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Since 1977, the American Cancer Society (ACS) has sponsored the Great American Smokeout to foster community-based activities that encourage cigarette smokers to stop smoking for at least 24 hours. These activities include distributing materials to interested schools, hospitals, businesses, and other organizations that discourage tobacco use; encouraging retail businesses not to sell tobacco products and restaurants and other businesses to be smoke-free for the day; and providing media coverage of prominent local citizens who have pledged to stop smoking for the day.

During the Great American Smokeout in 1992, an estimated 3.3 million (7.1%) smokers reported quitting, and 7.5 million (16.4%) reported reducing the number of cigarettes smoked on that day. Furthermore, an estimated 1.5 million (3.3%) smokers reported quitting smoking for 3–5 days after the Smokeout (1). Approximately 9.7 million packs of cigarettes were not smoked; thus an estimated \$17.8 million were not spent on cigarettes (1-3).

This year, the Great American Smokeout will be on Thursday, November 18. The overall goal of the Smokeout is to encourage cessation to show smokers that if they can quit for 24 hours, they can quit permanently. Information is available from local chapters of the ACS; for telephone numbers of these local chapters, telephone (800) 227-2345.

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Physician and Other Health-Care Professional Counseling of Smokers to Quit — United States, 1991

Physicians and other health-care professionals play a lead role in the prevention of tobacco smoking in the United States (1). In particular, health-care professionals can assist patients to stop smoking by counseling them about quitting (2,3). To monitor progress toward the national health objectives for the year 2000 on tobacco use (4), data from CDC's 1991 National Health Interview Survey–Health Promotion and Disease Prevention (NHIS-HPDP) supplement were used to estimate the prevalence of outpatient physician and other health-care professional counseling of smokers to quit. This report summarizes the results of that survey.

The NHIS-HPDP supplement collected information from a representative sample of the U.S. civilian, noninstitutionalized population aged \geq 18 years regarding self-

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Editorial Note: The findings in this report underscore that physicians and other healthcare professionals are not yet maximizing their opportunities to counsel their patients who smoke to quit. These findings are consistent with previous reports indicating that patients who make multiple visits to the doctor—among whom the overall prevalence of health problems is increased—and patients who are heavier smokers are more likely to have received advice from their physician to quit (*6*). The inability of physicians and other health-care professionals to counsel all smokers to quit may reflect an

TABLE 1. Percentage of adult smokers* who reported receiving advice to quit from a physician or other health-care professional during the preceding 12 months, by number of visits, sex, age group, race/ethnicity, educational level, and socioeconomic status — United States, National Health Interview Survey-Health Promotion and Disease Prevention Supplement, 1991[†]

		No. of healt	its						
		1		2–3		≥4	Any visit		
Category	%	(95% CI§)	%	(95% CI)	%	(95% CI)	%	(95% CI)	
Sex									
Male	27.2	(±2.7)	35.8	(±3.4)	43.9	(±3.4)	35.2	(± 1.8)	
Female	29.2	(±2.9)	36.6	(±2.7)	46.4	(±2.5)	38.9	(± 1.6)	
Age group (yrs)									
18–24	18.0	(±4.8)	21.3	(±4.8)	42.9	(±6.1)	28.2	(± 3.2)	
25–44	27.8	(±2.5)	37.6	(±3.0)	42.2	(±2.9)	35.7	(± 1.7)	
45–64	34.8	(±4.1)	40.4	(±4.3)	52.0	(±3.8)	43.8	(± 2.5)	
≥65	28.5	(±7.6)	36.7	(±7.5)	44.0	(±4.9)	38.8	(± 3.6)	
Race/Ethnicity [¶]									
White, non-Hispanic	29.4	(±2.3)	36.6	(±2.5)	46.5	(±2.3)	38.2	(± 1.5)	
Black, non-Hispanic	23.6	(±4.7)	35.9	(±5.9)	42.4	(±5.4)	34.4	(± 3.2)	
Hispanic	24.5	(±8.2)	32.0	(±9.6)	36.2	(±8.8)	30.6	(± 5.1)	
Asian/Pacific Islander**	_		_		_	_	34.4	(±12.1)	
American Indian/									
Alaskan Native**	_		_	—	—	—	41.4	(±14.3)	
Education ^{††}									
Less than high school	27.8	(±4.7)	32.6	(±4.4)	47.8	(±3.9)	37.9	(± 2.7)	
High school graduate	28.5	(±2.9)	36.2	(±3.4)	46.5	(±3.0)	37.6	(± 1.9)	
Some college	29.2	(±4.2)	37.1	(±4.4)	42.4	(±4.2)	36.3	(± 2.5)	
College graduate	25.4	(±4.8)	40.9	(±6.1)	41.2	(±5.5)	36.1	(± 3.3)	
Socioeconomic status§§									
At or above poverty level	29.0	(±2.2)	36.9	(±2.4)	45.6	(±2.3)	37.5	(± 1.4)	
Below poverty level	26.3	(±5.5)	33.5	(±5.9)	45.5	(± 4.5)	37.7	(± 3.2)	
Unknown	20.4	(±6.1)	31.4	(±7.9)	43.8	(±7.9)	32.5	(± 4.5)	
Total	28.1	(±1.9)	36.2	(±2.2)	45.5	(±2.0)	37.2	(± 1.3)	

*Persons aged \geq 18 years who reported they had smoked during the preceding 12 months. †Sample size=8778; excludes 369 respondents with an unknown number of doctor visits. §Confidence interval.

[¶]Excludes 56 respondents in unknown, multiple, or other racial/ethnic categories.

**Not reported by number of visits because of insufficient sample sizes.

^{††}Excludes 384 respondents with unknown educational status.

^{§§}Poverty statistics are based on definitions developed by the Social Security Administration that include a set of income thresholds that vary by family size and composition.

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orientation in the United States toward tertiary rather than primary or secondary prevention (4). Despite these findings, the percentage of smokers who have ever been advised by a physician to quit increased from 26.4% in 1976 to 56.1% in 1991 (7; CDC, unpublished data, 1993). In addition, the prevalence of cigarette smoking among physicians has declined rapidly (8); physicians who do not smoke are more likely than those who do to provide advice to quit (6).

