

Importance of Tobacco Use as a Health Problem in New York

Tobacco-related disease kills nearly 25,000 New Yorkers each year. New York adults were asked the following question: “Thinking about all the health problems in your community, how important is addressing the problem of tobacco use?”

- In 2009, 42% of New Yorkers said that tobacco use is “among the most important” health problems facing their communities. Another 51% believed that tobacco use is equally important as other health problems and just 7% said it was among the least important health problems (data not shown).
- Overall, New Yorkers are more likely to believe that tobacco use is among the most important health problems in their communities compared with the U.S. as a whole.
- There has been no change in New Yorkers’ perceptions of the importance of tobacco use as a health problem between 2005 and 2009.

Percentage of Adults Who Believe That Tobacco Use Is Among the Most Important Health Problems in Their Community

