

# Cigarette Use

## Current cigarette smokers:

- ◆ Twenty-five percent of all Pennsylvania adults indicated that they were current cigarette smokers, smoking cigarettes everyday or some days, in 2003.
- ◆ Only 10 percent of adults age 65+ said that they were current smokers – significantly lower than the other age groups (ages 18-29, 36 percent; ages 30-44, 30 percent; ages 45-64, 24 percent).
- ◆ Only 14 percent of college graduates were current smokers. This is significantly lower than for the other educational groups (less than high school education, 37 percent; a high school diploma, 29 percent; some college education, 28 percent).
- ◆ Adults with a household income of less than \$75,000 had significantly higher percentages of smoking (less than \$15,000, 31 percent; \$15,000-\$24,999, 31 percent; \$25,000-\$49,999, 30 percent; and \$50,000-\$74,999, 24 percent) compared to adults with a household income of \$75,000+ (15 percent).
- ◆ Non-Hispanic black adults had a significantly higher percentage for being current cigarette smokers (35 percent) compared to non-Hispanic white adults (24 percent).
- ◆ No significant difference was seen for sex.

## Former cigarette smokers:

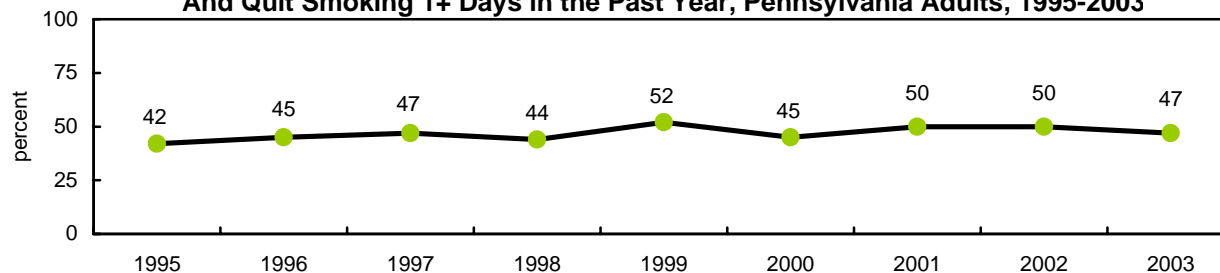
- ◆ In the 2003 survey, 25 percent of Pennsylvania adults responded that they were former cigarette smokers.
- ◆ A significantly higher percentage of males (29 percent) were former smokers than females (22 percent) in 2003.
- ◆ All younger adult age groups were significantly lower in percentages compared to older adult groups (ages 18-29, 11 percent; ages 30-44, 17 percent; ages 45-64, 32 percent; age 65+, 40 percent).
- ◆ Non-Hispanic white adults had a significantly higher percentage of former smokers (27 percent) compared to non-Hispanic black adults (18 percent).
- ◆ No significant differences were seen for education or income.

## Quit smoking for at least one day in past year:

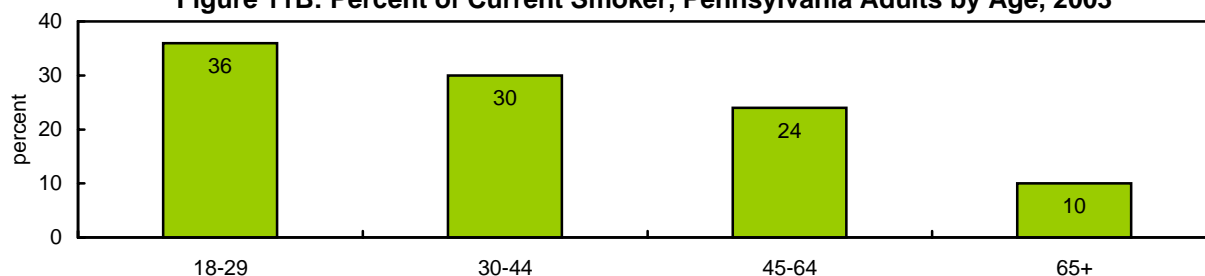
- ◆ Among those who were currently smoking everyday in 2003, 47 percent had quit for at least one day in the past year.
- ◆ Adults with a household income of less than \$15,000 had a significantly higher percentage (62) compared to adults with a household income of \$25,000-\$49,999 (40 percent) and those with a household income of \$50,000-\$74,999 (33 percent).
- ◆ No significant differences were seen in sex, age, education, or race/ethnicity.

