The state of tobacco control
Whitley County

There is no tobacco control grant in Whitley County for 2021-2023.

Tobacco and Health in Whitley County

Percent of adults who smoke: **20.5%**

- 0%
- 10%
- 20%
- 30%
- 40%
- 50%
- 60%
- 70%
- 80%

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Lung cancer deaths per 100,000 residents: **47.6**

- 29.3 Hamilton County state low
- 34.8 U.S.
- 49.4 Indiana
- 79.2 Starke County state high

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Cardiovascular disease deaths per 100,000 residents: **231.8**

- 125 Ohio County state low
- 200 U.S.
- 250 Indiana state rate
- 300 Vermilion County state high

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Asthma related emergency room visits per 100,000 residents: **35.1**

- 10 Franklin County state low
- 25 U.S.
- 47.4 Indiana
- 85 Madison County state high

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Total Population: **34,191**

- White: 32,126
- Black: 162
- Hispanic: 841
- Asian: 173
- Other*: 292

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Smoking and Pregnancy

- Births affected by smoking (low birth weight, SIDS, reduced lung function): **47**
- Cost of smoking related births: **$63,826**
- Percent of pregnant women who smoke:
  - Indiana: **11.8%**
  - Whitley County: **12.5%**

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Smoking deaths

- Deaths attributable to smoking: **56**
- Deaths due to secondhand smoke: **9**
- Economic burden of secondhand smoke: **$11.1 Million**

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Smoking related illness: **1,678**

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$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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