

More than 16 million Americans are living with a disease related to smoking.

- smoking is very prevalent among low-income communities, with those of the before-mentioned having an obscenely-high 32.2% smoke rate
- nearly three quarters of all homeless adults within the United States use tobacco products.
- those living below the poverty line are more likely to be exposed to second-hand smoke, with 35 to 45 percent of children within these communities living with a smoker

By 2030, if the average smoking rate continues, more than 8 million people will die yearly from cigarettes/cigarette smoke.

Total cost of smoking for the United States of America *per* year: **\$300 billion**; this includes:

- **\$176 billion** in direct medical care for adults
- **\$156 billion** of no productivity due to premature death and exposure to second-hand smoke.