The percentage of adult cigarette smokers in Massachusetts is 18.2% in 2011. This ranks Massachusetts as the 9th lowest in the U.S. More than 900,000 Massachusetts residents are current smokers. Due to methodological changes in the survey, the estimates of current smoking are not comparable to data collected before 2011.1

- 19.7% of men smoke; 16.9% of women smoke.
- 18.5% of whites, 17.4% of blacks, and 19.2% of Hispanics smoke.
- 26.4% of adults, age 25-34 smoke, the highest of any age group (Figure 1).

Smoking rates are highest among people with mental illness, low socio-economic groups, people with disabilities, and the LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender).

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