

Adult Cigarette Smoking (2012)	
<b>State Comparison</b>	
Alabama	23.8
United States	19.6
<b>Historic Trend</b>	
2012	23.8
2011	24.3
<b>Public Health Area</b>	
1	26.3
2	24.8
3	24.5
4	19.7
5	22.0
6	25.0
7	20.7
8	22.8
9	24.6
10	24.4
11	25.0
<b>Rurality</b>	
	N.A.
<b>Age</b>	
18 - 24	27.5
25 - 34	28.3
35 - 44	29.6
45 - 54	27.9
55 - 64	22.6
65 and over	9.7
<b>Gender</b>	
Female	21.4
Male	26.4
<b>Race</b>	
African American	22.0
American Indian/Alaskan Native	N.A.
Caucasian	24.2
<b>Ethnicity</b>	
	N.A.
<b>Income</b>	
Under \$15,000	38.5
\$15,000 - \$24,999	32.1
\$25,000 - \$34,999	27.0
\$35,000 - \$49,999	20.4
\$50,000 and over	13.1
<b>Education</b>	
Less than high school	38.0
High school or G.E.D.	26.1
Post high school	21.6
College graduate and higher	10.7

### Adult Cigarette Smoking<sup>53</sup>

- A higher percentage of adults in Alabama smoke compared to the United States as a whole. This is true for all age, race, and gender groupings.
- Adults in Alabama with the lowest education and income levels have the highest rates of smoking by a wide margin. In fact, both education and income levels are indirectly proportional to smoking meaning that as income level or education level rises the percentage of adults who smoke declines.
- A higher percentage of males (26.4 percent) are smokers than females (21.4 percent).
- A higher percentage of Caucasians (24.2 percent) are smokers than African Americans (22.0 percent). Of the main race and gender groupings, African American females have the lowest percentage of smokers.
- With a percentage of 26.3 percent, PHA 1 has the largest proportion of current smokers in Alabama.
- Per the County Health Rankings and Roadmaps, Alabamians living in rural counties have slightly higher rates of smoking than those in urban counties (23.0 percent versus 20.9 percent).
- Also based on the County Health Rankings and Roadmaps, Bullock County has the highest percentage of current smokers followed by Geneva County and Butler County.

