

# The state of tobacco control Posey County

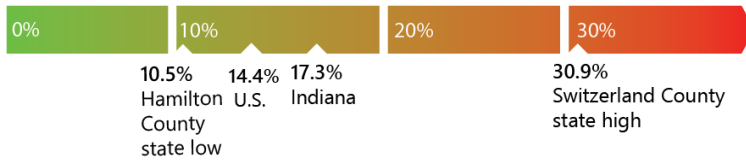
Lead Agency: **MSD of Mt. Vernon**  
Coalition Coordinator:

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Mt Vernon, IN 47620

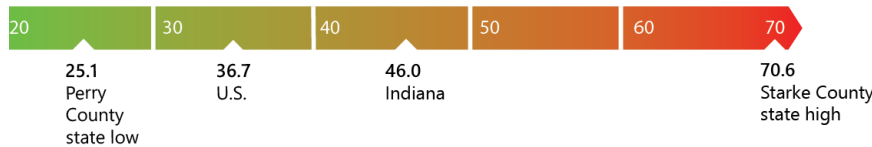
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## Tobacco and Health in Posey County

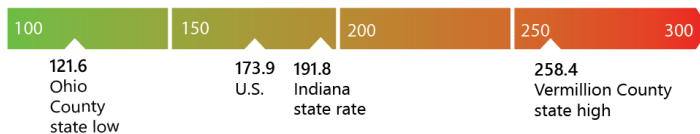
 **Percent of adults who smoke** **20.0%**



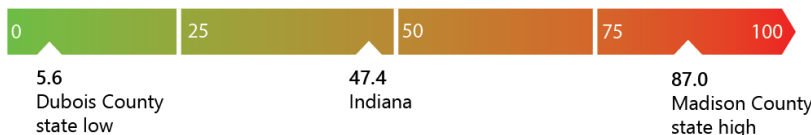
 **Lung cancer deaths**  
per 100,000 residents **48.2**



 **Heart disease deaths**  
per 100,000 residents **158.0**



 **Asthma related emergency room visits**  
per 100,000 residents **20.7**



**Total Population**  
**25,222**

White: 23,775  
Black: 211  
Hispanic: 375  
Asian: 107  
Other\*: 144

 **Smoking and Pregnancy**

**Births affected by smoking**  
*low birth weight, SIDS, reduced lung function* **25**

**Percent of pregnant women who smoke:**  
Indiana: **10.9%**  
Posey County: **10.4%**

 **Smoking deaths**

**Deaths attributable to smoking**  
**41**

**Deaths due to secondhand smoke**  
**7**

**Economic burden of secondhand smoke: \$8.2 Million**

 **Smoking related illness**  
**1,238**

## Tobacco Control Funding

**\$75,000**

Funding in Posey County for July 2021-June 2023



**\$6.1 billion**  
Economic cost in Indiana due to smoking

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

\*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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