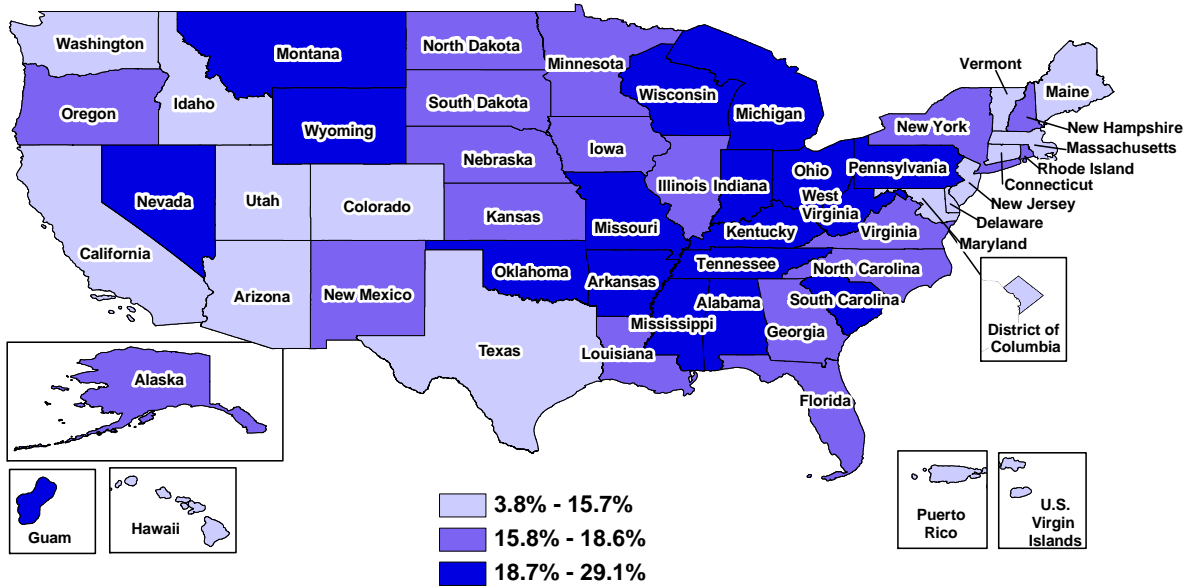


## Cigarette Smoking

Smoking cigarettes is thought to be associated with increased risk of cardiovascular, cerebrovascular and respiratory diseases, as well as certain cancers. Cigarette smoking may also be associated with increased risk of certain pregnancy and birth complications. In 2008, just 16.5 percent of American women reported that they currently smoked cigarettes, and this rate has improved slightly since 2004.

### 2008 Percent Females Currently Smoke Cigarettes\*, Age-adjusted by State and US



	Percent Total Females Currently Smoking Cigarettes				Percent Total Females Currently Smoking Cigarettes		
	2004	2006	2008		2004	2006	2008
ALABAMA	21.6	21.0	20.0	NEVADA	21.9	21.3	20.0
ALASKA	22.2	22.6	18.6	NEW HAMPSHIRE	20.1	18.6	16.2
ARIZONA	18.1	14.6	13.9	NEW JERSEY	18.2	15.7	12.5
ARKANSAS	24.3	22.6	21.2	NEW MEXICO	18.1	17.9	17.1
CALIFORNIA	11.2	11.3	10.3	NEW YORK	19.3	18.0	16.1
COLORADO	17.7	16.3	15.5	NORTH CAROLINA	20.3	19.4	18.3
CONNECTICUT	17.0	15.8	15.4	NORTH DAKOTA	16.5	19.0	16.5
DELAWARE	21.2	20.7	15.7	OHIO	25.5	21.0	19.7
DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA	17.8	15.2	14.2	OKLAHOMA	24.8	23.0	23.5
FLORIDA	18.8	19.7	17.4	OREGON	18.6	17.7	15.9
GEORGIA	17.7	17.6	17.1	PENNSYLVANIA	23.7	21.8	20.7
HAWAII	**	16.5	13.1	RHODE ISLAND	20.0	19.3	17.3
IDAHO	15.8	15.3	15.2	SOUTH CAROLINA	21.5	19.7	19.2
ILLINOIS	18.9	17.2	17.7	SOUTH DAKOTA	19.4	19.4	17.0
INDIANA	23.6	22.4	24.1	TENNESSEE	25.7	21.9	19.3
IOWA	19.9	20.6	17.3	TEXAS	17.4	15.6	14.9
KANSAS	18.0	18.2	16.6	UTAH	9.2	9.0	7.8
KENTUCKY	26.2	29.2	25.0	VERMONT	18.7	17.3	15.7
LOUISIANA	20.4	20.8	18.1	VIRGINIA	19.6	18.6	16.0
MAINE	20.6	21.2	15.6	WASHINGTON	18.5	15.4	14.6
MARYLAND	17.1	16.6	13.9	WEST VIRGINIA	27.9	27.4	29.1
MASSACHUSETTS	17.7	16.9	15.6	WISCONSIN	19.6	19.1	18.8
MICHIGAN	22.3	20.6	18.8	WYOMING	22.3	19.6	19.1
MINNESOTA	19.8	18.4	16.0	GUAM	**	**	20.0
MISSISSIPPI	20.9	23.0	20.8	PUERTO RICO	8.5	8.3	8.0
MISSOURI	22.9	22.9	23.6	VIRGIN ISLANDS	7.1	6.2	3.8
MONTANA	20.4	20.3	19.0				
NEBRASKA	18.2	18.4	17.3				
				<b>UNITED STATES</b>	<b>19.0</b>	<b>18.0</b>	<b>16.5</b>

\* Percent of persons responding "Every day or some days" to question: Do you now smoke cigarettes every day, some days, or not at all? (Note, only asked of persons who smoked at least 100 cigarettes in their entire life)

Source: CDC Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, 2004-2008; Data are age-adjusted to year 2000 population. Map presents data for 2008.

\*\*BRFSS surveillance not conducted in 2004 or 2006.



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