

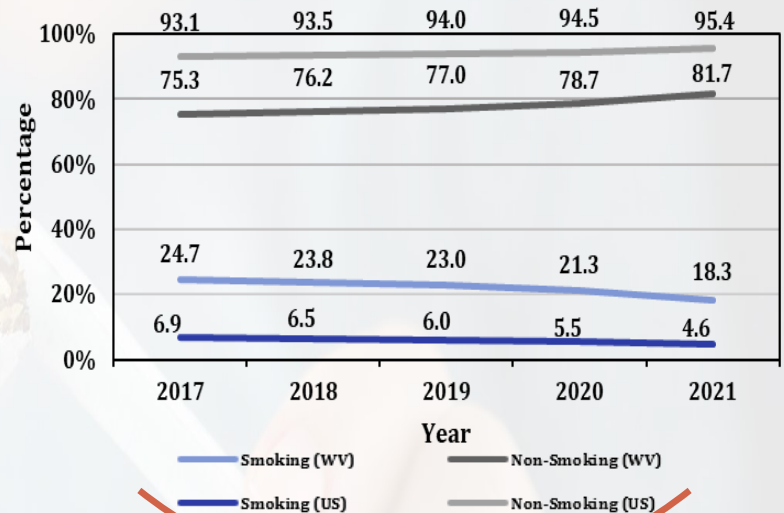
# WV RESIDENT SMOKING DURING PREGNANCY

The percentage of West Virginia Residents who smoked during pregnancy was ranked the highest in the nation in 2021 at 18.3%. Smoking during pregnancy can lead to poor health outcomes including pre-term births and low-birthweight.

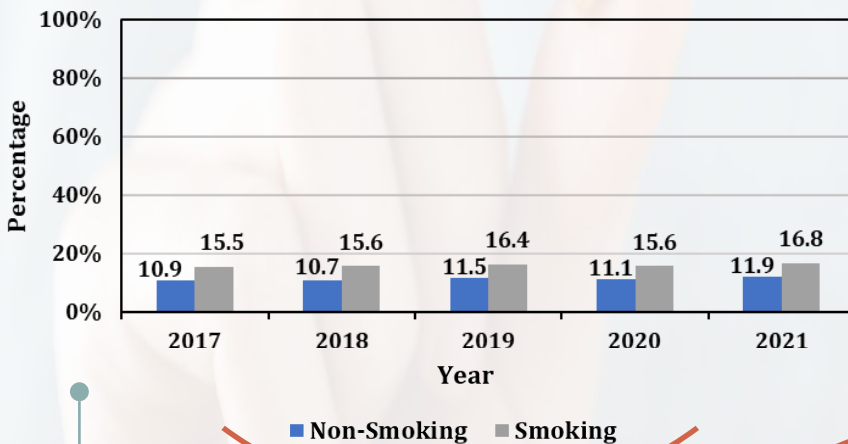
## Between 2017-2021:

- The percentage of West Virginia residents who smoked during pregnancy has declined between 2017-2021, but as of 2021 was still 13.7% above the national percentage.
- On average, the percentage of West Virginia residents who smoked during pregnancy was 16.3% higher than the United States between 2017-2021.
- West Virginia residents who smoked during pregnancy had an average of 4.7% more instances of pre-term births than West Virginia residents who did not smoke during pregnancy.

### WV vs US Smoking during Pregnancy Percentages

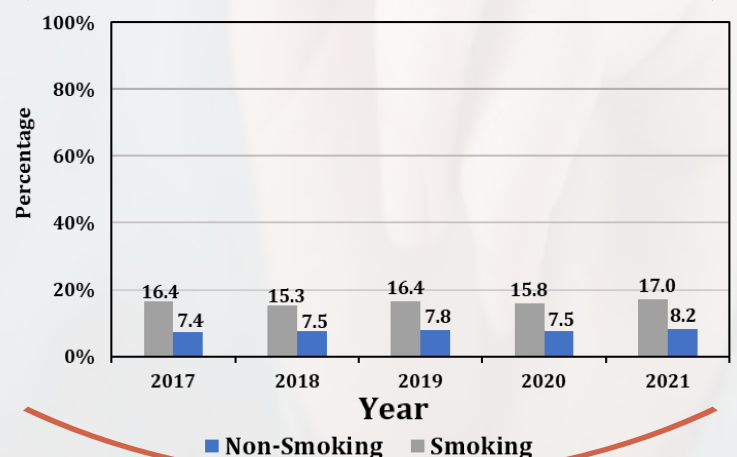


## Pre-Term (<37 Weeks)



- The difference between smoking during pregnancy and non-smoking during pregnancy remained consistent in relation to low-birthweight and pre-term births from 2017-2021.
- There were an average of 8.5% more underweight births among residents who smoke during pregnancy when compared to those who did not.

## Low-Birthweight (<2,500 grams)



### Sources:

West Virginia Health Statistics Center, Vital Statistics System.

National Center for Health Statistics, Division of Vital Statistics.

<https://dhhr.wv.gov/HSC/Pages/default.aspx>