

# Updated Facts

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**An estimated 30.8 million adults smoke in the United States.**

- About 5 of every 100 adults aged 18-24 (5.3%)
- About 13 of every 100 adults aged 25-44 (12.6%)
- Nearly 15 of every 100 adults aged 45-64 (14.9%)
- 8 of every 100 adults aged 65 years and older (8.3%)

Retrieved from: [Tobacco Product Use Among Adults—United States, 2021](#)

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**An estimated 15.6% of Oklahoma adults smoke (2022)**

**In 2021, more than one in nine (11.5%) U.S. adults aged 18 years or older currently smoked cigarettes — the lowest percentage recorded since 1965.**

Retrieved from: [Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey Data](#)

[Tobacco Product Use Among Adults—United States, 2021](#)

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**21.7% of Oklahoma high school students vapes.**

Retrieved from: [The Toll of Tobacco in Oklahoma](#)



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	MIDDLE SCHOOL				HIGH SCHOOL			
	all respondents n=1318 any tobacco use/past 30 days n=62				all respondents n=1220 any tobacco use/past 30 days n=129			
	Frequency	Weighted Percent with 95% CI			Frequency	Weighted Percent with 95% CI		
<b>Have you visited a doctor, dentist, or nurse in the past 12 months?</b>								
Population = all respondents								
Yes	1114	86.76	83.03	90.48	1033	87.33	84.41	90.26
No	158	13.24	9.52	16.97	155	12.67	9.74	15.59
<b>During any of these visits to a doctor, dentist, nurse, or other health professional, were you asked if you used cigarettes?</b>								
Population = all respondents								
Yes	281	24.74	21.20	28.28	408	38.60	34.33	42.87
No	831	75.26	71.72	78.80	624	61.40	57.13	65.67
<b>During any of these visits, were you advised to not use cigarettes?</b>								
Population = all respondents								
Yes	355	32.04	28.56	35.53	339	32.04	29.18	34.91
No	755	67.96	64.47	71.44	693	67.96	65.09	70.82
<b>During any of these visits to a doctor, dentist, nurse, or other health professional, were you asked if you used e-cigarettes?</b>								
Population = all respondents								
Yes	233	20.55	17.34	23.76	342	32.11	28.16	36.05
No	877	79.45	76.24	82.66	690	67.89	63.95	71.84
<b>During any of these visits, were you advised to not use e-cigarettes?</b>								
Population = all respondents								
Yes	313	28.12	25.06	31.18	298	27.84	24.64	31.04
No	796	71.88	68.82	74.94	733	72.16	68.96	75.36
<b>During any of these visits to a doctor, dentist, nurse, or other health professional, were you asked if you used any other tobacco products?</b>								
Population = all respondents								
Yes	228	20.47	17.49	23.44	313	28.83	24.73	32.93
No	876	79.53	76.56	82.51	719	71.17	67.07	75.27
<b>During any of these visits, were you advised to not use any of these other tobacco products?</b>								
Population = all respondents								
Yes	301	27.47	25.23	29.70	289	27.41	23.23	31.59
No	802	72.53	70.30	74.77	742	72.59	68.41	76.77

Retrieved from: Oklahoma State Department of Health (2022). The Oklahoma Youth Tobacco Survey, 2021-2022.

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In 2024, about 58,450 new cases of oral cavity or oropharyngeal cancer were reported along with around 12,230 related deaths. (American Cancer Society, 2024)

Retrieved from: [Key Statistics for Oral Cavity and Oropharyngeal Cancers](#)

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