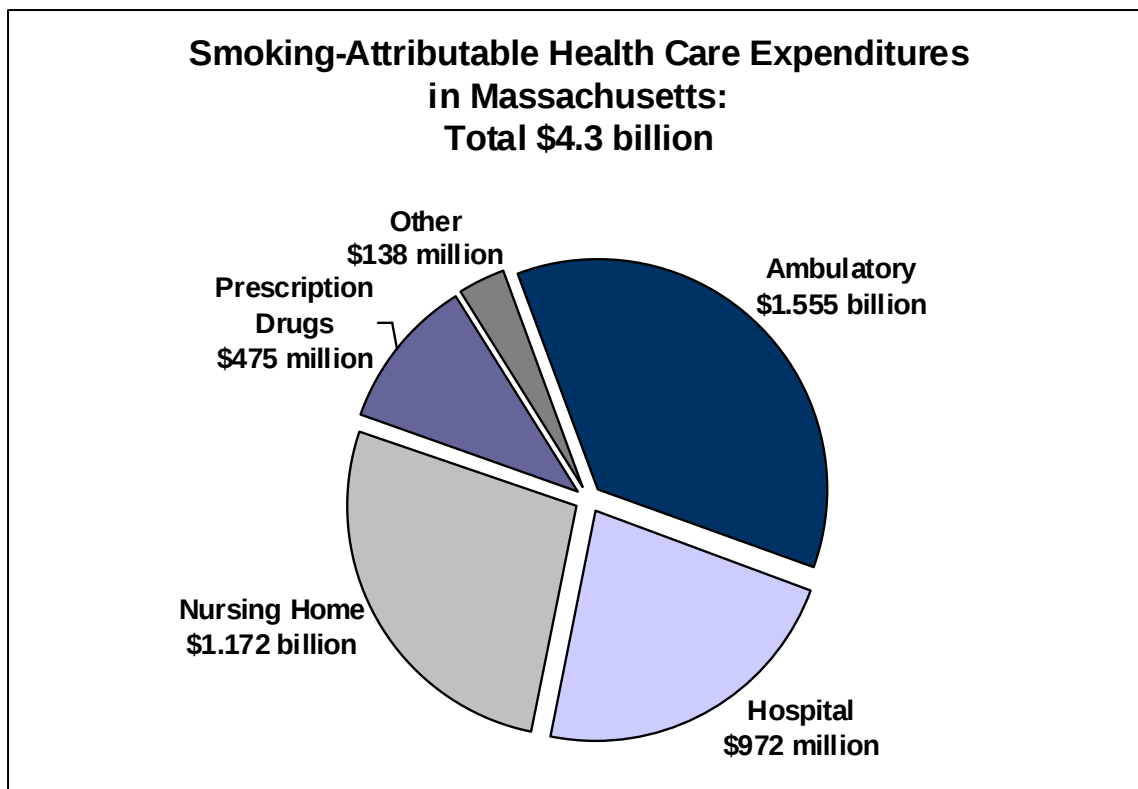


Economic Costs of Smoking

Massachusetts Fact Sheet

In addition to the price paid in lives lost, tobacco imposes a heavy financial burden on the Commonwealth. Smoking costs Massachusetts an estimated \$6.0 billion annually.¹

- \$4.3 billion is due to excess direct health care costs;
- \$1.7 billion is from lost productivity due to premature death.



Massachusetts spends over \$10 million each day in direct medical costs related to smoking.

Massachusetts experiences \$4 million each day in lost productivity due to premature death from smoking.

Each pack of cigarettes sold in Massachusetts costs the state an estimated \$15.33 in direct health care costs and \$6.08 in lost productivity.²

¹ Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Smoking-Attributable Mortality, Morbidity, and Economic Costs (SAMMEC); Massachusetts 2006. Accessed on 12/23/2008 at http://www.mass.gov/Eoohhs2/docs/dph/tobacco_control/sammecc_2006.pdf.

² Smoking-attributable costs in 2006 divided by the number of packs sold in 2006 (281 million).

