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Characteristic	Male					Female				
	1997	2000	2009	2018	2019	1997	2000	2009	2018	2019
18 years and over, crude										
All people ¹	27.6	25.6	23.5	15.6	15.3	22.1	20.9	17.9	12.0	12.7
Percent of adults who are current cigarette smokers										
Race ²										
White only.....	27.2	25.7	23.6	15.5	15.3	22.5	21.4	18.3	12.5	14.0
Black or African American only.....	32.2	26.2	23.7	18.1	17.2	22.5	20.8	18.8	11.4	12.9
American Indian or Alaska Native only....	37.0	*27.5	*23.1	27.6	16.5	28.9	41.1	*17.8	19.6	19.5
Asian only.....	...	20.9	16.9	9.9	11.8	...	7.9	7.5	4.3	3.0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander only.....	...	*	*	*	*	...	*	*	*	*
2 or more races.....	...	40.6	32.4	18.0	23.4	...	27.4	23.2	15.4	21.9
American Indian or Alaska Native and White.....	43.8	50.2	*32.4	22.0	25.7	39.3	37.7	*27.6	27.0	24.3
Hispanic origin and race ²										
Hispanic or Latino.....	26.2	24.0	19.0	12.6	11.6	14.3	13.3	9.8	7.0	6.3
Mexican.....	26.8	23.8	19.6	12.9	11.1	12.3	11.4	8.1	6.5	5.4
Not Hispanic or Latino.....	27.8	25.9	24.2	16.3	16.0	22.9	21.8	19.1	12.9	14.0
White only.....	27.3	25.8	24.5	16.3	16.1	23.3	22.3	19.8	13.7	15.0
Black or African American only.....	32.3	26.2	23.9	18.1	17.3	22.5	20.9	19.2	11.6	12.9
Age and Hispanic origin and race ²										
18–24 years:										
Hispanic or Latino.....	26.9	19.0	20.9	*	6.6	13.6	14.3	7.7	*	4.7
Not Hispanic or Latino:										
White only.....	35.2	32.8	32.3	11.2	9.3	31.7	30.5	19.2	9.7	9.5
Black or African American only.....	23.7	20.4	18.5	*	*	10.6	14.4	13.6	*	*
25–34 years:										
Hispanic or Latino.....	26.9	23.6	20.4	15.7	13.1	13.1	12.5	9.7	6.5	6.4
Not Hispanic or Latino:										
White only.....	31.0	30.8	31.0	19.7	21.2	27.9	26.8	26.6	17.6	18.3
Black or African American only.....	31.5	23.4	24.0	16.1	22.4	22.1	15.7	20.3	12.3	14.2
35–44 years:										
Hispanic or Latino.....	25.8	28.0	20.5	15.7	15.0	18.9	14.7	12.6	6.5	7.2
Not Hispanic or Latino:										
White only.....	32.8	30.6	27.7	21.1	19.0	28.5	28.0	25.1	18.0	19.1
Black or African American only.....	34.4	30.9	25.0	22.8	22.6	30.6	30.4	20.5	16.6	15.5
45–64 years:										
Hispanic or Latino.....	28.3	29.5	18.2	13.5	10.9	14.4	14.9	10.4	11.1	8.2
Not Hispanic or Latino:										
White only.....	26.2	25.4	24.9	18.8	18.9	21.5	21.9	20.6	15.9	19.1
Black or African American only.....	39.9	32.2	28.9	22.9	21.6	28.3	25.7	23.2	12.6	14.6
65 years and over:										
Hispanic or Latino.....	17.0	*10.8	*7.9	11.5	10.5	*8.5	*6.4	*5.1	*	1.8
Not Hispanic or Latino:										
White only.....	11.4	9.9	9.5	9.3	9.3	11.8	9.3	9.9	7.5	7.9
Black or African American only.....	24.7	14.3	14.2	16.6	9.2	10.9	10.2	11.9	8.8	9.3

