

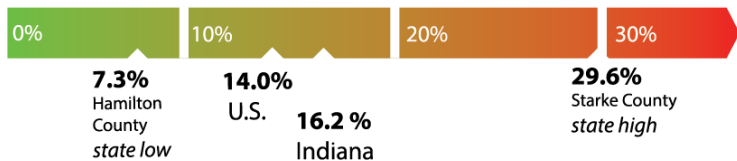
# The state of tobacco control in Knox County

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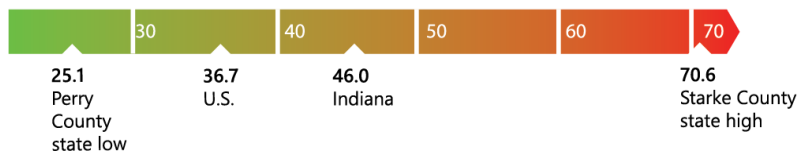
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## Tobacco and Health in Knox County

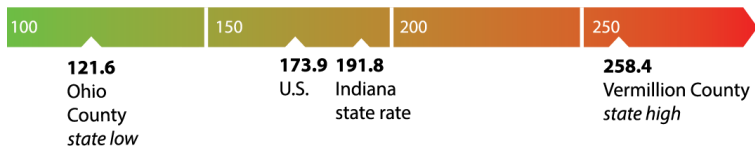
 **Percent of adults who smoke** **18.9%**



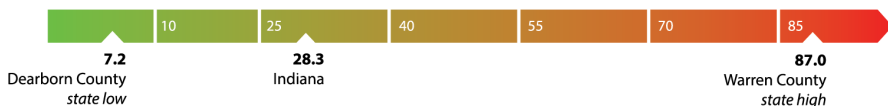
 **Lung cancer deaths** **50.8**  
per 100,000 residents



 **Heart disease deaths** **193.0**  
per 100,000 residents



 **Asthma related emergency room visits** **15.1**  
per 10,000 residents



**Total Population**  
**36,282**

White: 33,366  
Black: 714  
Hispanic: 1,005  
Asian: 283  
Other\*: 463

### **Smoking and Pregnancy**

**Births affected by smoking** **44**  
*low birth weight, SIDS, reduced lung function*

**Percent of pregnant women who smoke:**  
Indiana: **6.6%**  
Knox County: **12.0%**

### **Smoking deaths**

**Deaths attributable to smoking**  
**59**

**Deaths due to secondhand smoke**  
**9**

 **Smoking related illness**  
**1,781**

## Tobacco Control Funding

**\$140,000**

Funding in Knox County  
for July 2023-June 2025



**\$6.1 billion**  
Economic cost in Indiana due to smoking

**\$903 per Indiana household**  
State and federal tax burden from 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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