

NICARAGUA

Prevalence of tobacco use

Youth

POPULATION GROUP	CURRENT TOBACCO USE (SMOKED AND SMOKELESS) (%)	CURRENT CIGARETTE SMOKING (%)	CURRENT SMOKELESS TOBACCO USE (%)
Men	20.6	13.8	5.1
Women	14.5	10.3	3.3
Total	17.6	12.2	4.3

Source: Global Youth Tobacco Survey, 2014 (13-15 years).

Adults

POPULATION GROUP	CURRENT TOBACCO USE (SMOKED AND SMOKELESS) (%)	CURRENT CIGARETTE SMOKING (%)	CURRENT SMOKELESS TOBACCO USE (%)
Men	...	5.2	...
Women
Total

Source: Demographic and Health Survey, 2001 (15-49 years).

MPOWER Measures

M (MONITORING)

Survey	Youth	Adults
Recent	Yes	No
National representativeness	Yes	No
Periodic	No ^a	No

a Only surveys with national representativeness were considered.

W (WARNINGS)

Health warnings required by law	Yes
Images ^b	
Size (average-front/back)	50-50/50 ^b
Ban on misleading terms	Yes
Is any feature missing?	Yes ^c

Note: Data not approved by the national authorities.

b Law approved but not applied as of December 2016.

c For more details, see Table 8.

P (SMOKE-FREE POLICIES)

Health centers	Yes
Schools (except universities)	Yes
Universities	Yes
Government buildings	Yes
Offices	Yes
Restaurants	No
Bars and pubs	No
Public transportation	Yes

E (ADVERTISING BANS)

Ban on direct advertising	
Television, radio, and print media	Incomplete ^d
Billboards	Yes
Publicity at points of sale	No
Ban on product placement	
Ban on promotion	No ^d
Ban on sponsorship	No
Ban on product display	
	No

d For more information, see Tables 9 and 10.

O (CESSATION)

Toll-free quitline	No	
Are the costs covered?		
Nicotinic substitution therapy is available in:		
Pharmacies	No	
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Cessation services are available in:		
Primary care services	Yes, In most	No
Hospitals	Yes, In most	No
Doctor's offices	Yes, In most	No
The community	No	---
Other	No	---

... Data not reported/not available

--- Data not required/not applicable

For definitions of the indicators and color-coded ratings, see the Technical Note.

R (TAXATION)

Price of most sold brand (pack of 20 cigarettes)		
In national currency	NIO	50.00
In international dollars		4.36
Tax (share of the final price of most sold brand)		
Total taxes		35.09
Specific excise taxes		22.05
Ad valorem excise taxes		0.00
Value-added tax (VAT)		13.04
Import duties		0.00
Other taxes		0.00
Evolution of taxes and prices		
	2008	2016
Tax (share of the final price of most sold brand)	19.79	35.09
Price of most sold brand (international dollars)	2.82	4.36



	WHO FRAMEWORK CONVENTION ON TOBACCO CONTROL	PROTOCOL TO ELIMINATE ILLICIT TRADE IN TOBACCO PRODUCTS
Date of signature (d/m/y):	07/06/2004	10/01/2013
Date of the ratification or accession (d/m/y):	09/04/2008	20/12/2013

Tobacco: prices and taxes

RETAIL PRICE PER PACK OF 20 CIGARETTES

		In local dollars (NIO)	In international dollars (PPP) ¹
Most popular brand:	Belmont	50.00	4.36
Most inexpensive brand:	Casino	38.00	3.31
Most expensive brand:	Dunhill	52.00	4.54

TAXES ON TOBACCO²

Taxes as percentage of the final price of the most sold brand

	Specific taxes ⁴	
Excise taxes ³		22.05%
	<i>Ad valorem</i> tax ⁵	0.00%
Value-added/sales tax (VAT)		13.04%
Import duty ⁶		0.00%
Other taxes		0.00%
Total excise taxes		35.09%

Design and administration of cigarette taxes

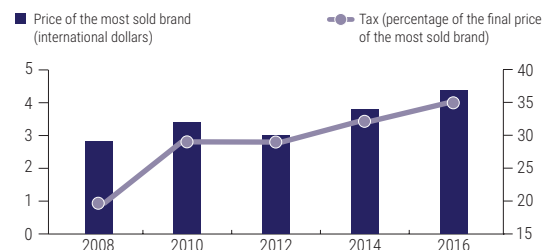
Are taxes applied in mixed fashion (<i>ad valorem</i> and excise)?	No
If a mixed tax system is used, is the tax burden of excise taxes greater than that of <i>ad valorem</i> taxes? ⁷	---
If an <i>ad valorem</i> or mixed tax system exists, is a specific minimum tax applied? ⁸	---

- The international dollar is a currency unit adjusted for purchasing power parity (PPP) that is used to compare the value of products and services in different countries.
- Taxes: taxes imposed on goods or services which cause consumers to pay higher prices.
- Excise taxes: these have a greater impact on public health since they are applied exclusively to tobacco products and raise their relative price compared to other products and services.
- Specific tax: it is established in relation to quantity, for example, a set quantity of cigarettes, or by weight.
- Ad valorem* tax: is based on the value of the product, such as a percentage of the retail price, the manufacturer's price, etc.
- The effectiveness of import duties in raising sales prices has been declining as countries have signed bilateral, regional, and global trade agreements.
- Specific excise taxes tend to raise consumer prices more, relatively, than *ad valorem* taxes. Imposing the same specific excise tax on all cigarettes sends the clear message that they are all equally detrimental.
- If the tax calculated falls below a specified minimum level, a specific tax rate is applied.

EVOLUTION OF TAXES AND PRICES ON THE MOST POPULAR BRAND OF CIGARETTES

	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016 ⁹
Tax (percentage of the final price of the most sold brand)	19.79%	29.14%	29.11%	32.27%	35.09%
Price of the most sold brand (international dollars)	2.82	3.39%	3.00	3.80	4.36

- ⁹ The country has increased excise taxes on tobacco since 2014; however, due to price variability, this does not necessarily have an effect on the tax indicator.



EVOLUTION OF THE PRICE OF CIGARETTES COMPARED TO INCOME

	2008	2010	2012	2014	2016
Percentage of per capita GDP required to purchase 100 packs ¹⁰	7.14%	8.59%	6.69%	7.66%	8.24%

Have cigarettes become less affordable since 2008?

No change¹¹

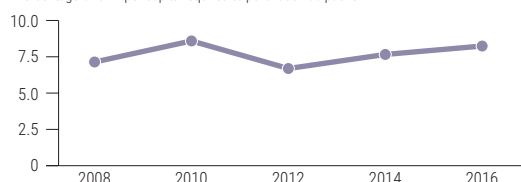
Did cigarettes become less affordable between 2014 and 2016?

Yes

¹⁰ Note that a higher percentage means it is less affordable, which discourages cigarette smoking.

¹¹ Affordability is considered unchanged (2008-2016) if the least-squares growth rate is not statistically significant at the 5% level.

Percentage of GDP per capita required to purchase 100 packs



SUPPLEMENTARY INFORMATION ON TAXES

Are tax stamps or bar codes required for tobacco products?	No
Are duty-free sales banned or limited?	Banned
Is tobacco tax revenue pre-allocated to a specific purpose or activity?	No

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