

Tobacco Use & Behavioral Health

The Alarming Statistics

On average, people with a serious mental illness die **15 years earlier** than the general population largely due to conditions caused or worsened by smoking.⁽¹⁾

While persons with any mental illness or substance use disorder represent

25% of the adult population, they consume over

40% of all cigarettes smoked.⁽²⁾

25% of Montana adults who use tobacco report having poor mental health compared to **14%** of those who do not use tobacco.

Smoking tobacco causes more deaths among clients in substance abuse treatment than the alcohol or drug use that brings them to treatment.⁽⁴⁾



Over half of Montanans who called the Montana Tobacco Quit Line reported having a behavioral health condition.⁽⁵⁾

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