The state of tobacco control in **Howard County**

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Tobacco and Health in Howard County Total White: 69,540 **Population** Black: 6.516 Percent of adults who smoke 23.0% Hispanic: 3,060 Asian: 1,030 83,658 Other*: 1,141 20% 30% **29.6**% 7.3% 14.0% Starke County Hamilton U.S. 16.2 % County state high Smoking and Pregnancy state low Indiana **Births affected** by smoking Lung cancer deaths 9 E low birth weight, SIDS, 48.6 per 100,000 residents reduced lung function Percent of pregnant women 70 who smoke: 25.1 46.0 70.6 36.7 Starke County Perry U.S. Indiana Indiana: 6.6% state high County state low Howard County: 10.6% **Heart disease deaths** 225.1 Smoking deaths per 100,000 residents Deaths attributable to smoking 173.9 191.8 121.6 258.4 137 Vermillion County Indiana U.S. Ohio state rate state high County Deaths due to secondhand smoke state low 22 Asthma related emergency room visits 49.5 per 10,000 residents Smoking related illness 4.106 7.2 28.3 87.0 Dearborn County Indiana Warren County state low state high **Tobacco Control Funding** \$6.1 billion Economic cost in Indiana due to smoking \$200,000 **\$903** per Indiana household Funding in Howard County State and federal tax burden from for July 2023-June 2025 smoking-caused government expenditures

*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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