

Tobacco Use: Facts & Figures

- Per the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention website*
 - 36.5% of adults with any mental illness reported current use** of tobacco in 2013 compared to 25.3% of adults with no mental illness
 - People living below the poverty level and people having lower levels of educational attainment have higher rates of cigarette smoking than the general population
 - Among people having only a GED certificate, smoking prevalence is more than 40%
 - 29.8% of African American adults reported current use** of tobacco in 2013
 - 20.9% of Hispanic/Latino adults reported current use** of tobacco in 2013
- A Kaiser Health News article from May 2016 indicated that smokers may be avoiding the surcharge in states that include it by not reporting tobacco use status appropriately, citing the following:
 - Idaho: per federal survey, 17% of adults smoke regularly, but < 3% who bought coverage in 2016 on the state's insurance exchange paid the surcharge
 - Kentucky: over 25% of adults smoke regularly, but 11% paid the tobacco surcharge
 - Minnesota: 18% of adults smoke, but < 5% paid the tobacco surcharge

* <https://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/disparities/index.htm>

** "Current Use" per CDC website was defined as self-reported consumption of cigarettes, cigars, smokeless tobacco, and pipe tobacco in the past year and past month (at the time of survey)