Sixty-five percent of smokers in Massachusetts made a quit attempt in the past year and sixty-five percent of adults who ever smoked have now quit smoking based on data from the Massachusetts Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (2014 MA BRFSS).

- 62.8% of males and 66.5% of females who ever smoked have now quit;
- 67.6% of whites, 45.6% of blacks, and 44.6% of Hispanics who smoked in the past have successfully quit (Figure 1).

Although the percentages of smokers who made a quit attempt were similar among different population subgroups, their rates of quit success are different. Successful rates of quitting are lower among those with mental illness, disabilities, low socioeconomic status, and those that identify as LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender).

![Figure 1: % of Former Smokers Among Ever Smokers: MA, 2014](chart)

![Figure 2: Rates of Successful Quitting Among Subgroups: MA, 2014](chart)