

# The state of tobacco control in Porter County

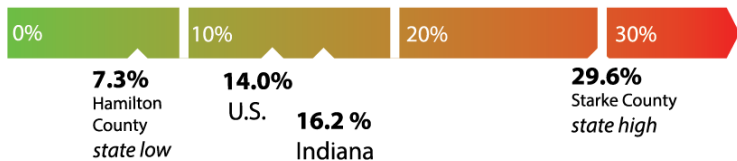
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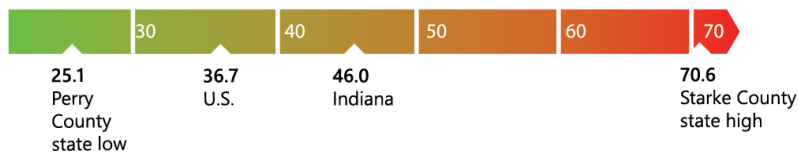
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## Tobacco and Health in Porter County

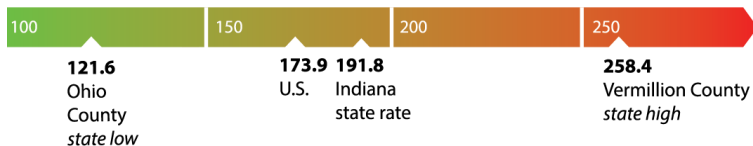
 **Percent of adults who smoke** **16.0%**



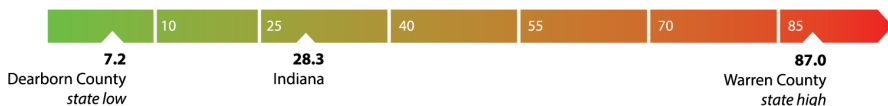
 **Lung cancer deaths** **41.8**  
per 100,000 residents



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



 **Asthma related emergency room visits** **20.5**  
per 10,000 residents



**Total Population**  
**173,215**

White: 143,005  
Black: 7,588  
Hispanic: 18,904  
Asian: 2,238  
Other\*: 5,127

### Smoking and Pregnancy

**Births affected by smoking** **49**  
*low birth weight, SIDS, reduced lung function*

Percent of pregnant women who smoke:  
Indiana: **6.6%**  
Porter County: **3.0%**

### Smoking deaths

Deaths attributable to smoking **283**

Deaths due to secondhand smoke **45**

 **Smoking related illness** **8,501**

## Tobacco Control Funding

**\$300,000**

Funding in Porter 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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