Women
- Smoking prevalence has fallen since the 1970s, from 30% to 18% among women
- Women have been found to be more susceptible than men to smoking-related cardiovascular diseases and diabetes

Men
- African American men seem to bear the biggest burden pertaining to tobacco-related morbidity and mortality
- From 2001 to 2005, the average incidence rate of lung and bronchus cancers was 36% higher in African American men than in white men (the average death rate was 30% higher among African American men vs. white men)
- Smoking prevalence has fallen since the 1970s, from 40% to 23% among men