

# The state of tobacco control Porter County

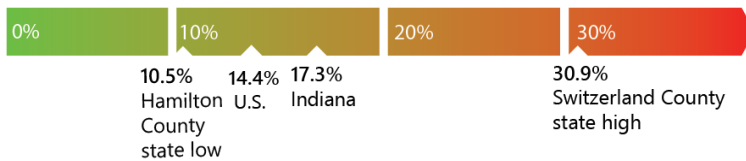
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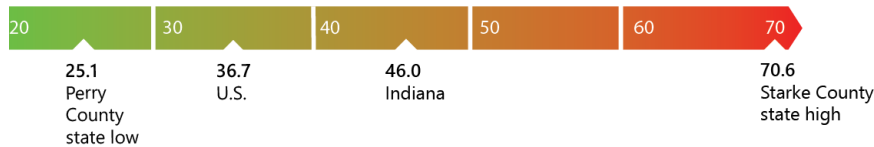
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## Tobacco and Health in Porter County

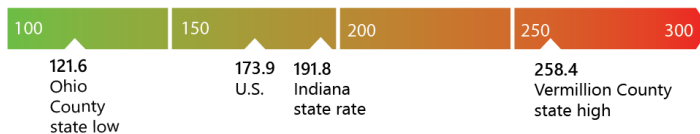
 **Percent of adults who smoke** **20.5%**



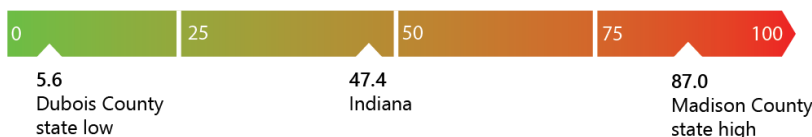
 **Lung cancer deaths**  
per 100,000 residents **41.8**



 **Heart disease deaths**  
per 100,000 residents **173.9**



 **Asthma related emergency room visits**  
per 100,000 residents **44.0**



## Tobacco Control Funding

**\$277,000**

Funding in Porter County for July 2021-June 2023



**\$6.1 billion**

Economic cost in Indiana due to smoking

**\$903 per Indiana household**

State and federal tax burden from smoking-caused government expenditures



**Smoking related illness**

**8,501**



**Smoking and Pregnancy**

**Births affected by smoking** **119**  
*low birth weight, SIDS, reduced lung function*

**Percent of pregnant women who smoke:**

Indiana: **10.9%**

Porter County: **7.3%**



**Smoking deaths**

Deaths attributable to smoking

**283**

Deaths due to secondhand smoke

**45**

Economic burden of secondhand smoke: **\$56 Million**

\*Asian, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, American Indians, and those identifying as multiple races. These racial groups are combined due to being underrepresented in Indiana.

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