

# National Prevention Week

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Preventing Youth Tobacco Use

## Facts & Stats

### DID YOU KNOW?

If cigarette smoking continues at the current rate among youth in this country, 5.6 million of today's Americans younger than 18 will die early from a smoking-related illness. That's about 1 of every 13 Americans aged 17 years or younger alive today.

More than  
**1 in 5**  
High School students  
currently uses  
**Tobacco**

Each day in the U.S. about 2,000 youth under 18 years of age smoke their first cigarette and more than 300 youth under 18 years of age become daily cigarette smokers.



### SMOKING IN THE MOVIES - FROM 2002 TO 2018:

Almost half (45%) of top-grossing movies in the United States were rated PG-13.

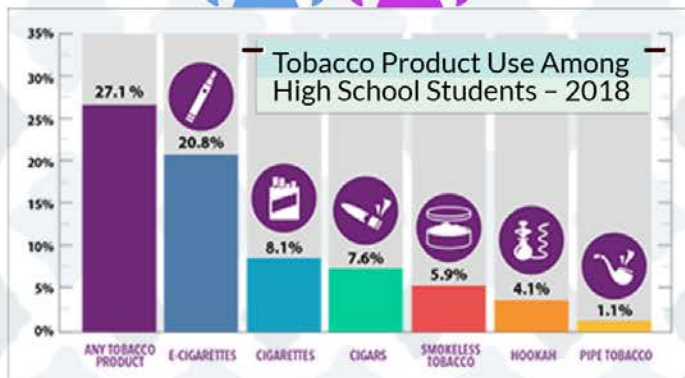


6 of every 10 PG-13 movies (56%) showed smoking or other tobacco use.



For more information on preventing youth tobacco use, visit:

<https://www.hhs.gov/surgeongeneral/reports-and-publications/tobacco/preventing-youth-tobacco-use-factsheet/index.html>



#### Sources:

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