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NUESTROS RECURSOS LATINA SMOKING FACTS IN THE U.S. & CALIFORNIA

- In the U.S., lung cancer deaths are about three times higher for Hispanic men (23.1 per 100,000) than for Hispanic women (7.7 per 100,000). (Ref: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Tobacco Use Among U.S. Racial/Ethnic Minority Groups: A Report of the Surgeon General. Atlanta: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 1998.)
- Hispanic/Latina women in the U.S. are less likely to smoke (13.8%) compared to non-Hispanic white (23.5%) and African American (21.9%) women; and are more likely to smoke compared to Asian/Pacific Islander women (11.2%). Ref. http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/sgr/sgr_forwomen/ataglance/htm
- Smoking during pregnancy was less likely for women of all race and ethnic groups in 1999 than in 1990. Compared to all ethnic and race groups, smoking rates for Hispanic and non-Hispanic black women were lower during pregnancy and those rates were further reduced by about 45 percent during the 1990s. (Ref. <http://www.cdc.gov/od/oc/media>)
- Among all Hispanic groups, Puerto Rican mothers were more likely to smoke during pregnancy by 11 percent. (Ref. <http://www.cdc.gov/od/oc/media>)
- In California for the year 2000, the smoking rate for Hispanic females (9.3%) was lower than for Hispanic males (19.0%) by 9.7%. (Ref. www.dhs.ca.gov/tobacco/)
- In 1999, adult Hispanic females in California had a lower smoking rate (9.5%) compared to adult females living in Mexico with a smoking rate of 18.4% in 1998. (Refs. National Tobacco Information Online System, NATIONS and www.dhs.ca.gov/tobacco/)
- The 2000 Census reports a growth of 3.3 million in California's Latino population from 1990. In the year 2000, 48% of the 531,832 births in California were to Hispanic/Latina women. (Ref. <http://factfinder.census.gov/servlet/BasicFactsServlet>)

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