

Peru



How many people die from smoking in Peru each year?

8,167

What is the annual cost-of-illness attributable to smoking in Peru each year?

2,875,292,846

nuevo soles

Current Rates of Smoking and Tobacco Use in Peru

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

15+ years old; 2025

Men

5.70%

Women

1.50%

Adult smoking prevalence in Peru is 3.60%.

Number of Adult Smokers in Peru

15+ years old; 2022

Men

1,394,000

Women

334,000

Number of adult smokers in Peru is 1,729,000.

Youth Smoking Prevalence in Peru

10-14 years old; 2023

Boys

2.8%

Girls

4.32%

Youth smoking prevalence in Peru is 3.55%.

Adult Smokeless Tobacco Use in Peru

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

Both Men and Women

NA

Adult smokeless tobacco use prevalence in Peru is NA.

Deaths Caused by Tobacco in Peru

% deaths attributable to tobacco use in 2023

Men

5.14%

Women

2.42%

3.86% of all deaths in Peru are caused by tobacco use.

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

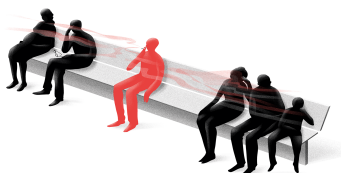
Negative Effect of Tobacco Use in Peru

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



Societal Harms

The annual cost-of-illness attributable to smoking in Peru is 2,875,292,846 nuevo sols. 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 Peru, a smoker must spend 5.26% 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 136 tons of butts wind up as toxic trash in Peru each year, equal to 50 female African elephants.



Harms Health Equity

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



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 Peru

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 Peru.



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 2,067 tons of tobacco produced in Peru in 2023 on 225 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 364 billion in 2023, about the same as Pakistan's Gross National Income (GNI), 5x Panama's GNI and 9x Paraguay's GNI.

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

Ending the Tobacco Epidemic in Peru

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 Peru

Designated Smoke-Free Areas in Peru

Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	Yes	NA	NA
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 Peru

Quitting Resources
 National quit line, and 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 Peru

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
50%

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

Tobacco Control Mass Media Campaigns in Peru

Ran a National Anti-Tobacco Campaign	Yes
Part Of A Comprehensive Tobacco Control Program	No
Pre-Tested With The Target Audience	Yes
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 Peru

Using evidence-based international recommendations/best practices, the Economics for Health 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 Peru](#).

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

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	3 out of 7 direct bans implemented	Indirect Bans	0 out of 10 indirect bans implemented
National TV and radio	Yes	Free distribution in mail or through other means	No
International TV and radio	Yes	Promotional discounts	No
International magazines and newspapers	No	Non-tobacco products identified with tobacco brand names	No
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Billboard and outdoor advertising	No	Appearance in TV and/or films: tobacco brands (product placement)	No
Advertising at point of sale	No	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
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		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	No