

2016 FACTS

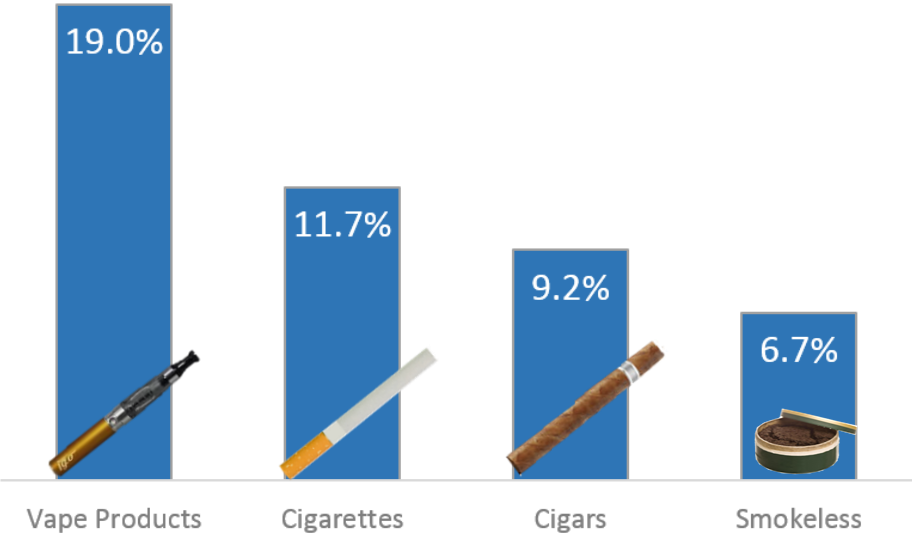
YOUTH RISK BEHAVIOR SURVEY

HIGH SCHOOL RESULTS – TOBACCO USE
ST. MARY'S COUNTY, MARYLAND

27% of high school students in St. Mary's are currently using tobacco products

22% compared to across Maryland

Current Use Among SMCPHS High School Students



WHY IS THIS IMPORTANT?

The use of tobacco products and exposure to second-hand smoke combined represent the **number one cause of preventable deaths** in the United States. Smoking harms nearly every organ of the body, causing many diseases and affecting the health of smokers in general. Each day, more than **2,500** kids in the United States try their first cigarette and another **580** additional youth become new regular, daily smokers.

42% of students had tried electronic vapor products

13% bought their own cigarettes at a store or gas station



Nearly half of high school students in St. Mary's live with someone who smokes