





# Price

## Cook County, Minnesota

### What is it

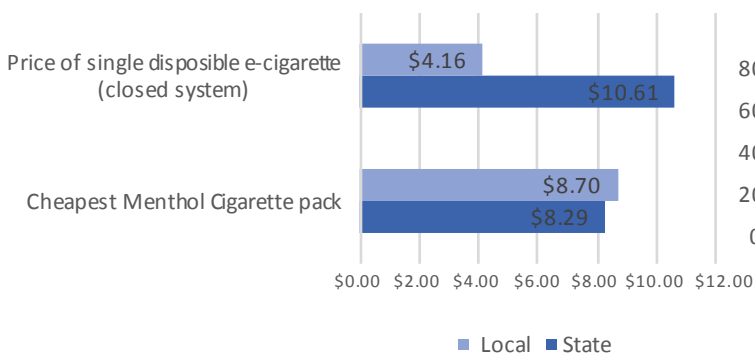
In 2016, the tobacco industry spent over \$7.1 billion marketing and promoting cigarettes and smokeless tobacco at the point of sale. Over 90% of that is spent on strategies to keep tobacco products cheap [5]. The availability of single cigarillos, often advertised for less than \$1, are particularly attractive to youth [6].

### Why does it matter

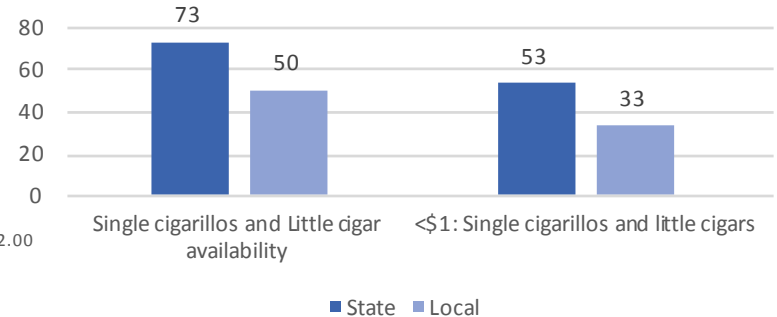
Increasing the price of tobacco products is the number one way to reduce tobacco consumption. It is associated with lower initiation, higher cessation and lower overall consumption [7].

## What is happening in Cook County, MN:

Average Price of Tobacco Products



Percent of stores: Cigarillos and Little Cigars



### What can be done



Raising the price is the gold standard of point-of-sale strategies. A growing number of Minnesota communities have adopted laws that require a minimum price and/or a package size for cigars. For example, the City of St. Paul requires a minimum per pack price of \$10.40 for four or more cigars, with a minimum per cigar price of \$2.60 for smaller quantities.

# Placement

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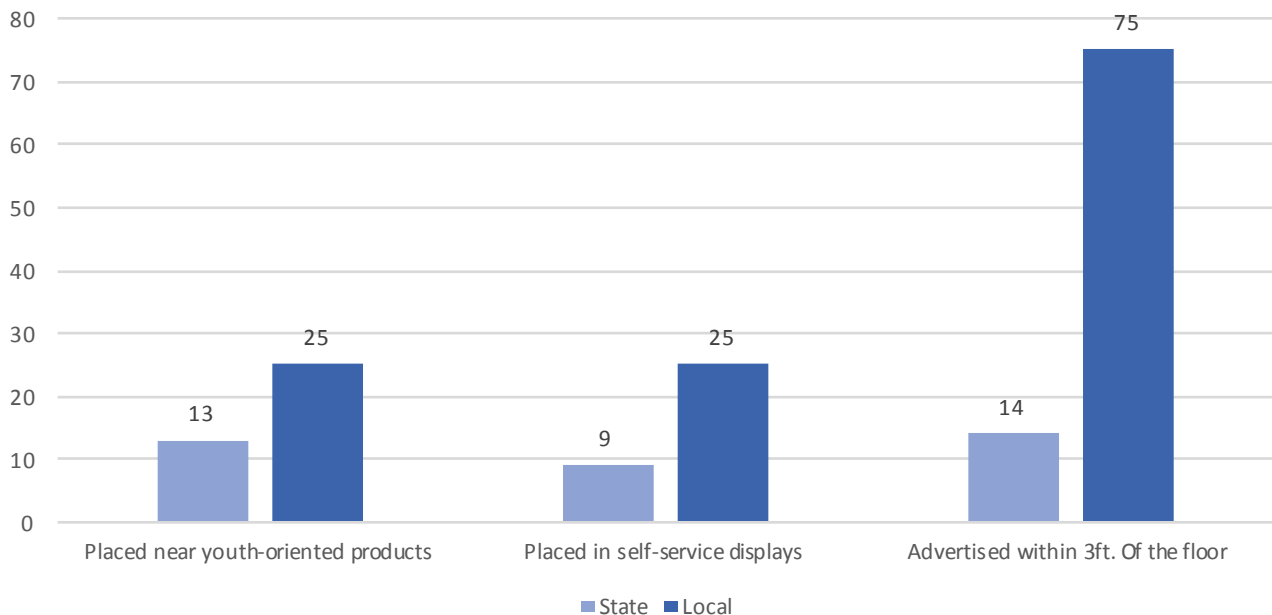
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The Federal Trade Commission reported that in 2016, the tobacco industry spent about \$228 million on promotional allowances paid to cigarette retailers and about \$29 million paid to smokeless tobacco retailers to control the strategic shelving and placement of tobacco products [8]. Retailers may place tobacco at eye level of children or near candy, or in special vendor-assisted displays.

