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Fact Sheet - Costs of Tobacco Use and Tax Revenues

Ministry of Health Promotion

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This fact sheet provides basic information only. It must not take the place of medical advice, diagnosis or treatment. Always talk to a health care professional about any concerns you have, and before you make any changes to your diet, lifestyle or treatment.

Costs of tobacco use in Ontario

Tobacco-related diseases cost the Ontario economy:

- approximately \$1.6 billion in healthcare annually¹;
- result in more than \$4.4 billion in productivity losses¹; and
- account for at least 500,000 hospital days each year.²

Revenue from tobacco taxes in Ontario

- Tobacco taxes generated \$1.127 billion in the 2007/08 fiscal year and \$1.236 billion in the 2006/07 fiscal year.

References

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