Physician self-reported rates of providing cessation advice to smokers are generally higher than those indicated by the NHIS-HPDP and range from 52% to 97% (4). Potential explanations for the differences in rates reported by smokers and physicians are that patients may be unable to recall cessation advice that they actually received, a discrepancy between what physicians and patients consider to be advice to quit smoking, and methodologic considerations related to the phrasing of questions to physicians and to smokers. Two potential limitations of the analysis in this report are: 1) because the smoking status of respondents at the time of the doctor visit was unknown, some respondents may not have been smoking at that time and thus were not candidates for advice; and 2) because the reason for the visit was not included in this analysis, some visits may have been for emergencies and other conditions for which counseling would not have been appropriate.

The difference in receipt of advice to quit among racial/ethnic groups may be influenced by social and cultural factors. For example, among some Hispanics, language barriers may have played a role in the failure to receive advice to quit.

One national health objective for the year 2000 is to increase to 75% the proportion of primary-care providers who routinely advise smokers to quit smoking (objective 3.16) (4). The NHIS-HPDP results indicated that during 1991 approximately 20 million smokers visited a health-care professional and did not receive advice to quit smoking. This finding suggests that, if every primary-care provider offered brief counseling to all of their smoking patients, an additional 1 million persons could be assisted to stop smoking each year (4). This approach is at least as cost-effective per year-of-life saved as other preventive medical practices (3).

The basic components of a brief counseling session include asking each patient about whether they smoke, advising all smokers to stop, and providing assistance to the patient in stopping (e.g., establishing a quit date and providing self-help materials), and arranging follow-up visits for support (9). Use of office reminders can increase both the provision of cessation advice by providers and the rate of quitting by their patients (4,9). When used as an adjunct to behavioral therapy, nicotine replacement is also helpful (10).

The achievement of long-term health and economic benefits of reducing the overall smoking rate in the United States will require continuing efforts to increase smoking-cessation rates. Physicians and other health-care professionals can maximize their effectiveness in encouraging their smoking patients to quit by taking advantage of every opportunity to provide brief but effective counseling. Self-help and other reference materials for smoking cessation, including information to assist doctors in helping their patients to quit, are available from the National Cancer Institute, telephone (800) 422-6237. Additional materials on smoking cessation are available from CDC, telephone (800) 232-1311.

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Current Trends

Mortality Trends for Selected Smoking-Related Cancers and Breast Cancer — United States, 1950–1990

During 1990, nearly 419,000 deaths (approximately 20% of all deaths) in the United States were attributed to smoking, including more than 150,000 deaths from neoplasms (1). Cigarette smoking remains the single most preventable cause of premature death in the United States (2). Based on current and past smoking patterns, the public health burden of smoking-related cancers is expected to continue during the next several decades. The death rate for smoking-related cancers varies by race; race reflects differing distributions of several risk factors for smoking-related cancers (e.g., high-risk behaviors) and is useful for identifying groups at greatest risk for smoking-related cancers. This report describes mortality trends for cancers (i.e., lung, oral cavity and pharynx, esophagus, and larynx) that are at least 70% attributable to smoking and other tobacco use (2) by race and sex. In addition, because lung cancer recently surpassed breast cancer as the leading cause of cancer deaths among women, death rates for lung cancer are compared with those for breast cancer.

Race- and sex-specific cancer deaths during 1950–1990 were determined using underlying cause-of-death data compiled by CDC's National Center for Health Statistics. Denominators for rates were derived from U.S. census population estimates for intercensal years and census enumerations for decennial years. Rates were standardized to the 1970 age distribution of the U.S. population and are presented for whites and

DISEASE DECREASE INCREASE CASES CURRENT 4 WEEKS Aseptic Meningitis 1,217 Encephalitis, Primary 86 Hepatitis A 1,547 Hepatitis B 790 Hepatitis, Non-A, Non-B 439 Hepatitis, Unspecified 47 Legionellosis 119 Malaria 146 Measles, Total* 2 Meningococcal Infections 152 Mumps 98 Pertussis 657 Rabies, Animal 590 Rubella 7 0.0625 2 0.03125 0 1 2 5 0 25 0.5 1 4 Ratio(Log Scale) † \square BEYOND HISTORICAL LIMITS

FIGURE I. Notifiable disease reports, comparison of 4-week totals ending November 6, 1993, with historical data — United States

*The large apparent decrease in reported cases of measles(total) reflects dramatic fluctuations in the historical baseline. (Ratio (log scale) for week forty-four is 0.00541).

[†]Ratio of current 4-week total to mean of 15 4-week totals (from previous, comparable, and subsequent 4-week periods for the past 5 years). The point where thehatched area begins is based on the mean and two standard deviations of these 4-week totals.

	Cum. 1993		Cum. 1993
AIDS* Anthrax Botulism: Foodborne Infant Other Brucellosis Cholera Congenital rubella syndrome Diphtheria Encephalitis, post-infectious Gonorrhea <i>Haemophilus influenzae</i> (invasive disease) [†] Hansen Disease Leptospirosis Lyme Disease	83,485 16 56 2 79 17 6 143 322,423 996 156 37 6,423	Measles: imported indigenous Plague Poliomyelitis, Paralytic [§] Psittacosis Rabies, human Syphilis, primary & secondary Syphilis, congenital, age < 1 year [¶] Tetanus Toxic shock syndrome Trichinosis Tuberculosis Tuberculosis Tularemia Typhoid fever Typhus fever, tickborne (RMSF)	56 221 8 - 1 21,593 1,493 38 204 14 18,053 112 302 429

TABLE I. Summary — cases of specified notifiable diseases, United States, cumulative, week ending November 6, 1993 (44th Week)

*Updated monthly; last update October 2, 1993. [†]Of 938 cases of known age, 308 (33%) were reported among children less than 5 years of age. [§]Two (2) cases of suspected poliomyelitis have been reported in 1993; 4 of the 5 suspected cases with onset in 1992 were confirmed; the confirmed cases were vaccine associated.

