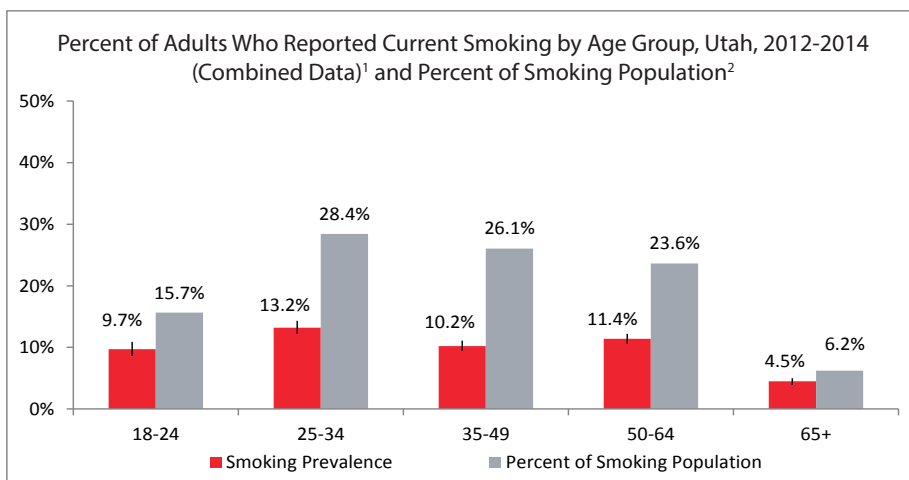


# Smoking by Age, Income, and Education

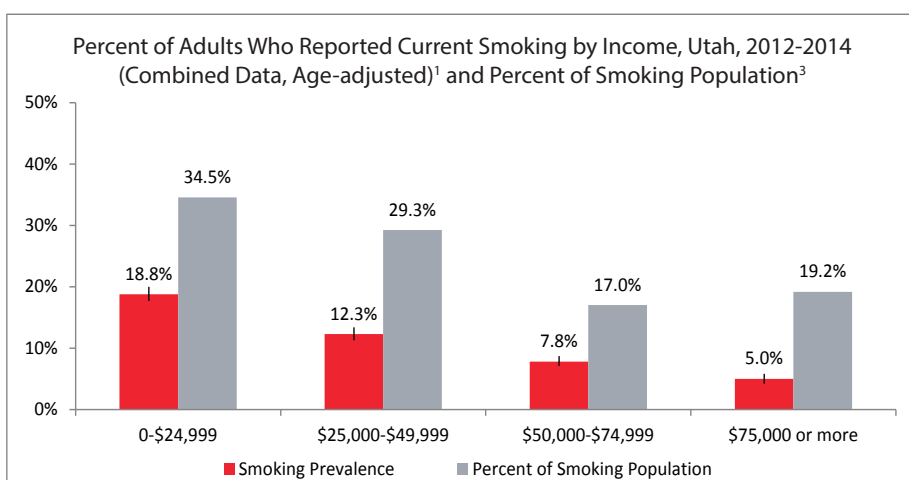
## Adult Smoking by Age Group

The Utah adult cigarette smoking rate by age group ranged from 4.5% to 13.2%. Adults aged 25-34 (28.4% of the entire smoking population) reported the highest cigarette smoking rate (13.2%), followed by adults aged 50-64 (11.4%).<sup>1</sup> Adults aged 65+ reported significantly lower smoking rates compared to other age groups. Based on recent population estimates, nearly half (44.1%) of Utah's adult smokers are younger than age 35.<sup>1,2</sup>



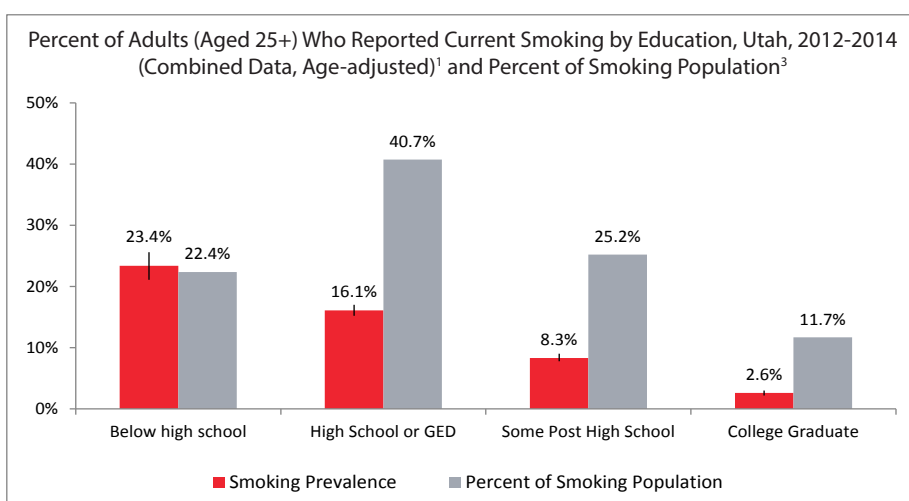
## Adult Smoking by Income

Current cigarette smoking is significantly higher for adults in lower income groups, comprising nearly 35% of the smoking population. About 19% of Utahns with household incomes less than \$25,000 per year reported current smoking. This is in comparison to 5% of Utahns with a household income of \$75,000 or more per year.<sup>1</sup> Nearly 65% of Utah's adult smokers have a household income of less than \$50,000.<sup>1,3</sup>



## Adult Smoking by Education

Cigarette smoking rates vary considerably by formal education level. Higher levels of education are linked to lower smoking prevalence. Smoking rates ranged from 23.4% for those with a less than high school education to 2.6% among college graduates.<sup>1</sup> About 63% of Utah smokers (aged 25+) have no post-high school education.<sup>1,3</sup>



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