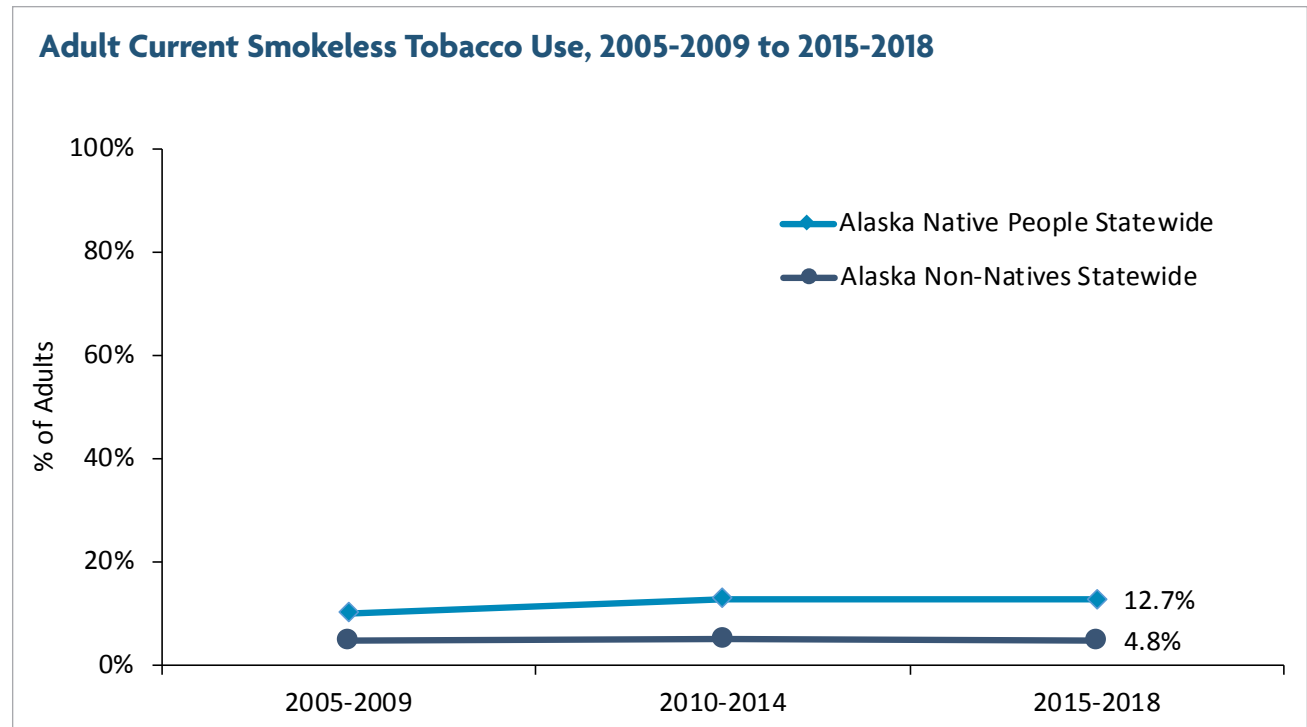


# Current Smokeless Tobacco Use



Data Source: Alaska Division of Public Health, Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System  
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### Definition

Adult smokeless tobacco use is measured for persons aged 18 years and older who currently use smokeless tobacco products including chewing tobacco, snuff, Iq'mik, or Blackbull. Smokeless tobacco causes oral cancer, esophageal cancer, and pancreatic cancer, and is also associated with heart disease, gum disease, and oral lesions.<sup>32</sup>