[¶]Reports through second quarter of 1993.

			Enceph	-				$\frac{1}{2}$	/iral), by	type		
Reporting Area	AIDS*	Aseptic Menin- gitis	Primary	Post-in- fectious	Gond	orrhea	A	В	NA,NB	Unspeci- fied	Legionel- losis	Lyme Disease
1 3	Cum. 1993	Cum. 1993	Cum. 1993	Cum. 1993	Cum. 1993	Cum. 1992	Cum. 1993	Cum. 1993	Cum. 1993	Cum. 1993	Cum. 1993	Cum. 1993
UNITED STATES	83,485	10,650	753	143	322,423	415,573	18,287	10,225	4,280	532	1,071	6,423
NEW ENGLAND Maine	4,183 118	353 40	15 2	8	6,924 74	8,678 84	417 15	421 10	473 4	13	74 5	1,619 11
N.H.	83	46	-	2	65	98	33	101	388	3	6	59
Vt. Mass.	58 2,210	41 144	4 7	- 4	22 2,613	23 3,132	7 198	8 223	3 70	- 10	2 43	5 163
R.I.	274	82	2	2	357	575	68 96	20 59	8	-	18	261
Conn. MID. ATLANTIC	1,440 20.227	- 811	- 55	- 9	3,793 38.751	4,766 47,809	90 930	1,140	- 347	6	- 208	1,120 3,517
Upstate N.Y.	3,118	461	39	6	7,678	9,722	386	372	235	1	71	2,112
N.Y. City N.J.	10,941 3,909	104	1	-	10,337 5,097	17,193 6,426	177 239	121 345	1 80	-	3 29	3 647
Pa.	2,259	246	15	3	15,639	14,468	128	302	31	5	105	755
E.N. CENTRAL Ohio	6,686 1,286	1,842 657	169 61	27 4	62,605 19,139	78,038 23,608	2,012 250	1,177 160	504 35	13	277 143	86 36
Ind.	718	205	20	11	6,720	7,575	535	201	14	1	51	22
III. Mich.	2,423 1,606	407 535	36 43	3 9	16,290 15,364	24,937 18,237	682 180	220 335	62 357	5 7	17 55	11 17
Wis.	653	38	9	-	5,092	3,681	365	261	36	-	11	-
W.N. CENTRAL Minn.	2,694 579	674 92	33 12	10	17,105 2,141	22,307 2,633	1,985 376	559 62	153 10	16 4	85 2	179 88
lowa Mo.	159 1,466	143 210	5 2	2 8	1,259 9,779	1,424 12,512	49 1,236	32 394	8 112	4 8	14 23	8 38
N. Dak.	2	12	3	-	38	65	63	- 394	- 112	-	1	2
S. Dak. Nebr.	22 164	19 25	6 1	-	193 476	152 1,418	16 174	- 17	- 8	-	- 38	- 4
Kans.	302	173	4	-	3,219	4,103	71	54	15	-	7	39
S. ATLANTIC Del.	17,732 308	2,210 68	202 3	57	85,511 1,297	123,859 1,514	1,054 10	1,938 142	673 136	81	194 12	812 388
Md.	2,039	216	22	-	14,137	13,747	137	235	23	5	44	142
D.C. Va.	1,181 1,273	33 278	- 37	-7	3,998 10,179	5,223 13,568	11 123	38 121	1 32	36	14 8	2 64
W. Va. N.C.	66 960	32 226	101 29	-	570 21,069	727 21,264	21 75	33 258	29 65	-	4 25	48 79
S.C.	1,269	28	-	-	9,153	9,515	17	46	4	1	19	9
Ga. Fla.	2,328 8,308	156 1,173	1 9	- 50	4,660 20,448	34,709 23,592	99 561	243 822	173 210	1 38	36 32	45 35
E.S. CENTRAL	2,179	676	37	7	37,028	41,830	257	1,145	855	4	39	26
Ky. Tenn.	275 897	291 160	13 8	6	4,167 10,307	4,066 13,211	96 79	71 975	14 827	- 3	15 16	7 16
Ala.	611	156	2	-	13,653	14,648	50	93	4	1	2	3
Miss. W.S. CENTRAL	396 8,451	69 1,230	14 65	1 2	8,901 39,633	9,905 44,924	32 2,093	6 1,459	10 297	- 150	6 29	- 62
Ark.	327	56	1	-	7,953	6,399	46	52	4	2	4	2
La. Okla.	1,028 648	78 1	6 7	-	10,149 3,423	12,438 4,729	70 157	184 278	128 105	4 10	3 12	2 22
Tex.	6,448	1,095	51	2	18,108	21,358	1,820	945	60	134	10	36
MOUNTAIN Mont.	3,375 29	647	29	5 1	9,330 67	10,777 102	3,491 68	538 7	308 3	71	62 5	20
Idaho	58	11	-	-	145	97	241	60	-	3	1	2 9
Wyo. Colo.	33 1,106	6 205	- 15	-	71 2,964	49 3,879	12 771	27 64	98 49	- 39	6 7	-
N. Mex. Ariz.	267 1,136	118 170	4 8	2	811 3,374	803 3,755	331 1,228	195 76	99 13	3 12	5 13	2
Utah	231	62	1	1	305	286	712	51	30	13	10	2
Nev. PACIFIC	515 17,958	75 2,207	1 148	1 18	1,593 25,536	1,806 37,351	128 6,048	58 1,848	16 670	1 178	15 103	5 102
Wash.	1,337	2,207	140	-	3,214	3,448	688	199	165	9	10	4
Oreg. Calif.	680 15,586	- 2,071	- 142	- 18	991 20,306	1,411 31,467	83 4,529	28 1,593	13 479	1 165	- 85	2 95
Alaska	58	20	4	-	530	573	687	9	10	-	-	-
Hawaii Guam	297	116 2	1	-	495 48	452 50	61 2	19 2	3	3 3	8	1
P.R.	2,338	52	-	-	441	192	72	339	81	2	-	-
V.I. Amer. Samoa	40	-	-	-	79 40	87 43	- 18	4	-	-	-	-
C.N.M.I.	-	3	1	-	65	68	-	1	-	1	-	-

