

Federal Update: New CDC Article Shows that Three Out of Four American Adults Favor Raising the Purchase Age of Tobacco Products to 21

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The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) published an article in the *American Journal of Preventive Medicine* that shows 75 percent of American adults – including 7 in 10 cigarette smokers – support raising the minimum age of sale for all tobacco products to 21.

These findings are similar to those from a national survey conducted in 2013 and polls of voters in Colorado and Utah that found 57 percent and 67 percent, respectively, favor such policies.

In March 2015, an Institute of Medicine (IOM) report found that raising the purchase age of tobacco products can save lives and reduce tobacco use and dependency among youth. Currently, Hawaii is the only state to prohibit sales of tobacco products to youth under the age of 21.

For more information about the IOM report, click [here](#).

To view the CDC press release, click [here](#).



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