

## Armenia



How many people die from smoking in Armenia each year?

**5,644**

What is the economic cost of smoking and tobacco use in Armenia each year?

**126,486,126,592**

Armenian drams

### Current Rates of Smoking and Tobacco Use in Armenia

Tobacco use continues to be an epidemic in Armenia. Government complacency in the face of the tobacco epidemic protects the tobacco industry in Armenia as the death toll grows each year. Proponents of healthier societies must push for the implementation of evidence-based best practices in tobacco control to create change and reduce the negative effects of tobacco use.

#### Adult Smoking Prevalence in Armenia

15+ years old; 2019

Men

**55.3%**

Women

**3.1%**

Adult smoking prevalence in Armenia is 28%.

#### Number of Adult Smokers in Armenia

15+ years old; 2019

Men

**647,451**

Women

**40,867**

Number of adult smokers in Armenia is 688,319.

#### Youth Smoking Prevalence in Armenia

10-14 years old; 2019

Boys

**6.3%**

Girls

**2.3%**

Youth smoking prevalence in Armenia is 4%.

#### Adult Smokeless Tobacco Use in Armenia

15+ years old; smokeless tobacco includes snus, chewing tobacco, gutkha, etc.; 2019

Both Men and Women

**0%**

Adult smokeless tobacco use prevalence in Armenia is 0%.

## Deaths Caused by Tobacco in Armenia

% deaths attributable to tobacco use in 2019

Men

**33.6%**

Women

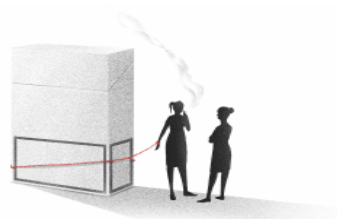
**6%**

20% of all deaths in Armenia are caused by tobacco use.

Learn more about global **Prevalence, Youth Smoking and Deaths.**

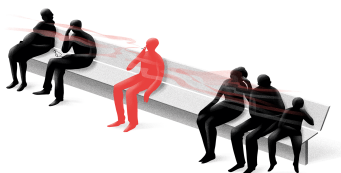
## Negative Effect of Tobacco Use in Armenia

Tobacco use harms both the public and fiscal health of Armenia, threatening efforts to improve equity, alleviate poverty, and protect the environment.



### Societal Harms

The economic cost of smoking Armenia is 126,486,126,592 Armenian drams. This includes direct costs related to healthcare expenditures and indirect costs related to lost productivity caused by illness and premature death.



### Harms Development

Tobacco spending diverts funds from the resources that families need to rise out of poverty. On average in Armenia, a smoker must spend 3.28% of GDP per capita to buy 100 packs of the most popular cigarettes in a year.



### Environmental Harms

Cigarette butts are the most commonly discarded pieces of waste worldwide. It is estimated that 1,102,311 tons of butts wind up as toxic trash in the world each year, equal to 416,667 female African elephants.



### Harms Health Equity

The tobacco industry markets its products aggressively to lower-income populations and youth in Armenia.



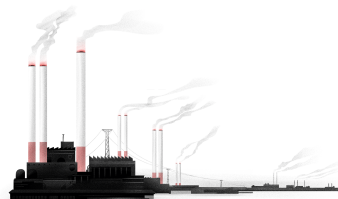
### Harms NCDs

Not only is smoking a major risk factor for the 4 largest noncommunicable diseases (cancer, heart diseases, respiratory diseases, and diabetes), but people living with mental illness are nearly 2x as likely to smoke as other individuals.

Learn more about **Health Effects.**

## Impact of the Tobacco Supply Chain on Armenia

The tobacco industry profits significantly from producing and selling tobacco. At the same time, across the tobacco supply chain, there are significant negative health and economic repercussions for Armenia.



### Tobacco Production

There were more than 5,000,000,000,000 cigarettes produced in the world in 2019, or nearly 2 cigarettes per person per day.



### Tobacco Growing

There were 947 tons of tobacco produced in Armenia in 2019 on 381 hectares of quality agricultural land that could have been used to grow food.



### Tobacco Industry

The total revenue of the 6 largest tobacco companies in the world was USD 336 billion in 2019, about the same as Viet Nam's Gross National Income (GNI), 5x Ghana's GNI and 9x Paraguay's GNI.

Learn more about global **Growing** and **Product Sales**.

## Ending the Tobacco Epidemic in Armenia

Fortunately, there are evidence-based -i.e. proven -solutions to the challenges posed by tobacco use. For several decades, governments around the world have been introducing a set of policies that address the demand for tobacco products, particularly among youth. These policies effectively reduce consumption and are cost-effective because they save governments enormous amounts of money in health care spending and increase economic productivity.