TABLE II. Cases of selected notifiable diseases, United States, weeks ending November 6, 1993, and October 31, 1992 (44th Week)

N: Not notifiable U: Unavailable *Updated monthly; last update October 2, 1993. C.N.M.I.: Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands

		Measles (Rubeola) Menin-														
	Malaria	India	enous		orted*	Total	Menin- gococcal	Mu	mps		Pertussi	s		Rubella	1	
Reporting Area	Cum.		Cum.	-	Cum.	Cum.	Infections Cum.		Cum.		Cum.	Cum.		Cum.	Cum.	
	1993	1993	1993	1993	1993	1992	1993	1993	1993	1993	1993	1992	1993	1993	1992	
UNITED STATES		1	221	-	56	2,185	2,008	51	1,389		4,871	2,580	4	181	144	
NEW ENGLAND Maine) 81 4	-	58 2	-	6	65 4	108 8	-	9	5	664 19	204 11	-	2 1	6 1	
N.H. Vt.	6 1	-	2 30	-	- 1	13	14 7	-	-	1	237 79	49 9	-	-	-	
Mass.	41	-	14	-	4	21	59	-	2	-	253	96	-	1	-	
R.I. Conn.	2 27	-	1 9	-	1	21 6	1 19	-	2 5	-	6 70	2 37	-	-	4 1	
MID. ATLANTIC	202	-	11	-	6	206	248	1	101	5	635	164	1	61	10	
Upstate N.Y. N.Y. City	113 24	-	- 5	-	2 2	111 56	110 19	1	36 2	5	301 7	98 16	1	17 22	7	
N.J.	41	-	6	-	2	39	38	-	12	-	51	50	-	16	3	
Pa.	24	-	-	-	-	-	81	-	51	-	276	-	-	6	-	
E.N. CENTRAL Ohio	64 14	-	19 5	-	7 3	60 6	313 89	2	207 68	14 8	1,095 411	585 91	-	7 1	9	
Ind. III.	3 33	-	1 5	-	-	20 17	50 88	-	5 54	-	117 267	39 45	-	2 1	- 8	
Mich.	14	-	5	-	1	13	53	2	65	6	100	12	-	2	1	
Wis.	-	-	3	-	3	4	33	-	15	-	200	398	-	1	-	
W.N. CENTRAL Minn.	29 9	-	1	-	2	13 12	138 14	-	47 2	24 24	496 296	199 33	-	1	8	
lowa Mo.	3 7	-	- 1	-	-	1	24 50	-	9 28	-	35 124	7 97	-	- 1	3 1	
N. Dak.	2	-	-	-	-	-	3	-	5	-	3	14	-	-	-	
S. Dak. Nebr.	2 4	-	-	-	-	-	6 14	-	- 2	-	8 14	14 10	-	-	-	
Kans.	2	-	-	-	2	-	27	-	ī	-	16	24	-	-	4	
S. ATLANTIC Del.	262 2	1	18 1	-	13	127 1	376 13	33 1	419 6	35	557 14	148 7	-	9 2	19	
Md.	36	-	-	-	4	16	49	4	74	1	126	30	-	2	5	
D.C. Va.	11 31	-		-	- 4	- 15	5 43	- 3	1 29	- 1	12 59	1 10	-	-	-	
W. Va. N.C.	2 95	-	-	-	-	24	12	23	16 222	- 27	8	9 35	-	-	1	
S.C.	7	-	-	-	-	29	61 31	-	15	3	152 68	10	-	-	7	
Ga. Fla.	20 58	1	1 16	-	- 5	3 39	87 75	1 1	16 40	2 1	35 83	14 32	-	- 5	- 6	
E.S. CENTRAL	26	-		-	-	464	129	-	47		263	28	-	-	1	
Ky. Tenn.	4 10	-	-	-	-	447	21 35	-	- 13	-	29 165	1 8	-	-	- 1	
Ala.	7	-	1	-	-	-	42	-	22	-	58	16	-	-	-	
Miss.	5	-	-	-	-	17	31	-	12	-	11	3	-	-	-	
W.S. CENTRAL Ark.	28 3	-	8	-	3	1,102	199 19	12	211 4	3	155 10	203 15	-	17	7	
La. Okla.	6 6	-	1	-	-	- 11	35 27	-	17 11	- 3	12 91	9 28	-	1 1	-	
Tex.	13	-	7	-	3	1,091	118	12	179	-	42	151	-	15	7	
MOUNTAIN	33	-	5	-	1	35	157	1	61	11	374	369	-	10	8	
Mont. Idaho	2 1	-	-	-	-	-	13 13	-	-5	1 1	9 113	7 41	-	2	-	
Wyo. Colo.	- 20	-	- 2	-	- 1	1 29	3 32	-	2 16	- 1	1 125	- 76	-	- 1	- 2	
N. Mex.	5	-	-	-	-	2	4	Ν	N	2	38	96	-	-	-	
Ariz. Utah	1 1	-	2	-	-	3	72 13	-	13 4	- 6	48 36	114 33	-	2 4	2 1	
Nev.	3	-	1	-	-	-	7	1	21	-	4	2	-	1	2	
PACIFIC Wash.	299 28	-	100	-	18	113 11	340 65	2	287 10	15 4	632 65	680 192	3	74	76 8	
Oreg.	4	-	-	-	-	3	23	N	N	2	24	40	-	3	1	
Calif. Alaska	258 3	-	89	-	7 2	58 9	229 13	2	246 9	9	526 5	409 14	3	43 1	44	
Hawaii	6	-	11	-	9	32	10	-	22	-	12	25	-	27	23	
Guam P.R.	1	-	2 241	-	-	10 411	2 8	-	8 3	-	- 9	- 12	-	-	3 1	
V.I.	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	4	-	-	-	-	-	-	
Amer. Samoa C.N.M.I.	-	-	1	-	- 1	- 2	-	-	1 13	-	2 1	6 1	-	-	-	
*For measles on	L				-											

