

TOBACCO CONTROL LEGISLATION IN SOUTH AFRICA

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Tobacco Use

- In the past decade, adults' (15+) daily smoking rates fell from **30.2%** in 1995 to **24.1%** in 2004
- About **2.5 million** stopped smoking in this period
- 1 / 5 to 1 / 4 of adults are smokers
- Annual cigarette consumption fell from 1.8 billion packs in 1993 to 1.2 billion packs in 2003 (**a 33% decrease**)

Tobacco Use by school children

- The GYTS conducted in 1999 and 2002 showed that:
 - Students who **never** smoked increased by 20% (from **53.3% to 62.4%**)
 - **Frequent** smokers (20 days or more in past month) declined from **10.1% to 5.8%** (a statistically significant difference)

Mortality

- Between 30 000 and 41 000 deaths in SA (accounting for 8% - 10% of deaths)

Economics

- Since the early 1990s, health advocates have called for large increases in tobacco excise taxes
- Between 1992 & 2001, the real in "inflation adjusted" price of cigarettes increased by 111%
- Real government revenues increased by 131%
- Cigarette consumption fell by 34%
- Between 1990 & 2000, increases in taxes only accounted for 50% of the increase in real price
- The other half was as a result of industry imposed increases in price

South African Tobacco Control Legislation

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