

2011 to 2022 saw little change in smoking prevalence for older adults

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Between 2011 and 2022, there were significant decreases in smoking prevalence among younger adults, but not older adults, according to a study published online Dec. 1 in *JAMA Health Forum*.

Rafael Meza, Ph.D., from the University of British Columbia in Vancouver, Canada, and colleagues used [data](#) from 353,555 participants in the National Health Interview Survey (2011 through 2022) to assess trends in smoking.

The researchers found that overall, smoking prevalence decreased

among adults aged 18 to 24 years, from 19.2 percent in 2011 to 4.9 percent in 2022, yielding an average annual percentage change (AAPC) of -11.3 percent. Smoking prevalence remained roughly constant among adults aged 65 years and older: 8.7 percent in 2011 and 9.4 percent in 2022 (AAPC, -0.1 percent).

Among adults aged 65 years or older with income

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