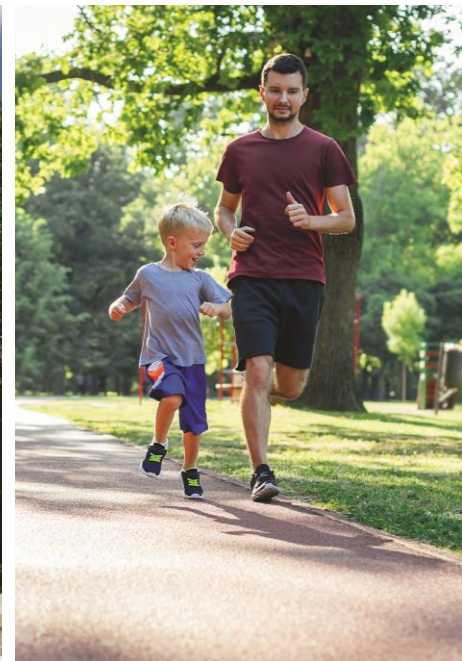


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# Stroke Advisory Council Report

## **Paul Coverdell National Stroke Program**

- Reduce disparities for those at risk of stroke and for stroke patients
- Strengthen the stroke system of care
  - Build Stroke Registry within the HIE
  - Fund hospitals, EMS agencies, and community organizations to improve the stroke system of care

# Stroke Advisory Council Report

## **Paul Coverdell National Stroke Program**

- Year 1 ends June 30
- Funding cycle runs 3 years
- In years 2-3 will fund additional Quality Improvement projects across the state

# Joint Legislative Committee on Access to Healthcare and Medicaid Expansion

- Endorsement of Care4Carolina's efforts to close the coverage gap on Task Force Action Agenda
- Committee had three meetings on Medicaid Expansion
  - State agencies are prepared and ready
  - States testified to benefits of expansion

# Proposal for Action Agenda Consideration

## Stroke Advisory Council Recommendations for Tobacco 21 Legislation

The Health Consequences  
of Smoking—50 Years of Progress

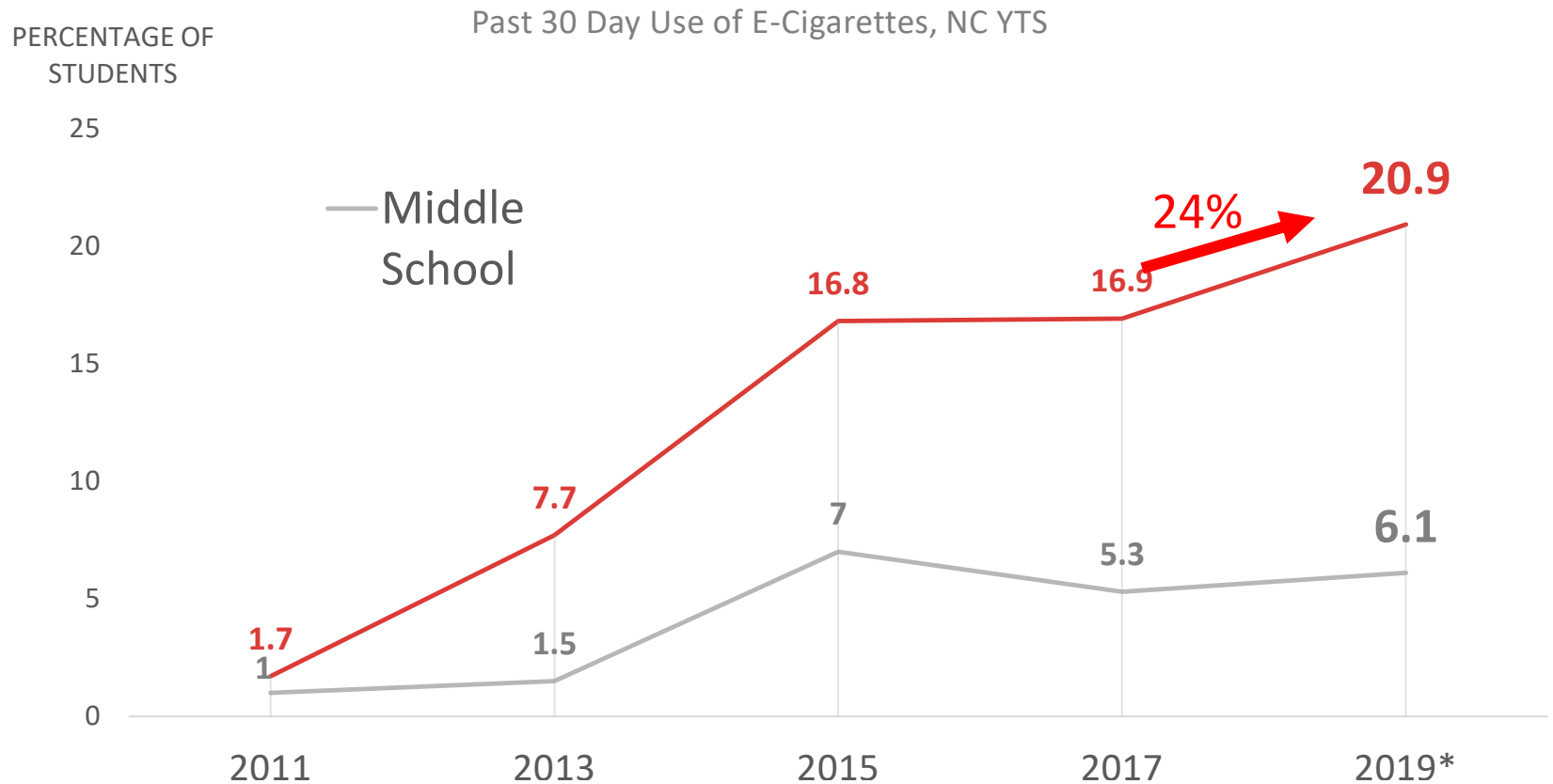
A Report of the Surgeon General



U.S. Department of Health and Human Services

**95%**  
**of tobacco users**  
**start before the age of**  
**21**

# E-Cigarette Use in NC Continues to Increase



\*2019 estimates may not represent the full population due to low response rate



# An Effective Law to Raise Tobacco Sales Age to 21

- Applies to all tobacco products
- **Requires retailer permit**
- Requires ID checks
- Imposes minimal penalties for purchasers under 21
- Holds retailers responsible for violations
- Requires signage
- Requires employee training
- Prohibits internet sales to people under 21
- Allows local government authority
- Provides enough time for the state to implement and to educate retailers about the new law

Source:

[https://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/stateandcommunity/tobacco\\_control\\_programs/surveillance\\_evaluation/tobacco-21-policy-evaluation/index.html](https://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/stateandcommunity/tobacco_control_programs/surveillance_evaluation/tobacco-21-policy-evaluation/index.html)

# Recommendations

- N.C. has experienced an **alarming increase** in the use of tobacco products by young people—especially e-cigarettes, which are mostly acquired from retailers.
- It's important to **prevent** the sale of tobacco products to people under age 21.
- To **match federal law and most other states**, N.C. needs to raise the age of purchase to 21.
- N.C. is at risk of **losing millions** of federal dollars for substance use disorder treatment if it does not effectively prevent underage sales of tobacco products
- A tobacco retailer permitting is an **evidence-based** measure to reduce tobacco sales to youth.
- N.C. needs a **level playing field** among tobacco retailers—making it easier to educate and inspect all retailers to reduce illegal sales to underage youth.

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