

# Tobacco in Australia

## Facts & Issues

---

### Relevant news and research

#### 13.11 Are tobacco taxes regressive?

*Last updated January 2019*

#### Research:

Hawkins, SS, Kull, M, & Baum, CF. US state cigarette tax increases and smoke-free legislation in relation to cigarette expenditure across household socioeconomic circumstances: a quasi-experimental study. *Addiction*, 2018. Available from:

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/30461118>

Hammond, D, Reid, JL, Jones, AC. Setting the record straight on taxation and disparities in smoking. *CMAJ*. 2018 Aug 13;190(32):E964. Available from: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/30104191>

Global Tobacco Economics, Consortium. The health, poverty, and financial consequences of a cigarette price increase among 500 million male smokers in 13 middle income countries: compartmental model study. *BMJ*. 2018 Apr 11;361:k1162. Available from:

<https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/29643096>

Mayor, S. Taxes on alcohol, tobacco, and soft drinks are fair and produce health gains, review finds. *BMJ*. 2018 Apr 5;361:k1524. Available from: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/29622531>

McCord, GC, Novotny, TE. The benefits of taxing cigarettes in middle income countries. *BMJ*. 2018 Apr 11;361:k1433. Available from: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/29643106>

McLaughlin, M. The relationship between cigarette taxes and child maltreatment. *Child Abuse Negl*. 2018 May;79:339-349. Available from: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/29518636>

Koch, SF. Quasi-experimental evidence on tobacco tax regressivity. *Soc Sci Med*. 2017 Nov 4;196:19-28. Available from: <https://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/29127849>

Hirono, KT, Smith, KE. Australia's \$40 per pack cigarette tax plans: the need to consider equity. *Tob Control*, 2017. Available from: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/28396484>

tobaccoinaustralia.org.au

# Tobacco in Australia

## Facts & Issues

---

Parks, MJ, Kingsbury, JH, Boyle, RG, Choi, K. Behavioral change in response to a statewide tobacco tax increase and differences across socioeconomic status. *Addict Behav.* 2017 Oct;73:209-215. Available from: <http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/28551589>

### News reports:

*13.11.1 Findings from early overseas studies*

*13.11.2 Conclusions of major reviews*

*13.11.2.1 Thomas et al 2008*

*13.11.2.2 Bader et al 2011*

*13.11.2.3 IARC review 2010*

*13.11.3 Findings of research in Australia*

Hirono, Katie, Smith, Katherine. Tobacco tax hikes are great, so long as you're not a poor smoker. *The Conversation*, 2017. Apr 11, 2017. Available from: <https://theconversation.com/tobacco-tax-hikes-are-great-so-long-as-youre-not-a-poor-smoker-75211>

tobaccoinaustralia.org.au