

TOBACCO BURDEN FACTS MEXICO



Mexico ratified the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control on May 28, 2004.

TOBACCO USE

- 16.4% of adults (age 15+) currently smoke tobacco (men 25.2%; women 8.2%).¹
- Among youth (ages 13–15), 14.6% currently smoke cigarettes, with little difference between (boys 15.9%) and girls (12.9%).²

SECONDHAND SMOKE EXPOSURE

There is no safe level of secondhand smoke.³

- 17% of adults are exposed to secondhand smoke at their workplace, 24.6% are exposed in restaurants, and 24.7% on public transport.¹
- 44.6% of youth (ages 13–15) are exposed to secondhand smoke in public places, while 33.3% of youth are exposed to secondhand smoke in their homes.²

HEALTH CONSEQUENCES

Tobacco use is deadly. Smoking kills up to half of all lifetime users.⁴

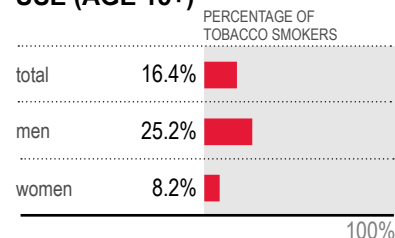
- Tobacco kills an estimated 63,200 people each year in Mexico, 9.7% of all deaths in Mexico.⁵
 - This includes 19.5 thousand deaths from heart disease and 17.4 thousand deaths from chronic obstructive pulmonary disease, and 11.2 thousand from lung and other cancers.⁵

COSTS TO SOCIETY

Tobacco exacts a high cost on society.

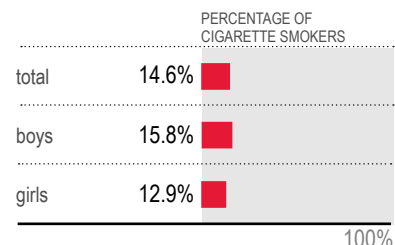
- The economic cost of smoking is 187.5 billion pesos, equal to 9.3% of annual health care costs.⁵
 - This includes direct medical costs of 116.2 billion pesos and 71.3 billion pesos in indirect costs.⁵

ADULT SMOKED TOBACCO USE (AGE 15+)



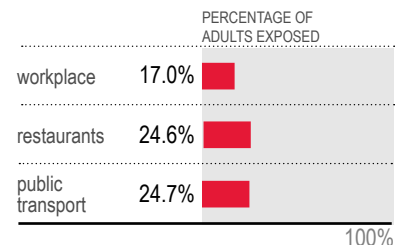
SOURCE: GATS, 2015

YOUTH CIGARETTE SMOKING (AGES 13–15)



SOURCE: GYTS, 2011

ADULT SECONDHAND SMOKE EXPOSURE (AGE 15+)



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1. Global Adult Tobacco Survey, Mexico 2015. 2. Global Youth Tobacco Survey, Mexico 2011. 3. World Health Organization. Tobacco. 27 May 2020. Available at: <https://www.who.int/news-room/fact-sheets/detail/tobacco>. 4. U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. The health consequences of involuntary exposure to tobacco smoke: A report of the Surgeon General. Atlanta: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention; 2006. 5. Palacios A, Reynales-Shigematsu LM, Sáenz de Miera-Juárez B, et al. La importancia de aumentar los impuestos al tabaco en México. Buenos Aires, Argentina: Instituto de Efectividad Clínica y Sanitaria. December 2020. Available at: <http://www.iecs.org.ar/tabaco>