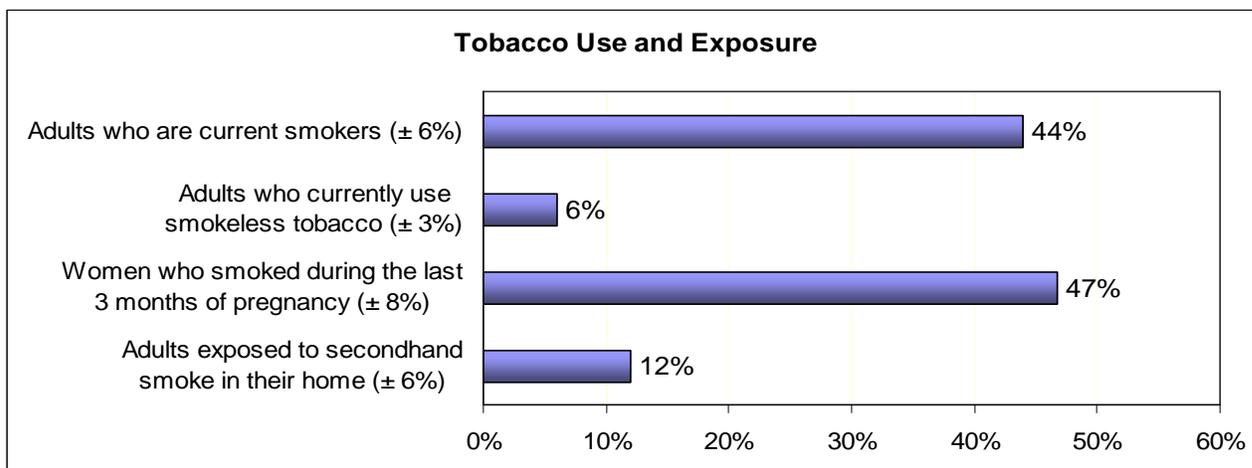


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## Tobacco Use and Exposure – Northwest Arctic Borough



Note: Prenatal smoking, PRAMS 2000-2006 data. Other indicators, BRFSS 2004-2007 data. 95% confidence interval half-widths (margins of error) are presented in parentheses.

## Community Indicators for Northwest Arctic Borough

- 84% of adults have a household ban on smoking (± 7%)
- 82% of adults agree that smoking should not be allowed in public indoor areas (± 7%)
- 76% of adults agree that smoking should not be allowed in restaurants (± 7%)
- 82% of those who work mostly indoors are protected by smokefree workplace policies (± 9%)
- 62% of smokers tried to quit in the past year (± 9%)
- 50% of current and former smokers started smoking regularly before age 18 (± 13%)

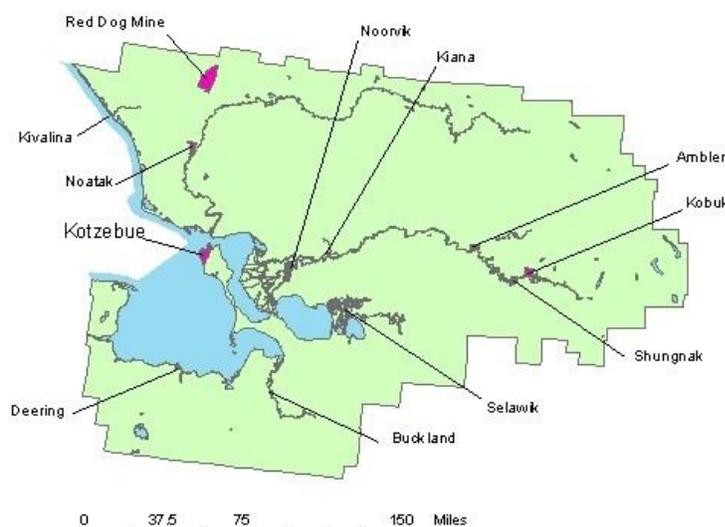
## People Affected in Northwest Arctic Borough

2007 population: 7,396

Approximately:

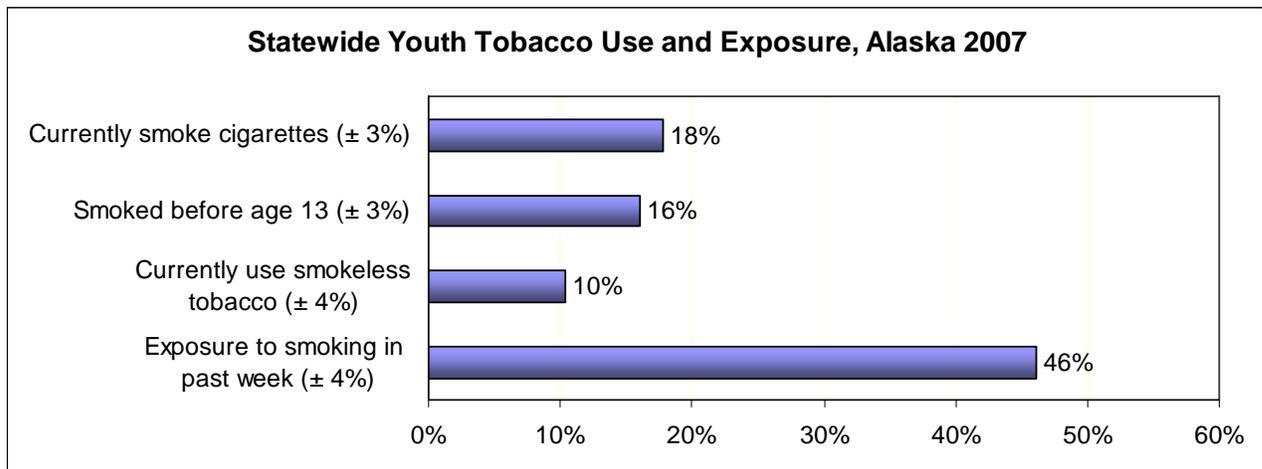
- 1,890 adults smoke
- 250 adults use smokeless tobacco
- 500 adults are exposed to secondhand smoke in their homes
- 250 youth are exposed to secondhand smoke in their homes
- 80 infants are exposed prenatally\* to tobacco smoke each year
- 15 cancers diagnosed in the past five years are smoking-related
- 30 adults have died in the past five years from smoking-related causes

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Source: Alaska Department of Labor And Workforce Development, Research and Analysis and US Census Bureau, 2000 Tigerline files.

## Youth Tobacco Use and Exposure – Statewide



### 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 – Northwest Arctic Borough

- 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.
- Northwest Arctic Borough is a Home Rule Borough, with ten 2nd Class Cities and a few unincorporated communities and villages. 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>
- There are not yet any communities in the Northwest Arctic Borough that have local taxes on tobacco products.
- Three communities in the Northwest Arctic Borough 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.