

Cigarette Smoking in Greater Cincinnati

Results from The Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati's 2005 Greater Cincinnati Community Health Status Survey

The Greater Cincinnati Community Health Status Survey (GCCHSS) is a project of The Health Foundation of Greater Cincinnati. The GCCHSS is conducted by the Institute for Policy Research at the University of Cincinnati.

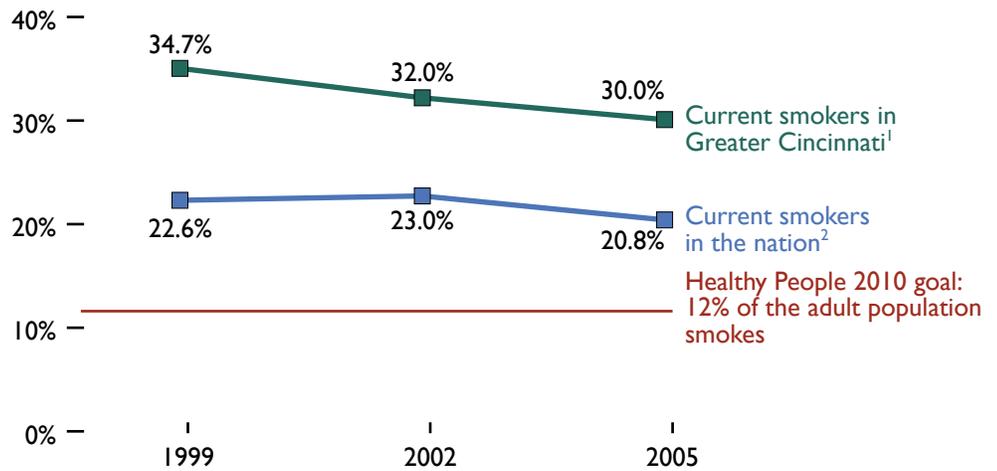
Topics included in the GCCHSS include access to and satisfaction with healthcare, medical debt, mental and physical health status, nutrition and exercise, cigarette and alcohol use, and others.

A total of 2,077 randomly selected adults residing in 8 Ohio counties, 9 Kentucky counties, and 5 Indiana counties were interviewed by telephone between August 16 and October 24, 2005. The potential sampling error for the survey is $\pm 2.2\%$.

For more information, please visit our web site at www.healthfoundation.org/gcchss.html. For the complete survey dataset, visit www.oasis.uc.edu.

Community partners that helped develop the GCCHSS include:

- + Anthem Foundation of Ohio
- + Center for Closing the Health Gap
- + Child Policy Research Center
- + City of Cincinnati Health Department
- + Council on Aging
- + Employer Health Care Alliance
- + Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky
- + Hamilton County Health Department
- + Health Improvement Collaborative
- + Northern Kentucky Health Department
- + Northern Kentucky University Center for Latino and Multicultural Studies
- + United Way of Greater Cincinnati
- + University of Cincinnati Institute for Policy Research
- + University of Cincinnati Institute for the Study of Health
- + Urban Appalachian Council



¹ 1999 n=2,097; 2002 n=2,006; 2005 n=2,077

² Most recent national data are from 2004

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's Behavior Risk Factor Surveillance Survey, almost 21% of adults in the U.S. were current smokers in 2004, slightly down from previous years. This is still higher than the Healthy People 2010 goal of 12%.

In Greater Cincinnati, 30% of adults are current smokers, compared to 32% who reported smoking in 2002 and 34.7% in 1999. Our regional rate is decreasing but still remains higher than the national average.

As age, income, or education level increase, the likelihood of a Greater Cincinnati being a current smoker generally decreases. Residents of the region's rural areas¹ are more likely to be current smokers (36.8% average), and urban (32.5%) or suburban² (26.0%) residents are less likely to be current smokers.

¹ The rural area includes Dearborn/Franklin/Ohio/Ripley/Switzerland Counties (IN); Bracken/Campbell/Gallatin/Owen/Pendleton Counties (KY); and Adams/Brown/Clermont/Highland Counties (OH).

² The urban area includes Boone/Campbell/Grant/Kenton Counties (KY) and the City of Cincinnati (OH). The suburban area includes Butler/Clinton/Warren and the Hamilton County suburbs (OH).

Greater Cincinnatians **more** and **less** likely to be current smokers (2005 data)

Demographic	% who are current smokers
Region	30.0%
Area in region	
Bracken/Carroll/Gallatin/Owen/Pendleton Counties (KY)	39.8%
Butler/Clinton/Warren Counties (OH)	21.9%
Age	
18 to 29	37.5%
65+	13.2%
Sex	
Female	32.0%
Male	27.9%
Ethnicity	
African American	39.2%
White Non-Appalachian	26.9%
Family Income	
Below 100% FPG ¹	50.7%
Above 200% FPG	26.0%
Education	
Less than high school	47.3%
College graduate	8.4%
Health Insurance	
Medicaid	61.2%
Medicare	14.7%

¹ The federal poverty guideline (FPG) in 2005 was an annual income of \$19,350 for a family of 4.