

Adults who Currently Smoke	
SHIP website description	This indicator shows the percentage of adults who currently smoke. 7,500 adults in Maryland die each year due to tobacco-related causes, and 150,000 more suffer from tobacco-related diseases such as COPD, emphysema or cancers. Non-smokers – especially young children (and even pets) – are also affected by tobacco through exposure to the toxins found in secondhand smoke.
Source	Maryland MDH Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) (www.marylandbrfss.org)
Numerator	Maryland adults who reported currently smoking cigarettes some days or every day
Denominator	Maryland adults age 18 and over
Threshold	50 or relative standard error >=30.0%
Censorship (if below threshold)	Rate not reported. Count not reported.
Calculation and metric	Weighted (Numerator/Denominator) *100= Single-Year Calculation
Race/ethnicity categories (on SHIP chart)	All races/ ethnicities (aggregated) Black Non-Hispanic Hispanic White Non-Hispanic Asian Non-Hispanic
Other	In 2011, the BRFSS weighting methodology was changed. This makes data collected from 2011 forward incomparable to data collected prior to 2011. The SHIP will resume including BRFSS data in 2013, where baselines from 2011 BRFSS data will be calculated. Data collected from survey respondents are adjusted to more accurately represent the Maryland population. This is called "weighted data." Learn more about weighted data here: http://www.marylandbrfss.org/pdf/BRFSS-Special-Report-9-12.pdf