The state of tobacco control
Knox County

Tobacco and Health in Knox County

Percent of adults who smoke 19.8%

Lung cancer deaths per 100,000 residents 55.6

Cardiovascular disease deaths per 100,000 residents 247.8

Asthma related emergency room visits per 100,000 residents 43.6

Smoking and Pregnancy

Births affected by smoking low birth weight, SIDS, reduced lung function 86

Cost of smoking related births $116,788

Percent of pregnant women who smoke:
Indiana: 11.8%
Knox County: 20.7%

Smoking deaths

Deaths attributable to smoking 59

Deaths due to secondhand smoke 9

Economic burden of secondhand smoke: $11.7 Million

Smoking related illness 1,781

Tobacco Control Funding

$122,680

Funding in Knox County for July 2021-June 2023

Total Population 36,282

White: 33,366
Black: 714
Hispanic: 1,005
Asian: 283
Other*: 463

Smoking related illness

Economic cost in Indiana due to smoking $6.1 billion

State and federal tax burden from smoking-caused government expenditures $903 per Indiana household

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*Asian, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, American Indians, and those identifying as multiple races. These racial groups are combined due to being underrepresented in Indiana.