

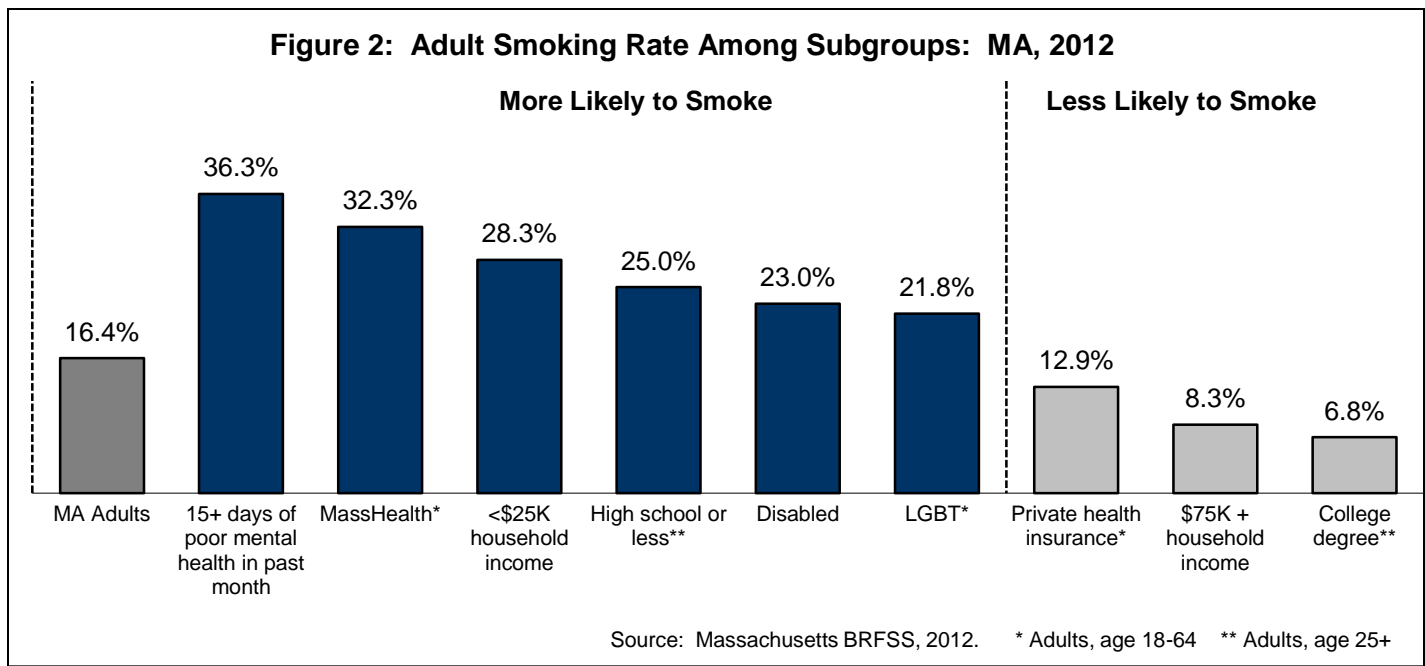
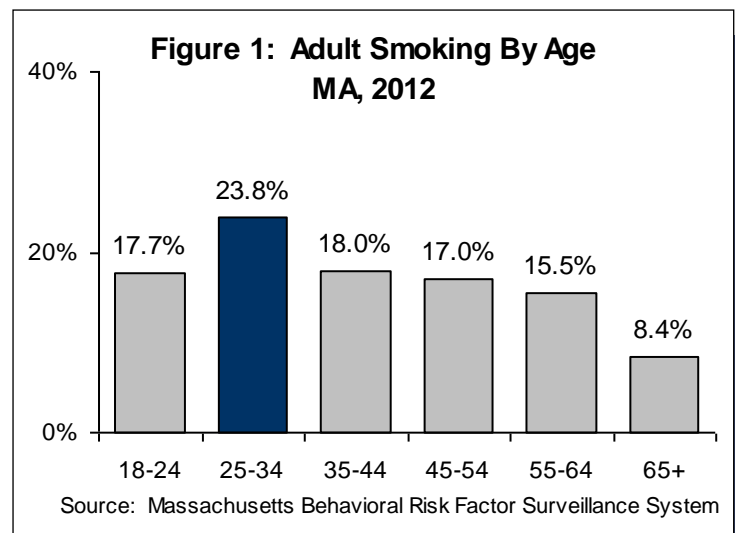
Who Smokes

Massachusetts Fact Sheet

The percentage of adult cigarette smokers in Massachusetts is 16.4% in 2012. This ranks Massachusetts as the 7th lowest in the U.S. About 840,000 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

- 18.0% of men smoke; 14.8% of women smoke.
- 16.4% of whites, 18.3% of blacks, and 16.9% of Hispanics smoke.
- 23.8% 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).



¹ Pierannunzi C, et al. Methodological Changes in the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System in 2011 and Potential Effects on Prevalence Estimates. MMWR 2012;61:410-413. Accessed 6/19/2012 at http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6122a3.htm?s_cid=mm6122a3_w.

