the Centers for Disease Control.

Cost per Indiana citizen: **\$920**

## TOBACCO FREE POLICIES

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### **Hospitals and Health Care Facilities:**

- IU Health Starke Hospital
- Porter-Starke Services

### **School Districts:**

- North Judson-San Pierre School Corporation
- Knox Community School Corporation
- Oregon-Davis School Corporation

## COMMUNITY-BASED TOBACCO CONTROL COALITION

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- Knox Community School Corporation
- North Judson-San Pierre School Corporation
- Oregon-Davis School Corporation
- Porter-Starke Services
- Drug and Tobacco Free Starke County
- Governor's Commission for a Drug Free Indiana
- Drug Free Fulton County
- Marshall County Drug and Tobacco Free
- Porter-Starke Services
- HealthLinc
- Indiana University Health Starke Hospital
- First Baptist Church of Knox
- Youth of Integrity
- Community Corrections
- Starke County Sheriff's Department
- Indiana State Police
- Hamlet Police Department
- Knox Police Department
- Starke County Youth Club
- Youth of Integrity
- Head Start
- Early Head Start
- The Caring Place
- Coalition Against Domestic Abuse
- Moving Starke County Forward
- Hamlet Lion's Club

## COMMUNITY INDICATORS

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**Protect and maintain local tobacco control coalition** infrastructure needed to combat tobacco use, as well as working with community organizations to reduce tobacco use among those groups most impacted by tobacco

### **Decrease adult smoking rates by:**

- Promoting the Indiana Tobacco Quitline (1-800-QUIT NOW) throughout the community

### **Decrease youth smoking rates by:**

- Supporting community efforts for counter tobacco point-of-sale strategies at the local level

### **Protect Hoosiers from exposures to secondhand smoke by:**

- Supporting local or statewide smoke-free air ordinances for worksites, including restaurants, bars and gaming facilities
- Working toward smoke-free policies in multi-unit housing

