The state of tobacco control
Posey County

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Tobacco and Health in Posey County

Percent of adults who smoke 20.0%

Lung cancer deaths per 100,000 residents

Cardiovascular disease deaths per 100,000 residents

Asthma related emergency room visits per 100,000 residents

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

Cost of smoking related births $46,172

Percent of pregnant women who smoke:
Indiana: 11.8%
Posey County: 13.2%

Smoking deaths

Deaths attributable to smoking

Deaths due to secondhand smoke

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

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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.