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Characteristic	Male					Female				
	1997	2000	2009	2018	2019	1997	2000	2009	2018	2019
18 years and over, age adjusted ³	Percent of adults who are current cigarette smokers									
All people ¹	27.1	25.2	23.2	15.8	15.5	22.2	21.1	18.1	12.2	13.0
Race ²										
White only	26.8	25.4	23.6	15.8	15.6	22.8	22.0	18.7	12.8	14.5
Black or African American only	32.4	25.7	23.1	18.4	17.7	22.5	20.7	18.5	11.4	12.8
American Indian or Alaska Native only	40.3	24.6	22.7	27.6	16.8	27.5	36.0	*16.7	19.8	18.9
Asian only .....	...	19.3	16.3	9.5	11.4	...	7.6	7.3	4.3	3.0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander only .....	...	*	*	*	*	...	*	*	*	*
2 or more races .....	...	40.6	29.8	18.9	23.3	...	27.5	21.8	15.7	22.8
American Indian or Alaska Native and White	40.7	48.3	33.9	19.2	31.2	38.5	37.5	29.5	26.5	22.3
Hispanic origin and race ²										
Hispanic or Latino	25.4	23.5	17.7	12.7	11.6	14.0	12.9	9.5	7.1	6.1
Mexican	26.6	23.4	18.3	13.7	11.7	12.2	10.9	7.7	6.5	5.1
Not Hispanic or Latino	27.4	25.6	24.2	16.6	16.4	23.1	22.2	19.5	13.3	14.4
White only	27.2	25.8	25.0	16.9	16.5	23.9	23.1	20.7	14.4	15.8
Black or African American only	32.5	25.7	23.3	18.3	17.8	22.5	20.8	18.9	11.6	12.7
Percent of poverty level ⁴										
Below 100%	38.9	35.7	33.4	27.5	26.2	30.1	29.7	28.5	21.5	22.3
100%–199%	34.0	33.7	28.9	22.7	22.9	26.2	26.0	21.7	17.1	19.1
200%–399%	28.7	27.7	25.1	17.7	17.4	23.0	22.7	19.0	12.8	13.1
400% or more	20.9	18.6	17.3	9.9	9.1	16.6	15.3	11.9	7.0	6.8
Hispanic origin and race and percent of poverty level ^{2,4}										
Hispanic or Latino:										
Below 100%	31.8	27.4	22.6	16.3	14.9	16.5	16.5	12.4	8.3	10.2
100%–199%	25.7	21.4	16.8	13.3	12.9	12.8	12.5	8.8	7.8	5.2
200%–399%	25.0	23.5	15.1	11.5	11.3	13.6	12.6	8.8	6.3	5.2
400% or more	18.0	21.9	19.5	11.2	8.3	12.3	9.8	*7.2	6.5	4.9
Not Hispanic or Latino:										
White only:										
Below 100%	40.8	40.3	39.5	33.1	33.0	37.9	38.2	38.9	33.0	35.7
100%–199%	35.7	39.0	35.9	30.5	29.7	30.1	32.8	28.3	25.7	28.6
200%–399%	29.5	29.2	29.0	21.1	19.7	25.0	24.9	22.5	16.5	17.3
400% or more	21.2	18.8	17.5	10.0	9.6	17.3	16.1	13.3	7.4	7.5
Black or African American only:										
Below 100%	45.6	36.0	40.0	35.2	34.3	28.1	28.5	29.9	18.8	19.8
100%–199%	37.9	31.7	28.2	22.2	22.4	26.0	22.6	20.7	13.7	17.9
200%–399%	30.4	23.9	20.2	15.0	16.6	20.0	19.2	14.4	8.4	9.3
400% or more	22.7	17.7	14.4	9.4	8.4	14.7	13.1	*8.7	5.9	4.8

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Characteristic	Male					Female				
	1997	2000	2009	2018	2019	1997	2000	2009	2018	2019
Level of difficulty ⁵										
Percent of adults who are current cigarette smokers										
A lot of difficulty or cannot do at all	---	---	---	24.9	28.5	---	---	---	23.0	24.4
Some difficulty	---	---	---	18.4	19.4	---	---	---	15.0	17.2
No difficulty	---	---	---	13.3	12.8	---	---	---	9.7	10.0
25 years and over, age adjusted ⁶										
Education and Hispanic origin and race ^{2,7}										
No high school diploma or GED:										
Hispanic or Latino	29.0	24.3	18.1	15.3	14.0	13.5	12.7	7.8	8.0	7.6
Not Hispanic or Latino:										
White only	44.0	45.3	47.4	40.1	36.7	38.0	37.4	45.7	36.0	42.7
Black or African American only	45.6	38.9	42.1	42.1	41.7	27.5	31.8	32.9	26.7	31.1
High school diploma or GED:										
Hispanic or Latino	26.7	27.9	19.9	16.7	16.0	18.1	15.3	11.4	8.8	5.8
Not Hispanic or Latino:										
White only	32.7	32.9	35.5	29.1	26.7	29.4	29.0	30.4	27.4	26.7
Black or African American only	38.0	29.0	26.7	24.9	26.1	28.8	25.5	28.1	13.4	18.0
Some college or more:										
Hispanic or Latino	16.6	19.9	13.3	11.3	8.7	12.2	10.0	11.0	6.5	5.8
Not Hispanic or Latino:										
White only	18.8	17.1	15.9	12.0	11.9	16.9	16.3	15.7	10.9	11.9
Black or African American only	22.5	18.0	19.5	13.3	12.5	20.3	16.9	13.1	10.1	9.3

