

# The Real Cost of Smoking By State In 2026

Smoking doesn't just damage your health - it can also take a serious toll on your finances. Tobacco use is responsible for nearly half a million deaths in the U.S. each year and remains the leading cause of lung cancer, according to the American Lung Association. Even people who don't smoke are put at risk. Since 1964, smoking-related diseases have claimed more than 20 million lives in the U.S., including 2.5 million nonsmokers who became ill solely from exposure to secondhand smoke.

The economic and social impacts are equally staggering. Each year, smoking costs the U.S. over \$600 billion in medical expenses and lost productivity.

To help encourage the roughly 49.2 million tobacco users in the U.S. to break the habit, Wallethub analyzed the per-person cost of smoking across all 50 states and the District of Columbia. The study examined potential lifetime and annual financial losses - from the annual cost of a cigarette pack per day to health care expenditures, income losses and other costs - associated with smoking and exposure to secondhand smoke.

"Smoking has greatly declined in the U.S. in recent decades, but

nearly 50 million people still use tobacco products. Buying cigarettes for your entire adult life can cost you hundreds of thousands of dollars, but that number pales in comparison to the hidden costs of smoking. Over a lifetime, smokers lose out on millions of dollars they could have made if they'd invested the money they spent on tobacco. Smokers also tend to have lower wages, higher health care costs and higher home insurance premiums." *Chip Lupo, Wallethub Analyst*

Highest Total Cost Per Smoker State	Cost Per Smoker
1. Dist. of Columbia ..	\$5,863,667
2. Maryland .....	\$5,843,123
3. New York.....	\$5,788,994
4. Connecticut .....	\$5,505,490
5. Rhode Island.....	\$5,473,821
6. Massachusetts .....	\$5,360,623
7. Hawaii.....	\$5,076,818
8. Washington .....	\$5,055,862
9. Alaska .....	\$5,054,561
10. New Jersey.....	\$5,001,299
11. Minnesota .....	\$4,970,415
12. California.....	\$4,927,317
13. Illinois.....	\$4,866,125
14. Vermont.....	\$4,854,202
15. Pennsylvania.....	\$4,772,877

Smallest Total Cost Per Smoker	Cost Per Smoker
37. Wyoming.....	\$3,660,455
38. Nebraska.....	\$3,653,703

39. Idaho .....	\$3,644,076
40. Indiana .....	\$3,631,378
41. Louisiana.....	\$3,587,495
42. Georgia.....	\$3,574,943
43. North Dakota .....	\$3,556,248
44. South Carolina .....	\$3,528,443
45. West Virginia .....	\$3,512,274
46. Kentucky.....	\$3,505,557
47. Tennessee.....	\$3,468,310
48. Alabama .....	\$3,467,538
49. Missouri .....	\$3,422,674
50. North Carolina.....	\$3,392,439
51. Mississippi.....	\$3,384,149

## Key Stats

◆ The estimated lifetime cost of smoking is nearly \$4.3 million per smoker.

◆ The average out-of-pocket cost per smoker is \$179,745 over a lifetime. Smokers in New York will pay the most, shelling out 1.8 times more than smokers in North Carolina, who pay the least.

◆ Each smoker will lose an average of \$675,601 income over a lifetime. Smokers in the District of Columbia will lose the most income - 1.9 times more than in Mississippi, where smokers will lose the least income.

◆ Each smoker will incur an average of \$232,498 in smoking-related health care costs over a lifetime. Smokers in the District of Columbia will pay the highest amount - 2.9 times more than in Tennessee, where smokers will pay the lowest amount.

## Biggest Changes in Rank from Last Year

- (Rank 1 = Most Expensive)
- ◆ Oklahoma went from rank 28 to 34.
- ◆ Texas went from rank 34 to 28.
- ◆ South Dakota went from rank 35 to 29.
- ◆ South Carolina went from rank 51 to 44.
- ◆ Wyoming went from rank 46 to 37.

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Agriculture students and Illinois Farm Bureau® (IFB) members, spouses and dependents are eligible to apply for college scholarships offered by the IAA Foundation, Illinois Farm Bureau's charitable arm.

