The Health Consequences of Smoking—50 Years of Progress: A Report of the Surgeon General highlights the successes of the last 50 years in reducing smoking rates in the U.S. and includes new findings:

- Since 1964, 20 million people have died from smoking-related illnesses. Most deaths have been among adults with a history of smoking; however, 2.5 million nonsmokers also died from diseases caused by exposure to secondhand smoke.

- 5.6 million children alive today will die prematurely from smoking if current smoking rates continue. That’s 1 in 13 children in this country.

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