

Community Fact Sheet

Webster, Massachusetts

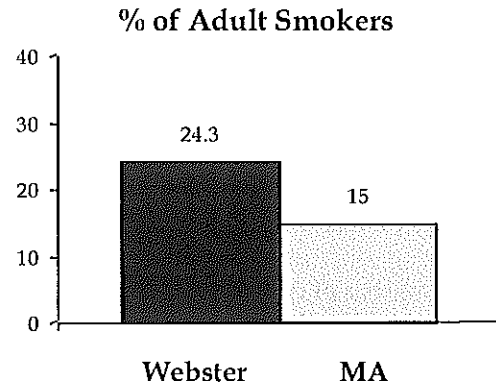
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Cigarette Smoking

An estimated 4,059 smokers live in Webster (24.3% of adults, age 18+).

The adult smoking rate is 62% higher in Webster than statewide (24.3% in Webster compared to 15% statewide).

The rate of smoking during pregnancy in Webster is 109% higher than statewide (14.6% in Webster compared to 7% statewide).



QuitWorks

From July 2009 to June 2013, 71 smokers enrolled in QuitWorks, a program for clinicians to refer their patients to the Massachusetts Smokers' Helpline. In addition, 115 people from Webster called and completed an intake with the Massachusetts Smokers' Helpline to quit smoking.

Illegal Tobacco Sales to Minors

The rate of illegal sales to minors (those under age 18) is 29% higher in Webster (14.3%) compared to the state of Massachusetts (11.1%) based on data from fiscal years 2012 and 2013.

Health Effects of Smoking

Lung cancer incidence is 7% higher among males in Webster compared to the state of Massachusetts. The age-adjusted lung cancer incidence (per 100,000) for males is 87.6 in Webster compared to 82.2 in Massachusetts.

Lung cancer incidence is about the same among females in Webster compared to the state of Massachusetts. The age-adjusted lung cancer incidence (per 100,000) for females is 67.5 in Webster compared to 65.5 in Massachusetts.

Mortality from lung cancer is 6% higher in Webster compared to Massachusetts.



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Data Sources

Smoking figures are small area estimates based on data from the 2009 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

Figures on smoking during pregnancy are based on 2006 to 2010 Births (Vital Records), Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

The number of completed screeners from the QuitWorks program and calls to the Massachusetts Smokers' Helpline is based on data collected by the Massachusetts Tobacco Cessation and Prevention Program from fiscal years 2009 to 2013.

The rate of illegal sales to minors is based on 56 compliance checks performed during fiscal year 2012 and 2013.

Rates of lung cancer incidence are based on age-adjusted rates from 2005 to 2009 Cancer Registry maintained by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health.

Figures on lung cancer mortality are based on comparability modified age-adjusted rates for 2006 to 2010 (Vital Records), Massachusetts Department of Public Health.



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