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**Figure 11A: Current Smokers Who Smoke Everyday  
And Quit Smoking 1+ Days in the Past Year, Pennsylvania Adults, 1995-2003**



**Figure 11B: Percent of Current Smoker, Pennsylvania Adults by Age, 2003**



**Table 11: Cigarette Use, Pennsylvania Adults, 2003 (with 95% confidence intervals)**

|                      | Current Smoker* ** |     |    |       | Former Smoker* |     |    |       | Quit At Least 1 Day<br>in Past Year* *** |     |    |       |
|----------------------|--------------------|-----|----|-------|----------------|-----|----|-------|--|-----|----|-------|
|                      | Total No.          | No. | %  | CI    | Total No.      | No. | %  | CI    | Total No.                                | No. | %  | CI    |
| All Adults           | 3,659              | 853 | 25 | 24-27 | 3,659          | 988 | 25 | 24-27 | 675                                      | 300 | 47 | 43-51 |
| Male                 | 1,452              | 360 | 27 | 24-30 | 1,452          | 455 | 29 | 26-31 | 293                                      | 131 | 47 | 41-54 |
| Female               | 2,207              | 493 | 24 | 22-26 | 2,207          | 533 | 22 | 20-24 | 382                                      | 169 | 47 | 41-52 |
| Age:                 |                    |     |    |       |                |     |    |       |  |     |    |       |
| 18-29                | 481                | 170 | 36 | 31-41 | 481            | 62  | 11 | 8-14  | 119                                      | 60  | 52 | 42-62 |
| 30-44                | 1,037              | 299 | 30 | 27-33 | 1,037          | 177 | 17 | 15-20 | 230                                      | 109 | 49 | 42-56 |
| 45-64                | 1,314              | 309 | 24 | 22-27 | 1,314          | 420 | 32 | 29-34 | 265                                      | 101 | 40 | 33-47 |
| 65+                  | 827                | 75  | 10 | 8-13  | 827            | 329 | 40 | 37-44 | 61                                       | 30  | 55 | 41-68 |
| Education:           |                    |     |    |       |                |     |    |       |  |     |    |       |
| <High School         | 311                | 103 | 37 | 31-43 | 311            | 91  | 27 | 21-32 | 84                                       | 38  | 47 | 35-59 |
| High School          | 1,371              | 379 | 29 | 27-32 | 1,371          | 384 | 26 | 24-29 | 310                                      | 136 | 47 | 41-54 |
| Some College         | 864                | 223 | 28 | 25-32 | 864            | 217 | 22 | 19-25 | 173                                      | 74  | 44 | 36-53 |
| College Degree       | 1,108              | 147 | 14 | 12-16 | 1,108          | 295 | 26 | 23-29 | 107                                      | 52  | 52 | 42-63 |
| Income:              |                    |     |    |       |                |     |    |       |  |     |    |       |
| <\$15,000            | 315                | 88  | 31 | 25-37 | 315            | 90  | 27 | 21-33 | 69                                       | 39  | 62 | 49-74 |
| \$15,000 to \$24,999 | 662                | 180 | 31 | 27-36 | 662            | 185 | 26 | 22-30 | 143                                      | 75  | 58 | 49-68 |
| \$25,000 to \$49,999 | 1,062              | 293 | 30 | 27-33 | 1,062          | 271 | 24 | 21-27 | 238                                      | 92  | 40 | 33-48 |
| \$50,000 to \$74,999 | 554                | 125 | 24 | 20-29 | 554            | 133 | 23 | 19-27 | 96                                       | 32  | 33 | 22-45 |
| \$75,000+            | 611                | 89  | 15 | 12-18 | 611            | 184 | 29 | 25-33 | 70                                       | 35  | 53 | 40-67 |
| Race:                |                    |     |    |       |                |     |    |       |  |     |    |       |
| White, non-Hispanic  | 3,219              | 718 | 24 | 22-26 | 3,219          | 898 | 27 | 25-28 | 570                                      | 239 | 44 | 39-48 |
| Black, non-Hispanic  | 239                | 77  | 35 | 27-42 | 239            | 52  | 18 | 13-24 | 60                                       | 36  | 62 | 48-77 |
| Hispanic             | 78                 | 23  | 33 | 20-47 | 78             | 18  | 22 | 12-33 | 17                                       | #   |    |       |

#Data not reported due to N<50. \*Excludes missing, don't know, and refused.

\*\*Includes adults who smoke cigarettes some days or everyday. \*\*\*Denominator is current smokers who smoke