Brazil



How many people die from smoking in Brazil each year?

134,182

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

126,952,364,016

Current Rates of Smoking and Tobacco Use in Brazil

Tobacco use continues to be an epidemic in Brazil. Government complacency in the face of the tobacco epidemic protects the tobacco industry in Brazil 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 Brazil

15+ years old; 2022

Women

15.7% 9.1%

Adult smoking prevalence in Brazil is 12.3%.

Number of Adult Smokers in Brazil

15+ years old; 2022

Men Women 13,299,513

Number of adult smokers in Brazil is 21,383,536.

Youth Smoking Prevalence in Brazil

10-14 years old; 2022

Girls

Youth smoking prevalence in Brazil is 1.9%.

Adult Smokeless Tobacco Use in Brazil

15+ years old; smokeless tobacco includes snus, chewing tobacco, gutkha, etc.; 2013

8,111,705

Both Men and Women

Adult smokeless tobacco use prevalence in Brazil is 0%.

Deaths Caused by Tobacco in Brazil

% deaths attributable to tobacco use in 2021

Men

Women

8.9%

5.7%

7.5% of all deaths in Brazil are caused by tobacco use.

Learn more about global Prevalence, Youth Smoking and Deaths.

Negative Effect of Tobacco Use in Brazil

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



Societal Harms

The economic cost of smoking Brazil is 126,952,364,016 Brazilian reals. 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 Brazil, a smoker must spend 1.2% 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 16,437 tons of butts wind up as toxic trash in Brazil each year, equal to 6,088 female African elephants.



Harms Health Equity

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



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 Brazil

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 Brazil.



Tobacco Production

There were approximately 82,183,700,000 cigarettes produced in Brazil in 2023.



Tobacco Industry

The total revenue of the 6 largest tobacco companies in the world was USD 362 billion in 2022, about the same as Pakistan's Gross National Income (GNI), 5x Panama's GNI and 9x Paraguay's GNI.



Tobacco Growing

There were 667,293 tons of tobacco produced in Brazil in 2022 on 325,163 hectares of quality agricultural land that could have been used to grow food.

Learn more about global Growing and Product Sales.

Ending the Tobacco Epidemic in Brazil

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 Brazil

Designated Smoke-Free Areas in Brazil



Availability of Cessation Services in Brazil

Quitting Resources

National quit line, and both NRT and some cessation services cost-covered

National Quit Line



Learn more about best practices in Cessation.

Tobacco Packaging Regulations in Brazil

Quality of Tobacco Packaging Regulation

None

Text warning label only

✓Text warning label with graphic warning label
Plain Packaging with text/graphic warning label

% of Pack Covered

65%

Learn more about best practices in Counter Marketing.

Tobacco Control Mass Media Campaigns in Brazil

| Ran a National Anti-Tobacco Campaign | Yes |
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| Part Of A Comprehensive Tobacco Control Program | No |
| Pre-Tested With The Target Audience | No |
| Target Audience Research Was Conducted | No |
| Aired On Television And/Or Radio | No |
| Utilized Media Planning | Yes |
| Earned Media/Public Relations Were Used To Promote The Campaign | Yes |
| Process Evaluation Was Used To Assess Implementation | No |
| Outcome Evaluation Was Used To Assess Effectiveness | No |

Learn more about best practices in Mass Media.

Tobacco Tax Policies in Brazil

Using evidence-based international recommendations/best practices, the Tobacconomics 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.

Overall Score

Direct Bans

1.75

The overall score is an average of the four component scores.

Cigarette Price

0.00

Consumers respond to higher prices by decreasing consumption and some quit using tobacco.

Change in Affordability Over Time

0.00

In addition to price, change in affordability is critical. Cigarettes need to become less affordable for consumption to decline. **Tax Share of Price**

3.00

Large tax shares of price are usually a good indicator that taxes are working.

Tax Structure

4.00

6 out of 10 direct bans implemented

Best practices include relying more on uniform specific excise taxes that are adjusted regularly to outpace growth and inflation.

Learn more about the Scorecard in Brazil.

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

7 out of 7 direct bans implemented

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.

Indirect Bans

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| 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 newspape | ers Yes | Non-tobacco products identified with tobacco brand names | Yes |
| International magazines and newspape | ers Yes | Brand name of non-tobacco products used for tobacco product | Yes |
| Billboard and outdoor advertising | Yes | Appearance in TV and/or films: tobacco brands (product placement) | Yes |
| 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 | No |
| | | Complete ban on sponsorship | No |
| Ad Ban Complian | - | Any form of contribution (financial or other support) to any event, activity or individual | No |
| 83 | 3% | Ban on the publicity of financial or other sponsorship or support by the tobacco industry of events, activities, individuals | Yes |