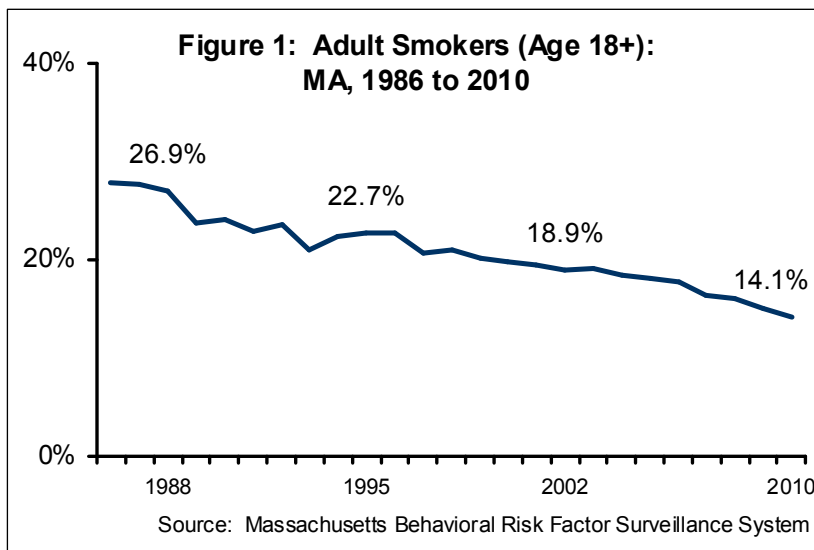


Who Smokes

Massachusetts Fact Sheet

The percentage of adult cigarette smokers in Massachusetts has declined from 21.1% in 1993 to 14.1% in 2010 – a decreasing rate of 2.3% annually (figure 1). This represents a reduction of more than 300,000 smokers. Currently, about 700,000 Massachusetts adults smoke.

- 14.8% of men smoke;
13.4% of women smoke.
- 14.1% of whites, 15.7% of blacks,
and 14.8% of Hispanics smoke.
- 18.8% of young adults smoke
(age 18-24), the highest of any
age group.



Smoking rates are highest among low socio-economic groups, people with no health insurance, people with disabilities, and the LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender).