TABLE II. (Cont'd.) Cases of selected notifiable diseases, United States, weeks ending November 6, 1993, and October 31, 1992 (44th Week)

*For measles only, imported cases include both out-of-state and international importations. N: Not notifiable U: Unavailable [†] International [§] Out-of-state

Reporting Area	Syphilis (Primary & Secondary)		Toxic- Shock Syndrome	Tuber	culosis	Tula- remia	Typhoid Fever	Typhus Fever (Tick-borne) (RMSF)	Rabies, Animal
Je J	Cum. 1993	Cum. 1992	Cum. 1993	Cum. 1993	Cum. 1992	Cum. 1993	Cum. 1993	Cum. 1993	Cum. 1993
UNITED STATES	21,593	28,825	204	18,053	19,241	112	302	429	7,432
NEW ENGLAND	358	570	15	438	435	-	28	7	1,377
Maine N.H.	5 29	5 35	3 5	32 9	19 16	-	2	-	119
Vt.	1	1	1	5	6	-	-	- 7	26
Mass. R.I.	114 15	282 35	5 1	236 48	241 31	-	20	7	580
Conn.	194	212	-	108	122	-	6	-	652
MID. ATLANTIC	1,973	3,960	32	4,031	4,536	1	63	26	2,672
Upstate N.Y. N.Y. City	181 959	308 2,223	16 1	507 2,285	602 2,599	1	17 26	6	1,983
N.J.	268	479 950	- 15	681	771	-	14	10	379
Pa. E.N. CENTRAL	565 3,120	4,339	43	558 1,625	564 1,914	-	6 37	10 14	310 102
Ohio	3,120 991	4,339 705	43 12	270	280	4	7	9	6
Ind.	287 937	241 1,923	2 8	189	161	1 2	1 21	1	10 20
III. Mich.	504	826	21	696 394	985 412	2	21	2	20 17
Wis.	401	644	-	76	76	-	1	-	49
W.N. CENTRAL	1,338	1,298	12	422	459	38	2	22	305
Minn. Iowa	61 58	88 46	2 5	59 45	133 35	-	-	1 7	40 65
Mo.	1,097	978	2	216	201	15	2	10	21
N. Dak. S. Dak.	1 1	1	-	5 12	8 20	- 17	-	- 3	51 41
Nebr.	10	24	-	18	20	3	-	-	10
Kans.	110	161	3	67	42	3	-	1	77
S. ATLANTIC Del.	5,690 90	7,856 182	23 1	3,469 40	3,604 43	3	44 1	200 1	1,790 126
Md.	323	546	1	330	328	-	8	11	528
D.C. Va.	287 540	332 622	- 7	141 356	91 304	-	- 4	- 10	16 341
W. Va.	13	17	-	64	76	-	-	6	80
N.C. S.C.	1,599 835	2,158 1,071	3	431 341	462 335	2	3	119 10	91 140
Ga.	953	1,513	2	649	748	-	3	36	419
Fla.	1,050	1,415	9	1,117	1,217	1	25	7	49
E.S. CENTRAL	3,319 306	3,660 145	11 3	1,367 318	1,169 327	4 1	7 2	54 8	189 18
Ky. Tenn.	827	1,006	4	424	283	2	2	32	72
Ala. Miss.	711 1,475	1,258 1,251	2 2	423 202	345 214	1	3	4 10	99
W.S. CENTRAL	5,008	5,288	2	1,998	2,258	43	- 7	91	- 541
Ark.	651	748	-	148	180	26	-	7	37
La. Okla.	2,184 334	2,213 348	- 2	- 137	155 133	- 13	1 1	1 79	6 63
Tex.	1,839	1,979	-	1,713	1,790	4	5	4	435
MOUNTAIN	205	303	13	431	501	13	10	15	158
Mont.	1	7 1	- 1	15 12	- 21	5	-	2	22 6
Idaho Wyo.	8	3	-	4	21	3	-	10	19
Colo.	60	54	2	32	60	1	5	3	26
N. Mex. Ariz.	24 91	38 151	1 1	59 197	64 218	1	2 2	-	9 57
Utah	9	8	6	28	65	2	1	-	4
Nev.	12	41	2	84	73	1	-	-	15
PACIFIC Wash.	582 53	1,551 74	53 7	4,272 226	4,365 257	6 1	104 6	-	298
Oreg.	37	41	-	83	115	2	1	-	-
Calif. Alaska	478 8	1,424 4	46	3,701 48	3,714 51	3	94	-	280 18
Hawaii	6	8	-	214	228	-	3	-	-
Guam	2	3	-	31	58	-	1	-	-
P.R. V.I.	443 37	290 60	-	185 2	200 3	-	-	-	40
Amer. Samoa	-	-	-	2	-	-	1	-	-
C.N.M.I.	6	6	-	30	50	-	-	-	-

TABLE II. (Cont'd.) Cases of selected notifiable diseases, United States, weeks ending November 6, 1993, and October 31, 1992 (44th Week)

