

SMOKE★FREE TEXAS

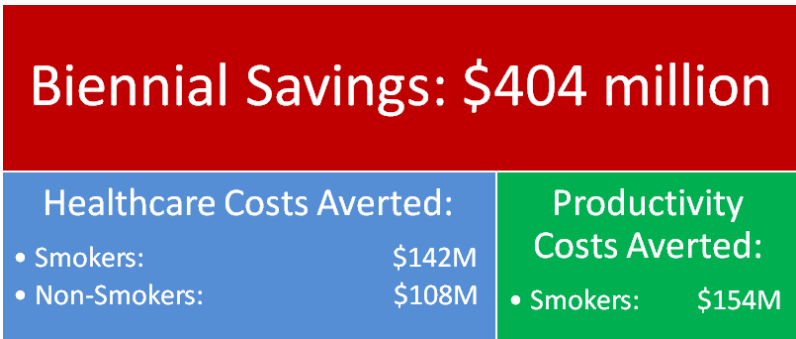
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Smoke-Free Environments: The Benefits to Texans and Their Communities

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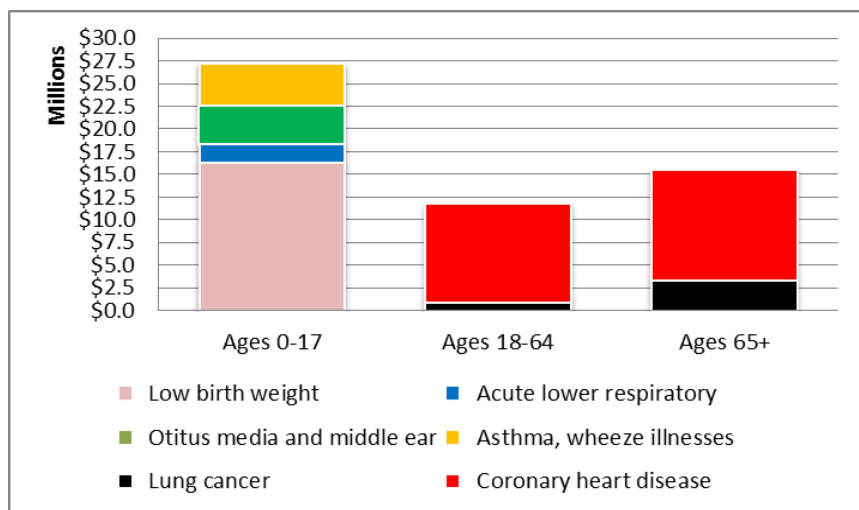
Overall Results

- A statewide smoke-free workplace law in Texas would result in approximately \$404 million in savings to the state's economy biennially. This includes an estimated health care cost savings of \$250 million. Of that number, \$142 million would come in reduced costs from smokers who would quit as a result of the statewide comprehensive law. The remaining \$108 million would come through savings of nonsmokers who would experience less exposure to secondhand smoke. In addition, the law will result in an estimated productivity gain of \$154 million biennially.



Economic Impact to Nonsmokers

- Based on published literature, researchers assumed that secondhand smoke exposure in workplaces will decrease by 25 percent with a statewide smoke-free workplace law.



Potential Impact of Smoke-Free Law on Nonsmokers per Age Group

- Notably, \$32 million in total state health care cost savings caused now by low birth weight births in Texas would result in a statewide smoke-free workplace law biennially.

Economic Impact of Statewide Smoke-Free Workplace Law on Smokers

- Using published literature, the analyses found an estimated 32,537 Texans would stop smoking as a result of a comprehensive smoke-free workplace law.

Smoke-Free Texas is a broad coalition of organizations who believes all Texas employees have the right to breathe clean indoor air. We support a statewide law to protect Texans from the dangers of secondhand smoke exposure in the workplace. Our members include the American Cancer Society, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network, American Heart Association, American Lung Association, Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights, Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, LIVESTRONG and the Texas Parent Teacher Association.