The state of tobacco control
Lake County

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**Tobacco and Health in Lake County**

**Percent of adults who smoke:** 18.6%

- 0%
- 10%
- 20%
- 30%
- 10.5% Hamilton County state low
- 14.0% U.S.
- 19.4% Indiana
- 30.9% Switzerland County state high

**Lung cancer deaths**
per 100,000 residents

- 80
- 70
- 60
- 50
- 40
- 30
- 9.2 Starkie County state high
- 4.4 Indiana
- 3.4 U.S.
- 2.9 Hamilton County state low

**Cardiovascular disease deaths**
per 100,000 residents

- 350
- 300
- 250
- 200
- 150
- 125
- 4.8 Vermillion County state high
- 2.9 Indiana state rate
- 2.7 Ohio County state low

**Asthma related emergency room visits**
per 100,000 residents

- 85
- 70
- 55
- 40
- 25
- 10
- 8.7 Madison County state high
- 5.4 Indiana
- 2.8 Franklin County state low

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**Total Population**

**498,700**

| White | 275,069 |
| Black | 124,073 |
| Hispanic | 99,927 |
| Asian | 7,553 |
| Other* | 38,798 |

**Smoking and Pregnancy**

- **Births affected by smoking:**
  - low birth weight, SIDS, reduced lung function:
    - 358

- **Cost of smoking related births:**
  - $486,164

- **Percent of pregnant women who smoke:**
  - Indiana: 11.8%
  - Lake County: 6.3%

**Smoking deaths**

- **Deaths attributable to smoking:**
  - 816

- **Deaths due to secondhand smoke:**
  - 130

- **Economic burden of secondhand smoke:**
  - $161.3 Million

**Smoking related illness**

- 24,474

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**Tobacco Control Funding**

**$330,000**
Funding in Lake County for July 2021-June 2023

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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.

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