U: Unavailable

	All Causes, By Age (Years)						P&I [†]		All Causes, By Age (Years)						
Reporting Area	All Ages	≥65	45-64	25-44	1-24	<1	Total	Reporting Area	All Ages	≥65	45-64	25-44	1-24	<1	P&I [†] Total
NEW ENGLAND Boston, Mass. Bridgeport, Conn. Cambridge, Mass. Fall River, Mass. Hartford, Conn. Lowell, Mass. Lynn, Mass. New Bedford, Mass. New Haven, Conn. Providence, R.I. Somerville, Mass. Springfield, Mass. Waterbury, Conn.	681 186 23 24 103 25 15 5. 27 45 54 23 39 35	505 126 35 22 23 71 23 11 21 30 43 22 23 27	7 4 3 2 6 10 4	55 19 1 7 2 8 5 5 4	16 2 1 5 - 4 - 1	11 5 - 4 - 1 1 - -	57 24 3 1 5 1 2 2 7	S. ATLANTIC Atlanta, Ga. Baltimore, Md. Charlotte, N.C. Jacksonville, Fla. Miami, Fla. Norfolk, Va. Richmond, Va. Savannah, Ga. St. Petersburg, Fla. Tampa, Fla. Washington, D.C. Wilmington, Del.	173 145 23	805 81 122 65 68 78 35 45 45 58 110 81 81 17	282 30 41 20 28 28 16 22 18 9 33 31 6	163 21 29 12 12 14 8 5 9 8 20 25	24 1 5 1 3 1 3 3 - 4 3 -	26 6 1 3 3 - 1 3 4 5	72 4 20 5 8 4 2 7 1 13 8 -
Worcester, Mass. MID. ATLANTIC Albany, N.Y. Allentown, Pa. Buffalo, N.Y. Camden, N.J. Elizabeth, N.J. Erie, Pa.§ Jersey City, N.J. New York City, N.Y. Newark, N.J. Paterson, N.J. Philadelphia, Pa.§ Reading, Pa. Rochester, N.Y. Scranton, Pa.§ Syracuse, N.Y. Trenton, N.J. Utica, N.Y. Yonkers, N.Y.	58 2,516 33 36 100 47 32 41 42 1,367 69 25 312 53 312 53 111 142 27 36 83 16 15 29	48 1,633 24 29 622 28 25 30 24 860 22 16 199 34 7 112 23 33 59 11 14 24	9 3 13 267 18 2	1 265 2 4 3 2 5 170 2 300 7 1 6 1 1 5 1 1 1	1 79 3 3 1 41 6 3 10 2 5 1 2 2 2	53 1 4 1 29 4 2 5 1 2 1 2 - 1 2	7 119 2 1 3 2 61 3 3 17 1 1 3 17 1 1 3 17 1 1 3 1 2 6 - 1	E.S. CENTRAL Birmingham, Ala. Chattanooga, Tenn. Knoxville, Tenn. Lexington, Ky. Memphis, Tenn. Mobile, Ala. Montgomery, Ala. Nashville, Tenn. W.S. CENTRAL Austin, Tex. Baton Rouge, La. Corpus Christi, Tex Dallas, Tex. El Paso, Tex. Ft. Worth, Tex. Houston, Tex. Little Rock, Ark. New Orleans, La. San Antonio, Tex. Shreveport, La. Tulsa, Okla.	66 58 189 94 46 131 1,374 69 42	542 90 699 46 38 119 66 35 79 829 36 26 26 30 112 47 57 193 28 76 120 40 40 40	$\begin{array}{c} 171\\ 28\\ 15\\ 16\\ 42\\ 14\\ 7\\ 31\\ 277\\ 4\\ 12\\ 38\\ 16\\ 63\\ 18\\ 46\\ 63\\ 18\\ 44\\ 62\end{array}$	54 95 42 11 82 13 158 9 86 11 942 422 16 39	29 6 1 2 7 1 1 6 67 3 1 1 3 5 6 18 3 7 8 - 2	26 8 3 - 10 4 1 - 40 - 3 1 3 6 3 14 2 1 6 1	53 3 7 4 5 9 7 8 8 3 2 1 3 9 6 36 4 10 5 4
E.N. CENTRAL Akron, Ohio Canton, Ohio Cincinnati, Ohio Cleveland, Ohio Cleveland, Ohio Cleveland, Ohio Dayton, Ohio Dayton, Ohio Detroit, Mich. Evansville, Ind. Fort Wayne, Ind. Grand Rapids, Micl Indianapolis, Ind. Madison, Wis. Milwaukee, Wis. Peoria, III. Rockford, III. South Bend, Ind. Toledo, Ohio Youngstown, Ohio W.N. CENTRAL Des Moines, Iowa Duluth, Minn. Kansas City, Kans. Kansas City, Kans. Kansas City, Mo. Lincoln, Nebr. Minneapolis, Minn Omaha, Nebr. St. Louis, Mo. St. Paul, Minn.	2,362 38 32 723 119 137 137 211 44 211 44 54 21 125 46 54 24 83 59 750 750 750 750 750 23 23 23 23 23	$\begin{array}{c} 1,440\\ 29\\ 23\\ 316\\ 76\\ 102\\ 112\\ 95\\ 114\\ 27\\ 42\\ 144\\ 29\\ 144\\ 29\\ 144\\ 29\\ 144\\ 29\\ 144\\ 29\\ 144\\ 29\\ 144\\ 22\\ 91\\ 32\\ 68\\ 49\\ 1556\\ 68\\ 49\\ 1556\\ 68\\ 49\\ 1556\\ 26\\ 123\\ 65\\ 922\\ 52\\ 29\end{array}$	$\begin{array}{c} 451\\ 5\\ 8\\ 147\\ 20\\ 45\\ 297\\ 13\\ 9\\ 2\\ 5\\ 36\\ 6\\ 18\\ 8\\ 7\\ 7\\ 10\\ 5\\ 111\\ 1\\ 3\\ 5\\ 16\\ 4\\ 22\\ 12\\ 14\\ 14\\ 14\\ 14\\ 14\\ 14\\ 14\\ 14\\ 14\\ 14$	2522 1 1377 5 10 15 6 27 2 2 3 2 15 3 1 48 4 - 2 9 1 10 4 9 1 10 4 9 3 6 - 3 1 10 - - 10 - 10 - - - - - - - - - - - - -	157 3 101 7 2 3 4 7 7 2 2 2 1 2 1 5 2 - 1 - 3 2 6 - 1	62 222 3 4 4 2 2 2 2 1 1 3 3 2 2 1 1 2 2 0 1 1 1 1 2 2 0 1 1 1 1 9 2 2 3 2 2 1	131 362 12 132 25 87 12 12 13 12 27 53 15 1 42 2 6	MOUNTAIN Albuquerque, N.M. Colo. Springs, Colo Denver, Colo. Las Vegas, Nev. Ogden, Utah Phoenix, Ariz. Pueblo, Colo. Salt Lake City, Utah Tucson, Ariz. PACIFIC Berkeley, Calif. Glendale, Calif. Glendale, Calif. Glendale, Calif. Glendale, Calif. Los Angeles, Calif. Dortland, Oreg. Sacramento, Calif. San Diego, Calif. San Francisco, Calif. San Francisco, Calif. Santa Cruz, Calif. Santa Cruz, Calif. Santa Cruz, Calif. Santa Cruz, Calif. Santa Cruz, Calif. Santa Cruz, Calif. Sopkane, Wash. Tacoma, Wash. TOTAL	b. 49 112 95 30 167 38 167 108 1,835 16 72 33 80 87 426 36 119 139 201	12 50 25 63 59 281 29 93 92 143 85 128 23 86 41 58	140 17 8 31 15 4 300 3 14 18 310 15 7 9 13 71 4 11 27 29 332 4 30 27 29 32 4 30 22 2,322	68 15 2 6 1 2 12 4 161 4 16 55 2 1 9 16 22 8 1 12 3 4 1,224	26 32 35 3 7 3 53 53 12 12 13 4 9 4 6 4 4 6	22 3 1 6 2 1 3 5 1 40 2 - - - - - - - - - - - - -	63 6 6 5 6 10 2 18 4 125 9 6 9 6 18 3 6 8 20 5 19 1 3 8 3 730

