Tobacco Use and Exposure – Aleutians East & West

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<td>Adults who currently use smokeless tobacco (± 3%)</td>
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<td>Women who smoked during the last 3 months of pregnancy (± 7%)</td>
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<td>Adults exposed to secondhand smoke in their home (± 9%)</td>
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Note: Prenatal smoking, PRAMS 2000-2006 data, for region including Aleutians East and West, Bristol Bay, Lake & Peninsula and Dillingham. Other indicators, BRFSS 2004-2007 data. 95% confidence interval half-widths (margins of error) are presented in parentheses.

Community Indicators for Aleutians East & West

- 73% of adults have a household ban on smoking (± 9%)
- 81% of adults agree that smoking should not be allowed in public indoor areas (± 8%)
- 68% of adults agree that smoking should not be allowed in restaurants (± 10%)
- 78% of those who work mostly indoors are protected by smokefree workplace policies (± 11%)
- 53% of smokers tried to quit in the past year (± 11%)
- 57% of current and former smokers started smoking regularly before age 18 (± 14%)

People Affected in Aleutians East & West

Approximately:
- 2,330 adults smoke
- 310 adults use smokeless tobacco
- 1,470 adults are exposed to secondhand smoke in their homes
- 80 youth are exposed to secondhand smoke in their homes
- 20 infants are exposed prenatally* to tobacco smoke each year
- 15 cancers diagnosed in the past five years were smoking-related
- 15 adults have died in the past five years from smoking-related causes

2007 population: 7,319

Source: Alaska Department of Labor and Workforce Development, Research and Analysis and US Census Bureau, 2000 Tropicana Data.
Statewide Summary on Youth and Tobacco

- Cigarette smoking among Alaska high school students has decreased from 37% in 1995 to 18% in 2007
- Cigarette smoking among Alaska Native high school students has decreased from 62% in 1995 to 32% in 2007
- In 2007, 69% of Alaska youth smokers got their cigarettes primarily from other people around them
- 9% of retailers sold tobacco products to minors in 2007

Local Policies and Activities for Tobacco Prevention and Control – Aleutians East & West

- The Alaska Tobacco Prevention and Control Program awards grants to local and regional organizations for local tobacco prevention and control. Contact the Program for an updated list of grantees.
- Local school districts may participate in the Youth Risk Behavior Survey, and organizations can work with them to obtain local information about youth tobacco use and exposure.
- Some boroughs and municipalities in Alaska have health and safety powers and can set local policy and taxes.
- Aleutians East Borough is a 2nd Class Borough, with two 1st Class and three 2nd Class Cities; Aleutians West Census Area is part of the Unorganized Borough with one 1st Class and four 2nd Class Cities. For more information on Borough and Municipal government, see these sites: [http://justice.uaa.alaska.edu/rlinks/government/ak_local.html](http://justice.uaa.alaska.edu/rlinks/government/ak_local.html) and [http://www.commerce.state.ak.us/dca/LOGON/home.cfm](http://www.commerce.state.ak.us/dca/LOGON/home.cfm)
- There are not yet any communities in the Aleutians East & West that have local taxes on tobacco products.
- No communities in the Aleutians East & West have local policies regarding secondhand smoke.

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*Prenatal smoke exposure during the last three months of pregnancy.

DATA SOURCES: ADULT TOBACCO USE AND EXPOSURE – AK DHSS, BEHAVIORAL RISK FACTOR SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM (BRFSS); YOUTH TOBACCO USE –AK YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEY (YRBS); POPULATION ESTIMATES – AK DEPARTMENT OF LABOR AND WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT; MATERNAL SMOKING DURING PREGNANCY – AK PREGNANCY RISK ASSESSMENT MONITORING SYSTEM (PRAMS); TOBACCO-RELATED CANCER INCIDENCE – AK CANCER REGISTRY; BIRTH AND DEATH DATA – AK BUREAU OF VITAL STATISTICS. SEE APPENDICES FOR ADDITIONAL INFORMATION.