### Current Tobacco Control Policies in Armenia

#### Designated Smoke-Free Areas in Armenia

Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	No	No	No
Healthcare Facilities	Educational Facilities	Universities	Government Facilities	Indoor Offices	Restaurants	Pubs and Bars	Public Transport	All Other Indoor Public Places	Funds for Enforcement

**Availability of Cessation Services in Armenia**

**Quitting Resources**  
 NRT and/or some cessation services (at least one of which is cost-covered)

**National Quit Line**  
**Yes**

Learn more about best practices in **Cessation**.

**Tobacco Packaging Regulations in Armenia**

**Quality of Tobacco Packaging Regulation**  
 None  
 Text warning label only  
 ✓ **Graphic warning label only**  
 Plain Packaging with graphic warning label

**% of Pack Covered**  
**50%**

Learn more about best practices in **Counter Marketing**.

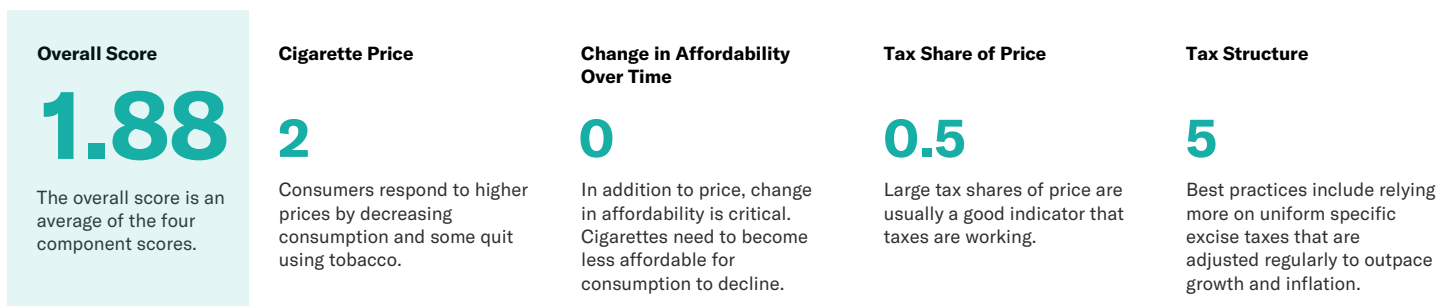
**Tobacco Control Mass Media Campaigns in Armenia**

<b>Ran a National Anti-Tobacco Campaign</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Part Of A Comprehensive Tobacco Control Program</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Pre-Tested With The Target Audience</b>	<b>Not Available</b>
<b>Target Audience Research Was Conducted</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Aired On Television And/Or Radio</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Utilized Media Planning</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Earned Media/Public Relations Were Used To Promote The Campaign</b>	<b>Yes</b>
<b>Process Evaluation Was Used To Assess Implementation</b>	<b>No</b>
<b>Outcome Evaluation Was Used To Assess Effectiveness</b>	<b>No</b>

Learn more about best practices in **Mass Media**.

## Tobacco Tax Policies in Armenia

Using evidence-based international recommendations/best practices, the Tobacco Economics Cigarette Tax Scorecard assesses four components of tax systems - price, change in affordability, tax share, and structure - on a scale of 0 to 5, where a higher score is preferred.



Learn more about the [Scorecard in Armenia](#).

### Regulations on Tobacco Advertising, Promotion, and Sponsorship (TAPS) in Armenia

Marketing is the key avenue that tobacco companies use to reach consumers, new and old. Restricting or eliminating marketing is key to tobacco control success.

Direct Bans	7 out of 7 direct bans implemented	Indirect Bans	5 out of 10 indirect bans implemented
National TV and radio	Yes	Free distribution in mail or through other means	Yes
International TV and radio	Yes	Promotional discounts	Yes
International magazines and newspapers	Yes	Non-tobacco products identified with tobacco brand names	Yes
International magazines and newspapers	Yes	Brand name of non-tobacco products used for tobacco product	No
Billboard and outdoor advertising	Yes	Appearance in TV and/or films: tobacco brands (product placement)	No
Advertising at point of sale	Yes	Appearance in TV and/or films: tobacco products	No
Advertising on internet	Yes	Prescribed anti-tobacco ads required for any visual entertainment media product that depicts tobacco products, use or images	Yes
		Complete ban on sponsorship	No
		Any form of contribution (financial or other support) to any event, activity or individual	No
		Ban on the publicity of financial or other sponsorship or support by the tobacco industry of events, activities, individuals	Yes

### Ad Ban Compliance

80%