TABLE III. Deaths in 121 U.S. cities,* week ending November 6, 1993 (44th Week)

*Mortality data in this table are voluntarily reported from 121 cities in the United States, most of which have populations of 100,000 or more. A death is reported by the place of its occurrence and by the week that the death certificate was filed. Fetal deaths are not included.

[†]Pneumonia and influenza.

⁹Because of changes in reporting methods in these 3 Pennsylvania cities, these numbers are partial counts for the current week. Complete counts will be available in 4 to 6 weeks. ¹Total includes unknown ages.

U: Unavailable.

blacks only because numbers for other racial/ethnic groups were too small for meaningful analysis.

From 1950 to 1990, the overall age-adjusted death rate for lung cancer increased from 13.0 to 50.3 per 100,000 population; for men and women, death rates increased approximately fourfold and sevenfold, respectively (Table 1). Death rates for men were consistently higher than those for women. The rate of increase in lung cancer mortality was higher for black men than for white men, and death rates for black men first surpassed those for white men in 1963. The rate of increase for men began to slow during the early 1980s, while the rate for women continued to increase sharply. The rate for lung cancer first surpassed that for breast cancer among white women in 1986 (27.5 versus 27.3, respectively) and among black women in 1990 (32.0 versus 31.7, respectively) (Figure 1).

From 1950 to 1990, the overall age-adjusted death rate for cancers of the oral cavity and pharynx decreased from 4.0 to 3.0 (Table 1). For white men, the rate decreased. However, for black men, the oral cancer death rate increased rapidly from 1950 through 1980 and subsequently decreased slightly; from 1980 through 1990, the rate was approximately twice as high as that for white men. Oral cancer death rates for women increased slightly over the 41-year period.

The overall age-adjusted death rate for cancer of the esophagus increased from 2.9 in 1950 to 3.5 in 1990 (Table 1). For white men, the rate increased 20%; for black men, the rate increased twofold during 1950–1980, then decreased slightly in 1990. The rate for black men was approximately three times higher than that for white men from the mid-1960s through 1990. During 1950–1990, the esophageal cancer death rate remained stable for white women and doubled for black women.

The overall age-adjusted death rate for cancer of the larynx remained stable from 1950 through 1990. Death rates remained stable for whites; however, rates increased 260% for black men and approximately 233% for black women.

Mortality from lung cancer has a substantial impact on the overall cancer death rate in the United States. From 1950 to 1990, the age-adjusted death rate for all cancers increased 10.8%, from 157.0 to 174.0. If lung cancer deaths had been excluded, however, the cancer death rate would have declined 14%, from 144.0 in 1950 to 123.7 in 1990.

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Editorial Note: The findings in this report indicate that, in the United States, the overall age-adjusted death rate for lung cancer increased nearly fourfold from 1950 to 1990; in contrast, the rates for three other smoking-related cancers (i.e., cancer of the oral cavity and pharynx, esophagus, and larynx) remained relatively stable. In addition, death rates for these three cancers were substantially lower than that for lung cancer.

The continued increase in lung cancer death rates primarily reflects patterns of cigarette smoking throughout this century (2–4). For white men born during 1911–1930, smoking prevalence peaked at approximately 67% in the 1940s and 1950s (4). Smoking prevalences for birth cohorts for later years peaked at lower levels, and overall prevalence among persons aged ≥18 years decreased sharply after 1960, reaching 27.4% in 1991 (4,5). For black men, smoking prevalence, while declining to 35.0% in 1991, has been higher than that for white men since 1965 (5). For women, smoking

Type of cancer	1950	1955	1960	1965	1970	1975	1980	1985	1990
LUNG [§]									
Male									
White	21.9	30.4	38.2	47.3	57.7	64.8	70.4	71.8	73.6
Black Total¶	15.7	24.3	37.9	47.8	66.1	80.6	93.3	97.9	107.7
Female	21.6	30.0	38.2	47.4	58.2	65.8	71.9	73.4	75.6
White	4.9	5.1	5.6	7.5	11.1	15.5	21.1	26.8	32.1
Black	3.8	5.2	5.6	7.2	11.7	15.4	21.6	25.7	32.0
Total [¶]	4.8	5.1	5.6	7.5	11.1	15.4	21.0	26.4	31.8
Total¶	13.0	17.1	21.0	25.8	32.1	37.4	42.7	46.4	50.3
ORAL CAVITY AND PHARYNX**									
Male									
White	6.6	6.2	6.0	5.7	6.0	5.6	5.1	4.5	4.2
Black Total¶	4.8 6.5	4.7	7.4 5.9	6.4 5.8	7.6 6.1	8.7 5.9	11.0 5.6	9.4 4.9	9.8
Female	0.5	6.1	5.9	D.0	0.1	5.9	5.0	4.9	4.7
White	1.5	1.5	1.6	1.5	1.8	1.9	1.9	1.7	1.6
Black_	1.9	1.6	1.4	1.9	2.2	2.2	2.4	2.2	2.2
Total [¶]	1.6	1.5	1.6	1.6	1.9	2.0	1.9	1.8	1.7
Total¶	4.0	3.7	3.7	3.5	3.7	3.7	3.5	3.2	3.0
ESOPHAGUS ^{††}									
Male									
White	4.4	4.5	4.3	4.4	4.2	4.5	4.6	4.7	5.3
Black Total¶	7.6 4.7	7.9 4.7	10.0	11.9 5.0	12.6 4.9	15.0	16.1	15.1 5.6	14.4
Female	4.7	4.7	4.8	5.0	4.9	5.4	5.6	5.0	6.0
White	1.2	1.1	1.1	1.1	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.2
Black	1.9	2.0	2.6	2.9	3.1	3.7	4.4	3.7	3.9
Total [¶]	1.2	1.2	1.2	1.3	1.3	1.4	1.5	1.4	1.5
Total¶	2.9	2.9	2.9	3.0	2.9	3.2	3.3	3.3	3.5
LARYNX ^{§§}									
Male									
White	2.6	2.7	2.7	2.7	2.9	2.7	2.5	2.3	2.3
Black Total¶	1.9	2.4	3.2	3.3	3.8	4.4	5.0	4.9	5.0
Female	2.6	2.7	2.8	2.7	2.9	2.8	2.7	2.5	2.5
White	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.4	0.4
Black	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.4	0.5	0.7	0.8	0.8	1.0
Total [¶]	0.3	0.2	0.2	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.5	0.5
Total [¶]	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.4	1.3	1.3

