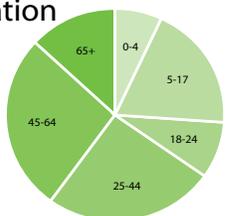


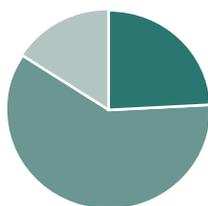
# Lake County

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**Geminus Corporation**  
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Total Population  
 496,005



Population by age group



Population by race

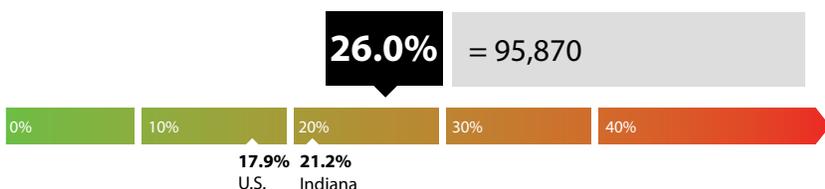
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## TOBACCO AND HEALTH IN LAKE COUNTY

### Percent of adults who smoke



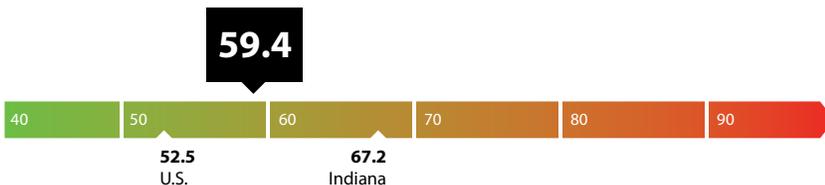
### Smoking and pregnancy

**Births affected by smoking** **879**

*low birth weight, SIDS, reduced lung function*

**Cost of smoking related births** **\$1.5 million**

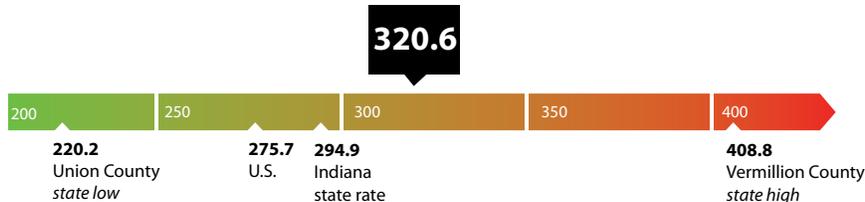
### Lung cancer deaths per 100,000 residents



### Percent of pregnant women who smoke

Indiana ..... **18.5%**  
 Lake County..... **13.0%**

### Cardiovascular disease deaths per 100,000 residents



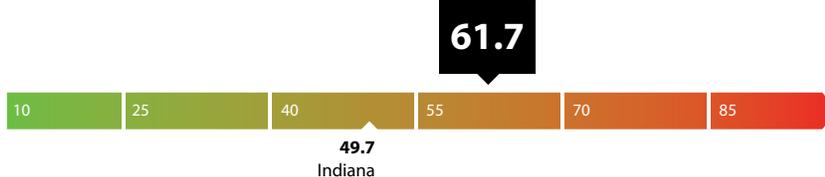
### Smoking deaths

**Deaths attributable to smoking**  
**775**

### Deaths due to secondhand smoke

**95**  
**Economic burden of secondhand smoke: \$30.5 million**

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



### Smoking related illness

**15,505**

## TOBACCO CONTROL FUNDING

**\$460,000**

Funding in Lake County for July 2011- June 2013.

The CDC recommends the Indiana government spend **\$78 million** each year on tobacco prevention and control programs.

Actual spending in Indiana: **\$10 million**

**\$4.8 billion**

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

Cost per Indiana citizen: **\$740**

## TOBACCO FREE POLICIES

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### **Smoke free community workplace and restaurant law:**

- City of Crown Point

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

- Community Hospital Munster • Franciscan Physicians Hospital • Methodist Hospitals • St. Anthony Medical Center • St. Catherine Hospital • St. Catherine Hospital • St. Mary Medical Center • Saint Margaret Mercy Healthcare • Edgewater Systems for Balanced Living • Vibra Hospital • Crown Point • Regional Mental Health Center

### **Colleges and Universities:**

- Indiana University - Northwest • Ivy Tech - East Chicago • Ivy Tech - Gary • Purdue University - Calumet

### **School Districts:**

- Charter School of the Dunes • Crown Point Community School Corporation • Gary Community School Corporation • Griffith Public Schools • Hanover Community School Corporation • Lake Ridge Schools • Merrillville Community School Corporation • School Town of Munster • School City of Hammond • School City of Hobart

## COMMUNITY-BASED TOBACCO CONTROL COALITION

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- Geminus Corporation
- East Chicago Central High School
- Bishop Noll High School
- Crown Point High School
- Indiana State University Northwest
- Purdue Calumet University
- IVY Tech
- Merrillville High School
- St. Mary Hospital
- North/Southlake Methodist Hospitals
- St. Anthony's Medical Center
- Francisca Community
- Holy Family Care Center
- Regional Mental Health
- Gary Community Health Foundation
- First Attending Urgent Care Center
- Tatum Health Care Center
- Munster Community
- St. Catherine's
- Fitness Point
- Franciscan Physicians Hospital
- Edgewater Systems for Balance Living
- St. Margaret's North/South
- Prompt Ambulance Service
- Clark Road Baptist Church
- Moving in the Spirit Ministries
- Faith Temple Church of God in Christ
- Pilgrim Baptist Church

- Mt. Herman Baptist Church
- New Zion Temple Church
- Seventh Day Adventist Church
- Lake County Corners
- Lake County Clerks
- Lake County Sheriff's Dept.
- Smoke Free Indiana
- American Cancer Society
- American Heart Association
- Gary Chambers of Commerce
- Munster Chambers of Commerce
- Merrillville Chamber of Commerce
- Healthy East Chicago
- Lake County Small Business Assoc.
- East Chicago Housing Authority
- Golden Recognition, Inc.
- NWI Wellness Council
- Gary South Shore Railcats
- Gary Neighborhood Services
- Employee Benefits Group
- Benefits Management Group
- South Shore Arts
- Golden Wings
- 151 Teen Scene
- YFCR
- MIS School for Life
- West Theater Guild
- Afternoon Rock Program

## 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

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

- Supporting local and/or statewide smoke-free air ordinances for worksites, including restaurants, bars, and gaming facilities
- Implementing tobacco-free campus policies for hospitals, health care centers, mental health centers and clinics, and addiction treatment centers
- Assisting school districts to implement comprehensive tobacco-free campuses
- Working toward smoke-free policies in public housing

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

- Promoting the Indiana Tobacco Quitline (1-800- QUIT NOW) throughout the community
- Supporting employers to create healthier employees through employer supported tobacco treatment resources to their workforce

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

- Supporting community activism among youth through the VOICE movement

