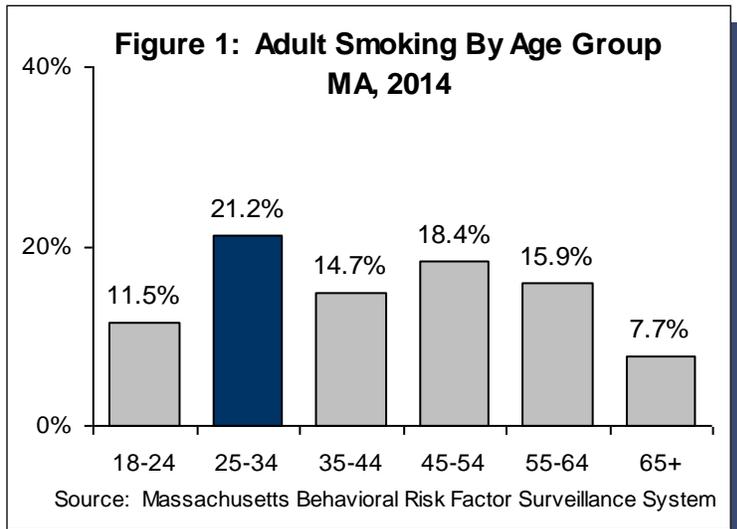


# Who Smokes

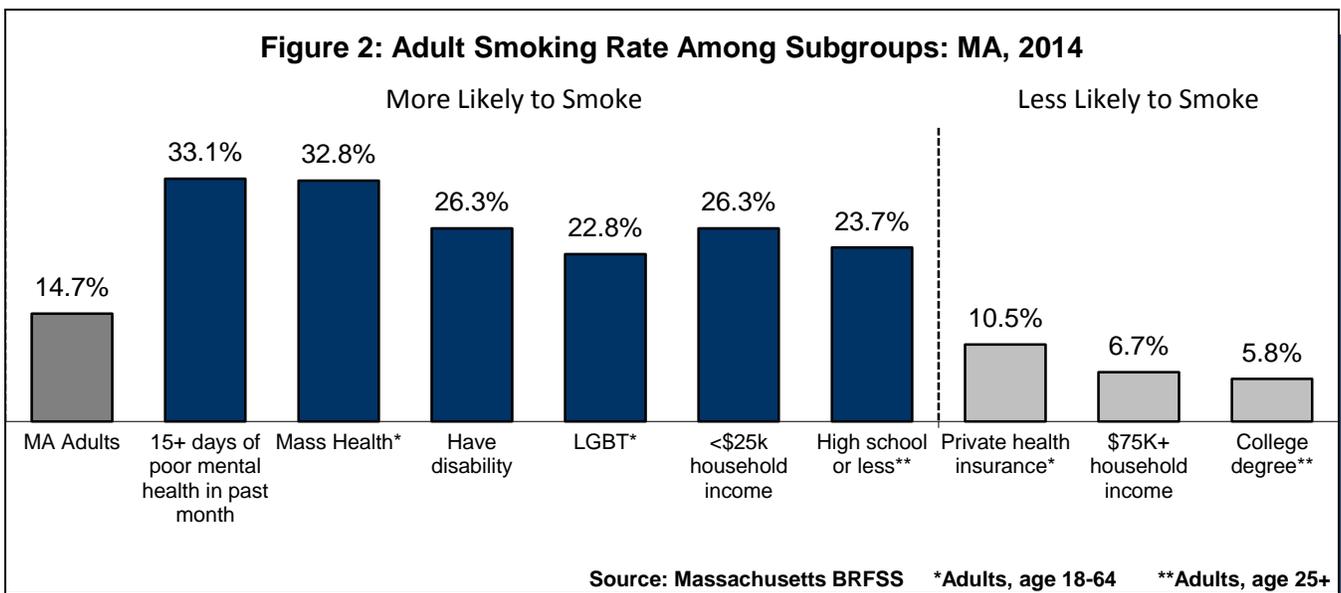
## Massachusetts Fact Sheet

In 2014, 14.7% of Massachusetts adults (or 763,960 residents) were current smokers. Due to methodological changes in the survey, the estimates of current smoking are not comparable to data collected before 2011.<sup>1</sup>

- 16.7% of men smoke; 12.8% of women smoke.
- 14.9% of whites, 17.6% of blacks, and 16.9% of Hispanics smoke.
- 21.2% of adults, age 25-34 smoke, the highest of any age group (Figure 1).



Smoking rates are highest among people with mental illness, low socio-economic status, people with disabilities, and the LGBT population (lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender).



<sup>1</sup> Pierannunzi C, et al. Methodological Changes in the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System in 2011 and Potential Effects on Prevalence Estimates. MMWR 2012;61:410-413. Accessed 6/19/2012 at [http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6122a3.htm?s\\_cid=mm6122a3\\_w](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6122a3.htm?s_cid=mm6122a3_w).