TABLE 1. Age-adjusted death rates* for selected smoking-related cancers, by sex and race[†] — United States, selected years, 1950–1990

*Per 100,000 population, standardized to the 1970 age distribution of the U.S. population. †Estimates are presented for whites and blacks only because numbers for other racial/ethnic groups were too small for meaningful analysis.

[§]Includes malignancies of the lung, trachea, and broncus. *International Classification of Diseases, Sixth Revision* (ICD-6; 1950–1957), codes 162, 163; *Seventh Revision* (ICD-7; 1958–1967), codes 162, 163; *Eighth Revision, Adapted for Use in the United States* (ICDA-8; 1968–1978), code 162; *Ninth Revision* (ICD-9; 1979–1990), code 162.

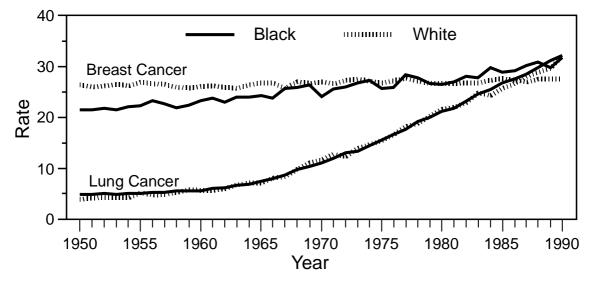
[¶]Includes races other than black and white.

**Includes malignancies of the lip, oral cavity, and pharynx (ICD-6 and ICD-7, codes 140–148; ICDA-8 and ICD-9, codes 140–149).

^{††}ICD-6, ICD-7, ICDA-8, and ICD-9, code 150.

§§ICD-6, ICD-7, ICDA-8, and ICD-9, code 161.

FIGURE 1. Age-adjusted lung and breast cancer death rates* for women, by race — United States, 1950–1990



*Per 100,000 women, standardized to the 1970 age distribution of the U.S. population.

prevalence peaked in the 1960s at approximately 44% for the 1931–1940 birth cohort and has declined since; in 1991, prevalence was 23.7% for white women and 24.4% for black women (4,5). The declines in smoking prevalences have resulted in a stabilization or decline in the lung cancer death rate for men aged <55 years and for women aged <45 years, respectively (6). Overall, the lung cancer death rate for men is expected to peak before the year 2000, then begin to decline (6); for women, the rate will probably continue to increase into the next century (6).

Lung cancer is the principal cause of cancer deaths for both sexes (6), and smoking accounts for approximately 87% of lung cancer deaths (2). Although the annual incidence of breast cancer exceeds lung cancer among both black and white women, the 5-year survival rate for lung cancer (13.0%) is substantially lower than for breast cancer (78.0%), accounting for the higher death rate for lung cancer (6).

Tobacco and alcohol use are the major determinants of cancers of the oral cavity and pharynx, esophagus, and larynx (3,7,8). For these cancers, incidence and death rates for smokers are lower than those for lung cancer. These variations may be at least partially explained by differential sites of deposit of carcinogens in tobacco smoke: up to 90% of aerosol particles in inhaled tobacco smoke are deposited in the lung (9). Differences in cancer rates by sex and by race can be at least partially attributed to variations in tobacco and alcohol use and differences in consumption of fruits and vegetables (3,7,8).

Cigar or pipe use increases the risk for cancers of the lung, oral cavity and pharynx, esophagus, and larynx (2). However, the prevalence of cigar and pipe smoking among both white and black men has decreased substantially since 1970 (CDC, unpublished data). Similarly, snuff and chewing tobacco use among men aged \geq 50 years declined during 1970–1985 (*10*). Although the prevalence of snuff and chewing tobacco use

has increased among younger males, this trend is too recent to have any demonstrated effect on oral cancer rates (10).

In this analysis, the relation between socioeconomic status and race was not examined. Therefore, the extent to which the associations between race and death rates for smoking-related cancers reflect differences in distribution of socioeconomic status among the racial groups could not be determined.

Primary prevention activities that discourage tobacco-use initiation and encourage cessation can assist in preventing a substantial number of cancer deaths (2,4,10). Because many factors influence both smoking initiation and smoking cessation, multiple approaches are necessary (2), including 1) increasing comprehensive school-based health education, 2) reducing minors' access to tobacco products, 3) more extensive counseling by health-care providers about smoking cessation, 4) developing and enacting strong clean indoor-air policies and laws, 5) restricting and eliminating advertising aimed at persons aged <18 years, and 6) increasing tobacco excise taxes. In addition, reduction of alcohol use and increased consumption of fruits and vegetables can contribute to a substantial reduction in preventable cancer deaths (3).

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