

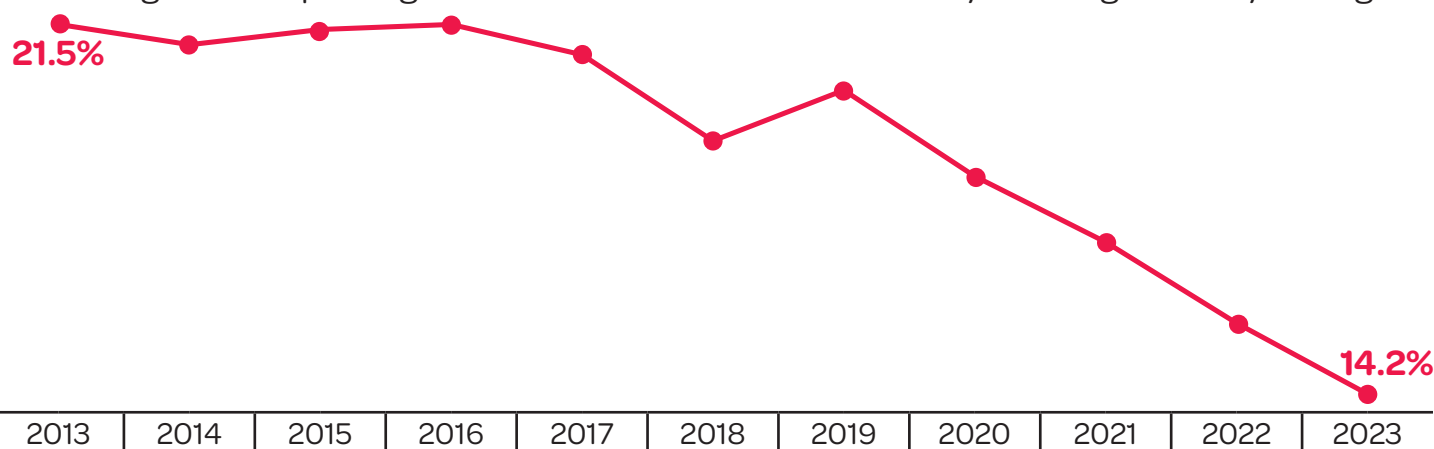
SNAPSHOT OF ALABAMA: ADULTS AND SMOKING

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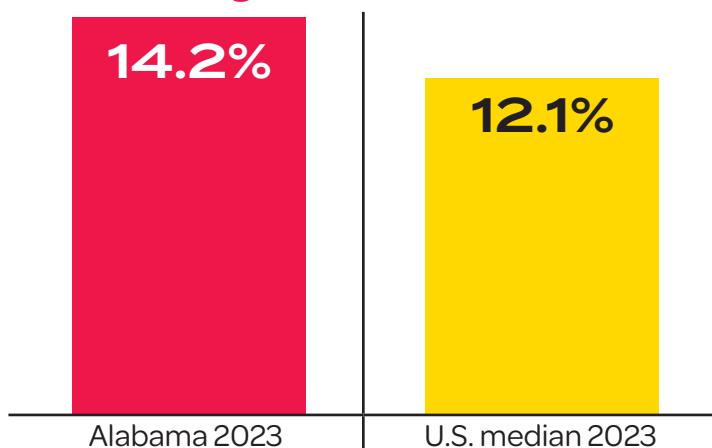
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Smoking and tobacco use affect the health and economic well-being of Americans directly and indirectly. In Alabama, more than 8000 deaths are caused each year by smoking.¹ Smoking also has been linked to cardiovascular diseases, respiratory diseases, and cancer.² It is estimated that smoking contributes \$2.19 billion in annual health care costs in Alabama. In 2023, 14.2 percent of Alabama adults reported that they are currently smoking; however this is an improvement from 2013.

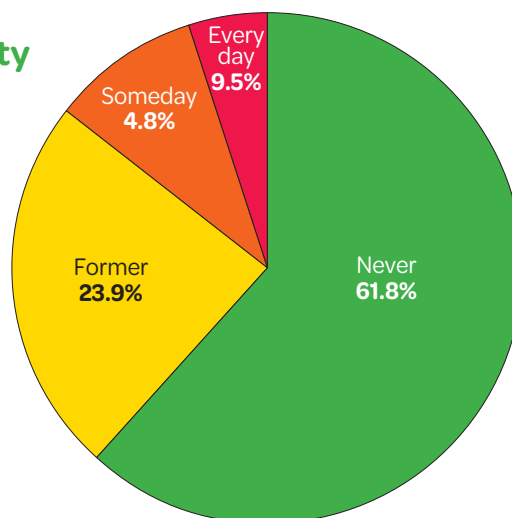
Smoking Rates Improving! Fewer Alabama adults are currently smoking than 10 years ago.



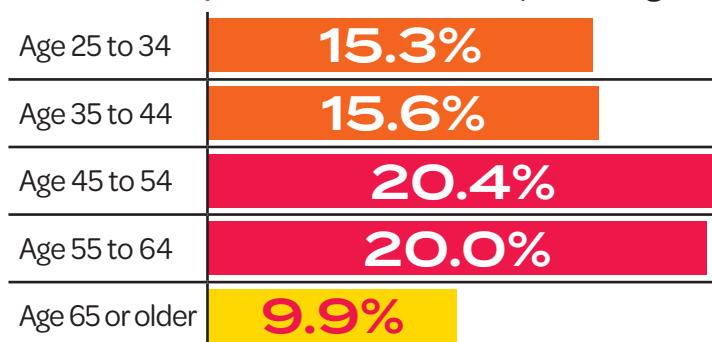
Smoking prevalence in Alabama still **higher** than U.S. median.



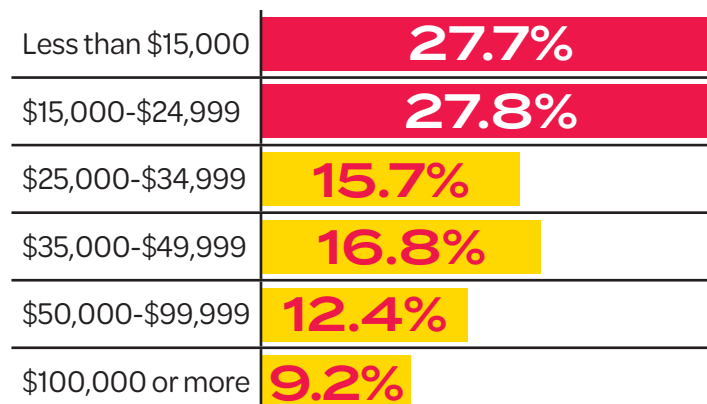
The **majority** of Alabama Adults have never smoked; and only 9.5 percent smoke **every day**.



Smoking and Age: **1 in 5 adults** between the ages of **45 and 64 years old** are currently smoking.



Smoking and Income: Individuals with lower income are **more** likely to smoke.



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