Applications are now open for a variety of financial awards including the newly created Gene A. Daiber Scholarship, J. Lloyd and Elizabeth Broaddus Jones Scholarship, Joe and Sue Summerville Scholarship, Kenneth and Kay Engle Agriculture Scholarship, Pat Oaks Memorial Scholarship, and Paul Meints Scholarship. Additionally, the IAA Foundation offers scholarships on behalf of Prairie Farms Dairy, Illinois Pork Producers Association and several

family scholarships established to honor legacies and loved ones.

Scholarships are awarded based on involvement in extra-curricular activities, community service, academic performance, leadership experiences and an essay. Previous winners of an IAA Foundation scholarship are eligible to apply again if the individual scholarship allows.

A full listing of available scholarships and eligibility guidelines is available at [www.iaafoundation.org](http://www.iaafoundation.org). Applications must be completed online by February 15. For more information, contact your county Farm Bureau, the IAA Foundation

## LEGAL NOTICES

### PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE 10TH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT COUNTY OF Marshall - Lacon, ILLINOIS

U.S. Bank Trust National Association not in its Individual Capacity but Solely as Owner Trustee for RCF 2 Acquisition Trust Plaintiff

vs.

Austin Brone; Illinois Housing Development Authority; Unknown Owners and Non-Record Claimants Defendant

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### PUBLIC NOTICE IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF THE TENTH JUDICIAL CIRCUIT OF ILLINOIS MARSHALL COUNTY - JUVENILE COURT

IN THE INTEREST OF B.Z., d/o/b 07/10/2008, A Minor

NO. 2022JD10 2026JD01

### NOTICE

To: **Stephen M Zenor and any Unknown Father**

Take notice that on August 12, 2022 and January 12, 2026, petitions were filed under the Juvenile Court Act of 1987 by Patrick J Murphy, Marshall County State's Attorney, in the circuit court of Marshall County entitled "In the interest of B.Z., a minor", and that in the Marshall County courtroom on February 18, 2026, at the hour of 2:30 pm., or as soon thereafter as this cause may be heard, a permanency hearing will be held upon the petition to have the child declared to be a ward of the court under that Act. THE COURT HAS AUTHORITY IN THIS PROCEEDING TO TAKE FROM YOU THE CUSTODY AND GUARDIANSHIP OF THE MINOR, TO TERMINATE YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS, AND TO APPOINT A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION. YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO YOUR CHILD. IF THE PETITION REQUESTS THE TERMINATION OF YOUR PARENTAL RIGHTS AND THE APPOINTMENT OF A GUARDIAN WITH POWER TO CONSENT TO ADOPTION, YOU MAY LOSE ALL PARENTAL RIGHTS TO THE CHILD. Unless you appear you will not be entitled to further written notices or publication notices of the proceedings in this case, including the filing of an amended petition or a motion to terminate parental rights.

Now, unless you appear at the hearing and show cause against the petition, the allegations of the petition may stand admitted as against you and each of you and an order or judgment entered.

Dated 1/15/2026  
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### Notice of Surplus Property Sale by the Village Of Varna

NOTICE is hereby given that the Village of Varna (the AVillage@) will accept bids for the purchase of a certain surplus real estate parcel commonly known as 307 W. Madison St., Varna, assigned PIN 06-28-433-001 & legally described as: the West Half of Lots 12, 13 & 14 in Block 31 in Montross Addition to the Village of Varna; situate, lying & being in Marshall County, IL.

The parcel has a mobile home with a detached shed. Bids should provide for the demolition of the mobile home & shed within 60 days of possession. Title to the property will be conveyed by a Quit Claim Deed excluding coal & minerals & the right to mine & remove the same. The successful bidder to pay the fee to record the deed.

Bids must be delivered to the Varna Village Clerk, P.O. Box 266, Varna, IL 61375, on or before 4:00 p.m. on March 2, 2026 in a sealed envelope bearing the label ASurplus Property Bid.@ Questions may be directed to [villageofvarnaclerk@gmail.com](mailto:villageofvarnaclerk@gmail.com). The successful bidder must enter into a contract with the Village within 5 business days or the property will be sold to the next highest bidder.

Bids will be opened & publicly read aloud on March 2, 2026 at 7:00 pm at the Varna Community Center, 512 W. Main St., Varna. The Village Board may award a contract to the bidder whose bid is found to be in the best interests of the Village. The Village Board reserves the right to reject any & all bids & to waive any informalities or irregularities in the bidding. The Village Board further reserves the right to review & study any & all bids & to make a contract award within 45 days after the bids have been opened & publicly read.

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