

Cigarette Consumption Drops over 50%

According to a new report, Iowa's cigarette consumption has dropped by half. The report shows that since 2006, cigarette consumption per capita has dropped from 112 to 54 in 2009. This is a 52% decrease in sales of cigarettes in just three years.

From 2000 to 2006, cigarette sales were steady according to a new report by the University of Northern Iowa's Center for Behavioral Research.

In 2008, the Legislature passed the Smoke Free Air Act, which bans smoking in most public places and workplaces. The study released last month also showed the Smoke Free Air Act has led to a 25% reduction in hospitalizations related to cardiovascular disease.

Quitline Iowa

In an effort to help Iowans quit smoking, the state established Quitline Iowa, which provides free counseling and support. For more information, Iowans can call (800) 784-8669 or go to www.quitlineiowa.org.