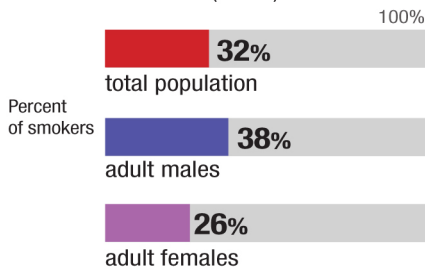


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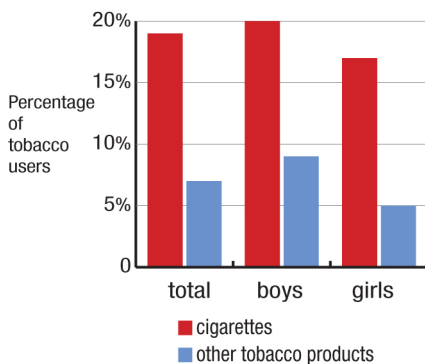
# TOBACCO BURDEN FACTS

Poland ratified the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control on September 15, 2005.

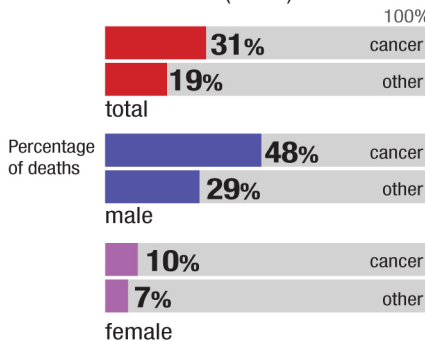
Smoking prevalence in Poland (2004)<sup>11</sup>



Tobacco use among youth (age 13-15) in Poland (2003)<sup>12</sup>



Deaths attributable to tobacco (2000)<sup>13</sup>



## TOBACCO CONSUMPTION

**Tobacco use is decreasing in Poland.**

- A third (32%) of all adults (age 15+) smoke cigarettes with 38% of males and 26% of females smoking.<sup>1</sup>
- Among youth (age 13-15), 19% smoke cigarettes (boys 20%; girls 17%).<sup>2</sup>
- 7% of youth (age 13-15) use tobacco products other than cigarettes (boys 9%; girls 5%).<sup>3</sup>
- In 2008, over 63 billion cigarettes were sold in Poland.<sup>4</sup>

## HEALTH CONSEQUENCES

**Tobacco use is deadly. Smoking kills up to half of all lifetime users.<sup>5</sup>**

- Smoking kills approximately 70,000 people each year in Poland.<sup>6</sup>
- In 2000, 38% of male deaths occurring between the ages of 35-69 were attributed to smoking.<sup>7</sup>
- 90% of youth (age 13-15) are exposed to secondhand smoke in public places and 87% of youth are exposed to secondhand smoke in their homes.<sup>8</sup>

## COSTS TO SOCIETY

**Tobacco exacts a high cost on society.**

- Healthcare costs associated with tobacco-related diseases amount to 18 billion PLN (6.4 billion USD) each year.<sup>9</sup>
- Losses in productivity and employment due to tobacco use are estimated to exceed 15 billion PLN (5.3 billion USD) each year.<sup>10</sup>
- Smoking also results in costs associated with fire damage and damage to the environment from the manufacturing and packaging of tobacco products.

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