


# Tobacco and LGBTQ+ Communities

- Cigarette smoking in the United States is responsible for 480,000 deaths per year, and certain populations are more likely to smoke than others.
- Higher smoking rates among the LGBTQ+ community are in large part due to the tobacco industry's targeted marketing to the LGBTQ+ community through advertising, price discounting and other strategies.
- Overall, lesbian, gay, and bisexual individuals use tobacco at higher rates than those who are straight. This is true for both adults and youths, and for all types of tobacco products.
- LGBTQ+ young adults, ages 18-24, are nearly 2X as likely as their straight peers to smoke.
- Tobacco use remains the leading cause of preventable disease and death in the United States. The LGBTQ+ community may be at higher risk for health conditions related to smoking cigarettes, cutting short tens of thousands of LGBTQ+ lives every year.

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# Cancer Facts for LGBTQ+ Communities

- Research confirms that LGBTQ+ communities carry a disproportionate burden of cancer, have distinctive risk factors, and face additional barriers to accessing healthcare.
- The LGBTQ+ population sees both a greater cancer incidence and more late-stage diagnosis.
- The American Cancer Society estimates 142,500 new cancer cases and 45,500 cancer deaths are possible in 2021 in the LGBTQ+ population.
- Most health care providers lack culturally competent education and training. In a study among medical students, 46% expressed explicit bias and over 80% expressed some implicit bias against LGBTQ+ people.

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- Every major cancer breakthrough in the past 50 years can be traced back to federally funded research.
- Despite our progress, more than 600,000 people are expected to die of cancer in 2021 alone.
- To save even more lives, we need sustained investments that cover both the rising cost of research and medical inflation.

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