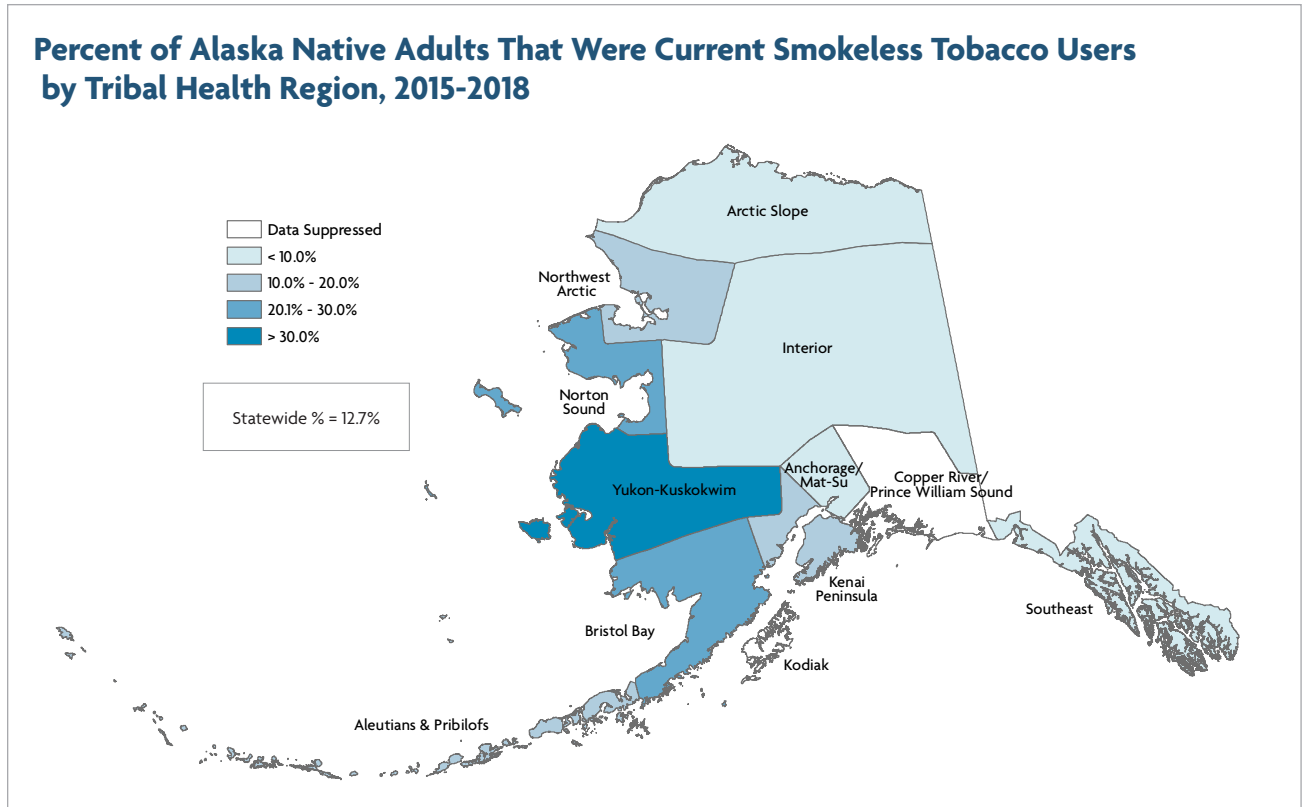
### Related Objectives

Reduce the percentage of adults (aged 18 and older) who currently smoke cigarettes or use electronic vapor products, smokeless tobacco, or other tobacco products to 25.0%. - *HEALTHY ALASKANS 2030, OBJECTIVE #27*

### Summary

- » During 2015–2018, about one in eight (12.7%) Alaska Native adults reported current use of smokeless tobacco. This was significantly higher than Alaska non-Native adults (4.8%).
- » Current smokeless tobacco use among Alaska Native adults has remained relatively stable between 2005-2009 and 2015-2018.
- » During 2015–2018, adult current smokeless tobacco use varied widely by Tribal health region, ranging from 1.5% to 40.0%.

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**Table C-112: Adult Current Smokeless Tobacco Use, 2005-2009 to 2015-2018**

	Alaska Native People Statewide		Alaska Non-Natives Statewide	
	%	95% Confidence Interval	%	95% Confidence Interval
2005-2009	10.1%	(9.1%-11.3%)	4.9%	(4.3%-5.5%)
2010-2014	12.8%	(11.3%-14.4%)	5.1%	(4.5%-5.7%)
2015-2018	12.7%	(10.4%-15.0%)	4.8%	(4.1%-5.5%)

Note: Data with wide confidence intervals are subject to higher relative standard error and should be used with caution.

**Table C-113: Percent of Alaska Native Adults That Were Current Smokeless Tobacco Users by Tribal Health Region, 2015-2018**

	Alaska Native People	
	%	95% Confidence Interval
Southeast	1.5%	(0.1%-2.9%)
Arctic Slope	6.7%	(0.0%-13.7%)
Anchorage/Mat-Su	7.2%	(3.7%-10.7%)
Interior	9.3%	(5.6%-13.0%)
Kenai Peninsula	11.5%	(2.3%-20.8%)
Northwest Arctic	14.9%	(3.3%-26.5%)
Aleutians & Pribilofs	15.8%	(1.1%-30.5%)
Norton Sound	26.6%	(12.5%-40.7%)
Bristol Bay	28.7%	(10.4%-47.0%)
Yukon-Kuskokwim	40.0%	(31.7%-48.3%)
<b>Statewide</b>	<b>12.7%</b>	<b>(10.4%-15.0%)</b>

Note: Data with wide confidence intervals are subject to higher relative standard error and should be used with caution. Percent not reported for <5 cases.

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