

Tobacco Facts and Statistics

There are approximately 8,000 tobacco seeds per gram.

Commercial tobacco plants produce enough tobacco for around 5 packs of cigarettes each.

Cigarette smoking causes about one of every five deaths in the United States each year. (CDC)

Tobacco kills more than 8 million people each year worldwide (WHO)

Adults in Oklahoma who die each year from their own smoking: 7,500 (TSET)

In 2023, revenues from tobacco tax in the United States amounted to 10.3 billion U.S. dollars.

Jamestown, founded in 1607, served as the colonial capital from 1616 until 1699.

In August 1619, the first recorded slaves from [Africa](#) to [British North America](#) arrived at present-day [Old Point Comfort](#), near Jamestown. They most likely worked in the tobacco fields, under a system of race-based [indentured servitude](#). The modern conception of slavery in the British colonies was formalized in 1640, and fully entrenched in Virginia by 1660. (Wikipedia)

Ancient North Americans started using tobacco around 12,500 to 12,000 years ago, roughly 9,000 years before [the oldest indications that they smoked the plant in pipes](#) (Science News)

Cultivated tobacco seeds from roughly 3,500 years ago have been found at archaeological sites in the southern United States, and evidence of the plant's domestication in South America stretches back almost 8,000 years. (Journal of Archaeological Science)

