Weld County
2016 Community Health Survey

Tobacco Use

Key Findings

- Reducing illness, disability and death related to tobacco use and secondhand smoke exposure is a goal of Healthy People 2020.

- The Community Health Survey asked residents whether they had used each tobacco product some days, every day, or not at all. Those who used a product some days or every day were considered current users of that product.

Tobacco Use by Product Type

- About 1 in 6 people in Weld County used tobacco (17%).

- The adult smoking rate in Weld County (15%) was lower than the rate across Colorado (16%) and the U.S. (18%).

- Smoking was more prevalent among lower income residents: 31% of those whose household income was less than $16,000 per year smoke cigarettes or e-cigarettes.

Smoking by Income Category

- Cigarettes
- E-Cigarettes
- Cigarettes and E-Cigs

Income Levels:
- <$16,000
- $16,000-$24,000
- $24,001-$48,000
- $48,001-$80,000
- >$80,000
Key Findings

- Of all Weld County residents, over two thirds have never smoked (64%), one quarter are former smokers (25%) and just over 1 in 10 are current smokers (11%).

- Among current cigarette users across Weld County, 41% had no intention to stop smoking, 38% were thinking about quitting, and 21% were planning to quit.

- Of current cigarette users, nearly 2 in 3 residents aged 18-34 reported they did not intend to stop smoking (64%), compared to about 1 in 3 residents ages 35-54 (33%) and age 55 or older (32%; see chart to right).

- Twice as many Hispanic/Latino cigarette smokers reported they had no intention to quit smoking (63%), compared to non-Hispanic cigarette smokers (31%).

- Cigarette smoking has decreased in Weld County since the Federal tobacco tax was implemented in 2009. In 2007, 20% of residents smoked cigarettes; in 2016, only about 12% of residents smoked cigarettes.*

- The percent of residents who chew tobacco has decreased slightly (from approximately 5% to 3%) since 2007.*

*Due to changes in weighting methodology, interpret comparisons before 2016 with caution.

Questions?
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About the Survey

Description of Responders

Age Groups

- 18-24: 9%
- 25-34: 25%
- 35-44: 17%
- 45-54: 20%
- 55-64: 11%
- 65-74: 11%
- 75+: 9%

Race/Ethnicity

- 71% - White, not Hispanic
- 25% - Hispanic/Latino
- 1% - Other/Multiple
- 1% - Am. Indian/Alaska Native
- 1% - Asian
- <1% Black

Household Income

- <$16,000: 13%
- $16,000-$24,000: 9%
- $24,001-$38,000: 18%
- $38,001-$50,000: 19%
- $50,000+: 42%

The Survey Explained

- In order to periodically assess the health status of county residents, between September 6, 2016 and November 17, 2016, Weld County Department of Public Health & Environment contacted 8,494 households by mail requesting an adult to complete the 55-item survey or complete it online.

- Question topics included health, health care access and insurance, health conditions and lifestyle habits, preventive screenings, environmental issues, community concerns and needs, and demographics.

- Households were selected randomly by first dividing the mailing list into four regions (see map below) and two household types (single-family vs. multi-family). The list was certified by the post office but did not contain residents’ names.

- After multiple contacts, 2,080 community residents returned usable surveys for a 25 percent response rate. The results are representative of the population within a ±5.0 percent margin of error.

- To see the actual survey go to: www.weldhealth.org