

## Tobacco Facts for Linn County

In Linn County 16,200 adults smoke cigarettes regularly<sup>4</sup>

257 Linn County residents died from tobacco-linked causes in 2012<sup>5</sup>

49% of Linn County smokers made an attempt to quit last year<sup>6</sup>

87.5% of Linn County adults say that no one is allowed to smoke anywhere inside their home<sup>7</sup>

81% of Linn County adults say that smoking is never allowed in their car<sup>8</sup>

For more information on quitting, call the Oregon Tobacco Quit Line at 1-800-784-8669 or visit [www.quitnow.net/oregon/](http://www.quitnow.net/oregon/)

## Linn County Youth Tobacco Use Above State Average

In Linn County the percent of 6th, 8th, and 11th graders that report tobacco use is above the state average. Ten percent of 8th graders and 21% of 11th graders report using tobacco in the past 30 days (including cigarettes or chewing tobacco).<sup>1</sup> Cigarettes continue to be the most prevalent form of tobacco used by youth; however, a growing number report using other types of trendy tobacco products. In Linn County 8% of 11th graders report using a hookah pipe to smoke tobacco in the past 30 days.<sup>3</sup> Electronic cigarettes (e-cigarettes) are often marketed as a less harmful alternative or cessation aid. However, there is no

conclusive scientific evidence that e-cigarettes promote successful long-term quitting. Nationally, the percent of middle and high school students who report using e-cigarettes more than doubled from 2011 to 2012.<sup>2</sup> The increased use of alternative tobacco products is troubling. Nicotine is a highly addictive drug and youth who experiment with alternative products may develop a lifelong addiction to nicotine and conventional cigarettes.

Sources: 1,3. Oregon Student Wellness Survey, 2012 available online: <http://oregon.pridesurveys.com/>; 2. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention online <http://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2013/p0905-ecigarette-use.html>; 4,6. Linn County Tobacco Fact Sheet 2013 online <http://public.health.oregon.gov/PreventionWellness/TobaccoPrevention/Documents/countyfacts/linnfacs.pdf>; 5. Oregon Vital Statistics County Data 2012; 7,8. Oregon Tobacco Facts & Laws online <http://public.health.oregon.gov/PreventionWellness/TobaccoPrevention/Documents/tobfacts.pdf>

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