### Why does it matter

Tobacco product displays increase brand recognition, especially among youth [9]. Tobacco product displays also foil quit attempts among those attempting to quit smoking [10].

### What is happening in Cook County, MN: Percent of stores with tobacco...



### What can be done

Local jurisdictions can advocate for local ordinances requiring product displays to be behind the counter, effectively separating it from candy, snacks and youth products.

Note: Cigarettes are not included in "self-service displays" evaluation due to question not being asked for that product.

# Promotions

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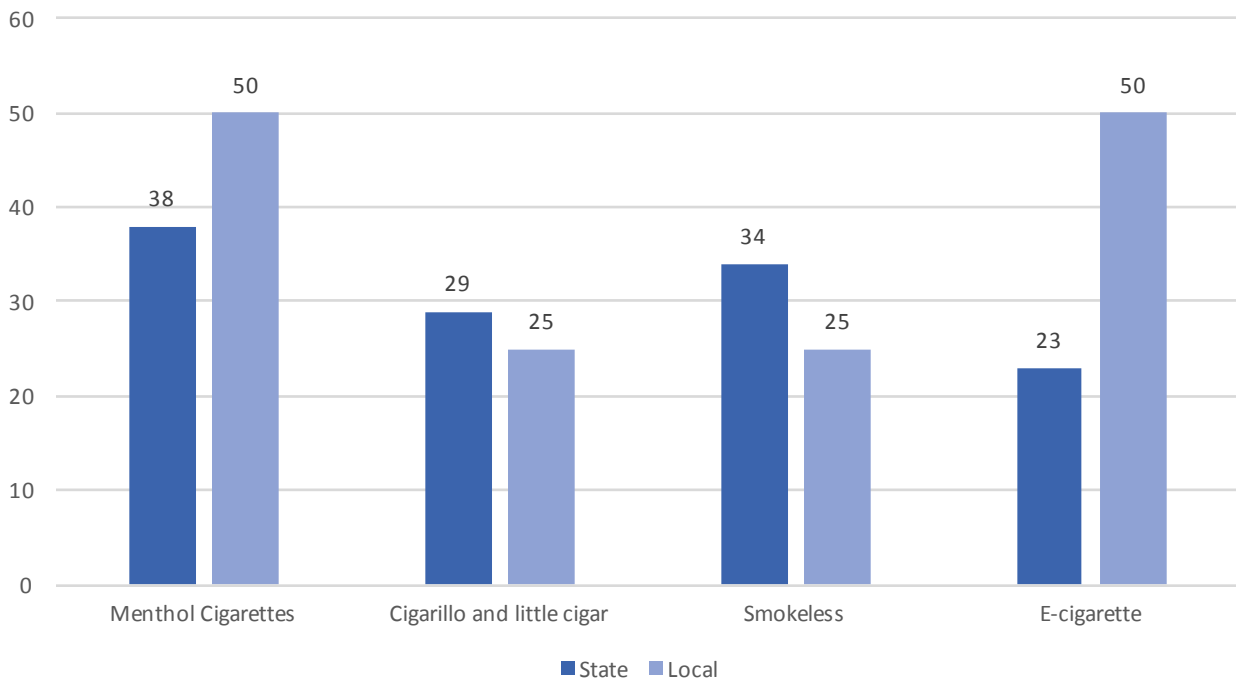
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Price promotions reduce the sale price of tobacco products to entice customers. These may include multi-pack discounts (ex. buy two products, get one free) or dollars or cents off when a higher quantity of tobacco products are purchased. Youth are especially price-sensitive consumers, and reductions in price increase the likelihood that they will experiment with tobacco [12].

### Why does it matter

Prohibiting price promotions reduces consumption, reduces initiation, and increases cessation efforts [12].

### What is happening in Cook County, MN: Percent of retailers with price promotions on...



### What can be done

In 2013, New York City passed a comprehensive point-of-sale policy that restricted price discounts by prohibiting retailers from redeeming any coupons [13]. Providence, Rhode Island was the first to ban coupon redemption and multi-pack discounts in 2012 [14].

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*Data came from 4 surveys completed in Cook County, Minnesota in 2018. Numbers have been rounded to the nearest whole number when possible and all applicable data points have been utilized when possible.*

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