

Costly Choices

Information Sheet - How Much Does It Cost To Smoke?



Most packs of cigarettes contain 20 cigarettes.

Canadian daily smokers aged 15 years and older consumed an average of 15 cigarettes per day in 2012.

In Ontario, the average cost of a pack of cigarettes is \$8.50.

IMAGINE A SMOKER IN ONTARIO WHO BUYS ONE PACK OF CIGARETTES EACH DAY.

Using the information above, read each question and calculate the cost of smoking.

1. How much does it cost a smoker for 1 year of cigarettes?
2. How much money would a smoker spend after 15 years of smoking?
3. How much would it cost a smoker to buy cigarettes over 40 years?

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