Smoking tobacco can cause cancer, heart disease, stroke, lung diseases, diabetes, and other pulmonary and cardiac diseases. Smoking is the leading cause of preventable death in the United States (CDC). Tobacco use causes more than 7 million deaths per year worldwide and is responsible for more than 480,000 deaths per year in the United States. Tobacco use in Larimer County has been steadily decreasing since 2001.

The percentage of adults who currently smoke (defined as any cigarette use in the past 30 days) has been steadily decreasing since 1995, with only 7% of Larimer County residents reporting that they currently smoke cigarettes.

Adult Cigarette Use is Decreasing

19% 17% 19% 15% 15% 12% 10% 8% 7%
*In 1998, only the Health District’s service area was surveyed

Adults Using Any Tobacco Products in Larimer County

Average Age Gender Income Race Education

Larimer County 18-34 35-44 44-64 65+ Man Woman <185% FPL 186-400% FPL >400% FPL White Hispanic Non-Hispanic POC <12 Years 13-16 Years 17+ Years

14% 20% 13% 12% 6% 19% 9% 21% 17% 10% 14% 18% 13% 14% 14% 8%

*FPL, or Federal Poverty Level, is a measure of household income. This survey was conducted in 2019 and used 2018 income breakouts. For example, a 4 person household with annual income <$46,435 would be categorized as low-income or <185%FPL
**Non-White, Non-Hispanic
While only 5% of Larimer County adults report current use of electronic cigarettes, youth e-cigarette use is of major concern both locally and nationally. According to data from the Healthy Kids Colorado Survey, 23% of high school students currently use e-cigarettes and close to half (43%) have ever tried these products.

5% of Larimer County adults reported current use of e-cigarettes

92% of current adult e-cigarette users are reporting using these products to try to quit or reduce regular cigarette use

**Electronic Cigarette Use in Larimer County**

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Note: United States and Colorado data is from 2018. Larimer County data is from 2019

**Adult Tobacco Use and Other Health Risk Factors**

Those with depression, anxiety, or other mental health issue are close to 3X as likely to use tobacco products compared to those who do not (9% vs. 24%).

32% of those who report using marijuana in the past 30 days also report tobacco use.

**Heavy Drinkers** are over 2x as likely to use tobacco products as non tobacco users (12% vs 27%).

Those who experience **chronic pain** are close to 2x as likely to use tobacco products compared to those who do not (20% vs. 12%).

**Smoking in the Home**

Nearly 1 in 4 (24%) of current cigarette smokers has a child under 17 living in their home. Overall 5% of survey respondents reported living with someone who smokes cigars, cigarettes, or tobacco products inside their home. Households with children were less than half likely (2.4%) to have someone smoking inside the home.

**Trying to Quit Tobacco?**

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