

## **CDC: Almost 20 percent of U.S. adults currently use tobacco products**

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(HealthDay)—In 2018, 19.7 percent of U.S. adults reported currently

using any tobacco products, according to research published in the Nov. 15 issue of the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*.

MeLisa R. Creamer, Ph.D., from the CDC in Atlanta, and colleagues analyzed data from the 2018 National Health Interview Survey to assess national estimates of tobacco product use among U.S. adults.

The researchers found that an estimated 49.1 million U.S. adults (19.7 percent) reported currently using any [tobacco products](#), including cigarettes, cigars, electronic [cigarettes](#), smokeless tobacco, and pipes (13.7, 3.9, 3.2, 2.4, and 1.0 percent, respectively). Overall, 83.8 percent of tobacco product users reported using combustible products and 18.8 percent reported use of two or more tobacco products. Increased prevalence of any current tobacco use was seen for men; adults aged  $\leq 65$  years; non-Hispanic American Indians/Alaska Natives; those with a General Educational Development certificate; those with an annual household income

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