* Estimates are considered unreliable. Starting with 2016 data, the reliability of survey percentage estimates is assessed using new multistep National Center for Health Statistics data presentation standards for proportions. Before 2016 data, the reliability of estimates was evaluated based on relative standard errors (RSEs). Data preceded by an asterisk have an RSE of 20%–30%. Data not shown have an RSE greater than 30%. For more information, see Sources and Definitions, Relative standard error (RSE); Statistical reliability of estimates.

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¹Includes all other races not shown separately and those with unknown poverty level, unknown education level, and unknown disability (functional limitation) status.

²The race groups White, Black, American Indian or Alaska Native, Asian, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, and 2 or more races include people of Hispanic and non-Hispanic origin. People of Hispanic origin may be of any race. Starting with 1999 data, race-specific estimates are tabulated according to the 1997 "Revisions to the Standards for the Classification of Federal Data on Race and Ethnicity" and are not strictly comparable with estimates for earlier years. The five single- and multiple-race categories shown follow the 1997 standards. The race-specific estimates are for people who reported only one racial group; the category 2 or more races includes people who reported more than one racial group. Starting with 2003 data, race responses of other race and unspecified multiple race are treated as missing, and then race is imputed if these were the only race responses. Almost all people with a race response of other race are of Hispanic origin. See Sources and Definitions, Hispanic origin; Race.

³Estimates are age adjusted to the year 2000 standard population using five age groups: 18–24 years, 25–34 years, 35–44 years, 45–64 years, and 65 years and over. For age groups where smoking is 0% or 100%, the age-adjustment procedure is modified to substitute the percentage smoking from the previous 3-year period. Age-adjusted estimates in this table may differ from other age-adjusted estimates based on the same data and presented elsewhere if different age groups are used in the adjustment procedure. See Sources and Definitions, Age adjustment.

⁴Percent of poverty level is based on family income and family size and composition using U.S. Census Bureau poverty thresholds. Missing family income data are imputed for 1997 and beyond. See Sources and Definitions, Family income; Poverty.

⁵Functional limitation is defined by the reported level of difficulty in six domains of functioning: seeing (even if wearing glasses), hearing (even if wearing hearing aids), mobility (walking or climbing stairs), communication (understanding or being understood by others), cognition (remembering or concentrating), and self-care (such as washing all over or dressing). Respondents with answers to one or more of the six questions are included in one of three mutually exclusive categories. Adults who respond "a lot of difficulty" or "cannot do at all/unable to do" to at least one question are classified in the "a lot of difficulty or cannot do at all" category. Of the remaining respondents, adults who respond "some difficulty" to at least one question are classified in the "some difficulty" category, and adults who respond "no difficulty" to all questions are classified in the "no difficulty" category. Adults who respond "don't know" or "refused" to all six questions are excluded. During 2010–2018, 0%–8% of respondents were missing data and excluded. See Sources and Definitions, Functional limitation.

⁶Estimates are age adjusted to the year 2000 standard population using four age groups: 25–34 years, 35–44 years, 45–64 years, and 65 years and over. Age-adjusted estimates in this table may differ from other age-adjusted estimates based on the same data and presented elsewhere if different age groups are used in the adjustment procedure. See Sources and Definitions, Age adjustment.

⁷GED is high school equivalency diploma. See Sources and Definitions, Education.

NOTES: Current cigarette smokers are defined as ever smoking 100 cigarettes in their lifetime and smoking now every day or some days. See Sources and Definitions, Tobacco use. In 2019, the National Health Interview Survey (NHIS) questionnaire was redesigned and other changes were made to weighting and design methodology. Data for 2019 have not been fully evaluated for comparability with earlier years. For more information on the 2019 NHIS redesign, see: https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis/2019_quest_redesign.htm. Standard errors and data for additional years are available in the Excel spreadsheet version of this table on the Health, United States website at: <https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/hus/index.htm>.

SOURCE: National Center for Health Statistics, National Health Interview Survey. See Sources and Definitions, National Health Interview Survey (NHIS).