

# ADULT TOBACCO USE

## Adult Tobacco Use

### Mortality and Morbidity

In Hawai'i, roughly 237 of every 100,000 deaths are estimated to be attributable to smoking. This is more pronounced among men (380 deaths per 100,000) than women (133 deaths per 100,000).

### Adult Smoking Prevalence

After a slight increase in smoking prevalence from 1999 to 2002, reported current smoking dropped to about 17% in 2003 and has remained close to this level (Figure 1). Fewer than 1 in 7 adults in Hawai'i report current smoking in 2008 (15.4%).

**Figure 1. Adult Smoking Prevalence, Hawai'i and the U.S., BRFSS 1997–2008**



### Adult Smoking by Gender

Men in Hawai'i are consistently more likely to smoke cigarettes than women. After a sharp decrease in 2003, the male smoking prevalence has leveled out at about 1 in 5 men smoking everyday or some days. Meanwhile, smoking among women decreased in 2003 only to increase back to 15.9% in 2006, but is now down to 12.7% in 2008.

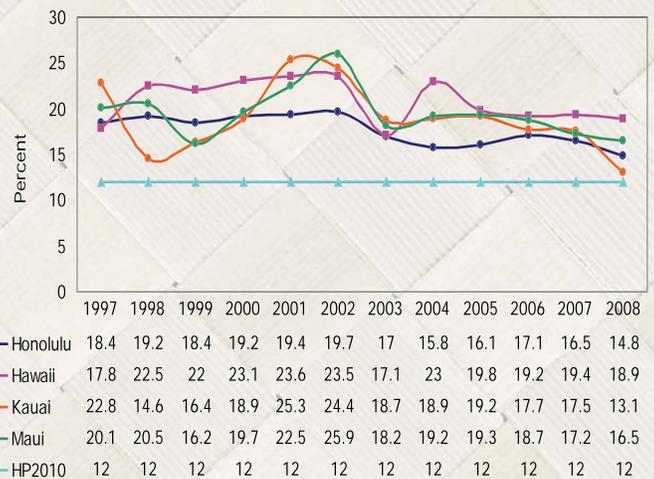
### Adult Smoking by Age Group

The smoking prevalence for most age groups held relatively steady over the past 10 years with the exceptions of youngest adults (ages 18–24) and those between ages 45 and 54 years old. In 2008, people between the ages of 18 and 54 years old were over three times more likely to smoke than those aged 65 and older.

### Adult Smoking Prevalence by County

Kauai and Maui Counties experienced an increase in smoking prevalence between 1999 and 2002, but have since declined to levels more similar to Honolulu County (Figure 2).

**Figure 2. Adult Smoking Prevalence by County, BRFSS 1997–2008**



### County of Kauai

In 2008, the adult smoking prevalence for Kauai County was 13.1%. By community, smoking prevalence was 13% in both Hanalei/Kapaa and Lihue-Waimea.

### City and County of Honolulu

The adult smoking prevalence for Honolulu County was 14.8%. By community, smoking prevalence varied greatly ranging from 5.3% in Kailua/Waimanalo/Hawaii Kai to 29.6% in Nanakuli/Waianae.

### County of Maui

In Maui County the overall adult smoking prevalence for 2008 was 16.5%. By community, smoking prevalence ranged from a low of 17.1% in Lahaina/Wailuku to a high of 19.9% on the island of Molokai.

### County of Hawaii

On the Big Island, the 2008 adult smoking prevalence was 18.9%. By community, prevalence ranged from a low of 17.5% in North Hawaii to 20.3% in the Puna/Ka'u region.