Evaluating Sensible Tobacco Enforcement and Tobacco 21 Laws in New York City



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Outline

- Sensible Tobacco Enforcement (STE) and Tobacco 21
- Why evaluate together?
- Evaluation Plans for STE and Tobacco 21
- Preliminary Evaluation Findings



STE: Cutting Off Sources of Cheap Tobacco

Illicit trade	 Tough and new penalties on cigarette tax evasion Minimum price floor of \$10.50 per pack of cigarettes
Discounts	 Discount redemption ban BOGO ban No incentive tobacco purchases No sales below list price
Single Cigars	 4-pack requirement for cigars < \$3 Discount ban
Little Cigars and Cigarettes	 20 pack requirement Minimum price floor of \$10.50

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Tobacco 21: Reduce Initiation and Prevent Smoking

Prohibit tobacco sales to under 21

 Includes cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, powdered tobacco, any other tobacco products

Prohibit e-cigarette sales to under 21

• Includes all electronic vapor products



Why STE and Tobacco 21?

- New York City (NYC) passed the STE and Tobacco 21 laws in November 2013
- After successfully overcoming a legal challenge about a component of STE regarding prohibiting coupons/price promotions, both laws were simultaneously implemented on August 1, 2014
- Due to the concurrent implementation, the impact needs to be considered and evaluated together



STE Evaluation Plan

PURPOSE:

- To preliminarily assess the impact of the law by monitoring
 - 1) price paid for cigarettes,
 - 2) pack size and price paid for little cigars, and
 - 3) pack size and price paid for cigars and cigarillos
 - 4) availability/use of discounts/promotions (not presented here)
 - 5) prevalence of untaxed cigarettes (not presented here)
 - 6) violations data (not presented here)



STE Evaluation Plan

METHODS:

- Preliminary analyses
 - Compare sales trends in NYC vs. other NYS counties pre and post law
 - Pre-time period: May 2010-July 2014
 - Post-time period: August 2014-May 2015
 - Nielsen sales data from stores with sales >\$2M
 - Intermittent time series models examined changes at the time of implementation and in the time period after implementation
 - Models accounted for autocorrelation of data and controlled for time
 - Prices were adjusted for inflation



STE Evaluation Plan

METHODS:

- Addition evaluation in process
 - Compare changes in prevalence of discounts and price promotions in NYC
 - Observational data of availability of promotions in stores from tobacco retailers comparing 2013 with 2015
 - NYC adult survey data assessing use of coupons/discounts on last pack as well as amount saved when using the discount/promotion comparing 2013 with 2015
 - Compare trends in prevalence of untaxed cigarettes in NYC
 - Observational data from littered pack study comparing 2011 with 2015
 - Examine NYC tobacco violations data



Tobacco 21 Evaluation Plan

PURPOSE:

- To preliminarily assess the impact of the law by monitoring youth and young adult:
 - 1) smoking prevalence,
 - 2) prevalence of use of other tobacco products, and
 - 3) initiation in the past 12 months
 - 4) sales violations (not presented here)
 - 5) cigarette tax stamp sales (not presented here)



Tobacco 21 Evaluation Plan

METHODS:

- Preliminary analyses
 - Examine local trends before and after the law
 - Pre-time period: 2013
 - Post-time period: 2015
 - NYC 2013 & 2015 Youth Risk Behavior Survey data
 - Logistic regression models examined changes over time pre and post implementation
 - Adjusted for sex, race/ethnicity, and age



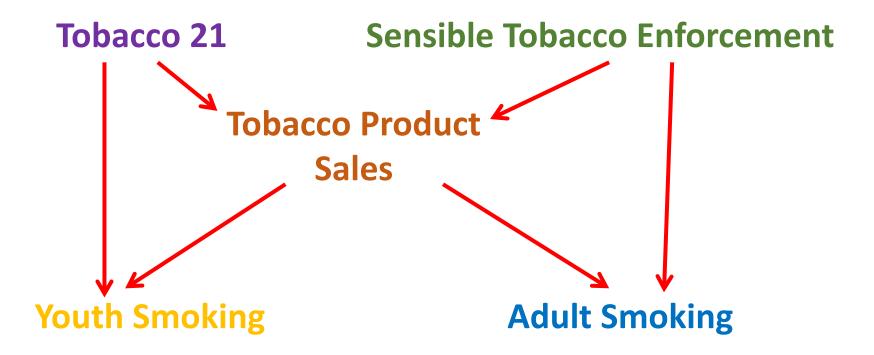
Tobacco 21 Evaluation Plan

METHODS:

- Additional evaluation in process
 - NYC YRBS data will be compared with National Youth Tobacco Survey data to assess changes in smoking, cigar and smokeless use, and initiation
 - NYC Tobacco 21 violations data will be assessed
 - NYC tax stamp sales will be examined for changes

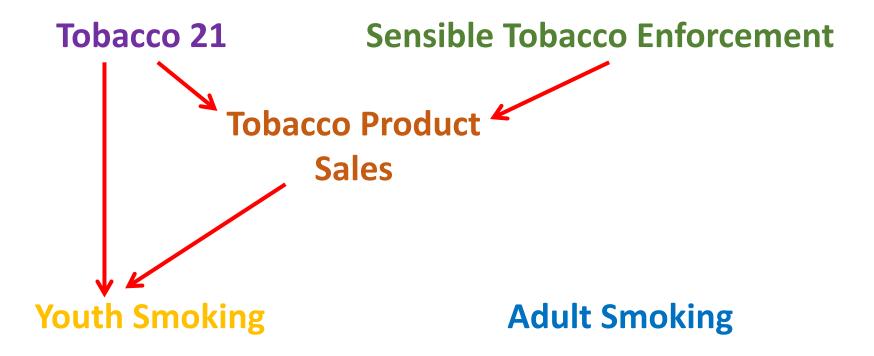


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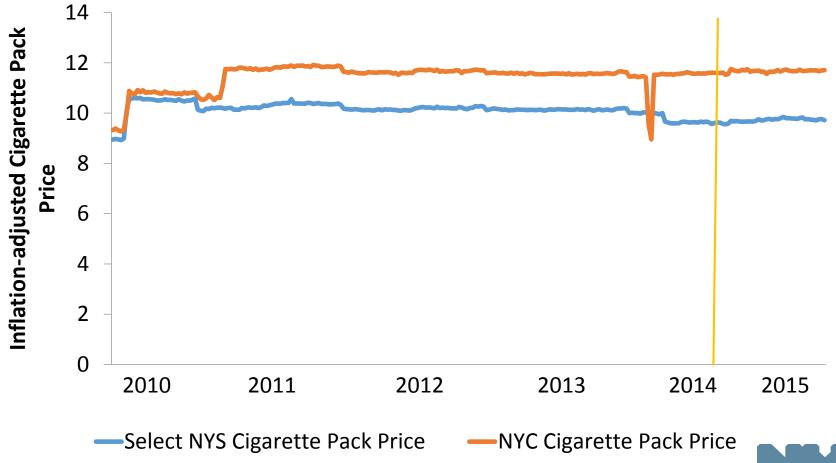


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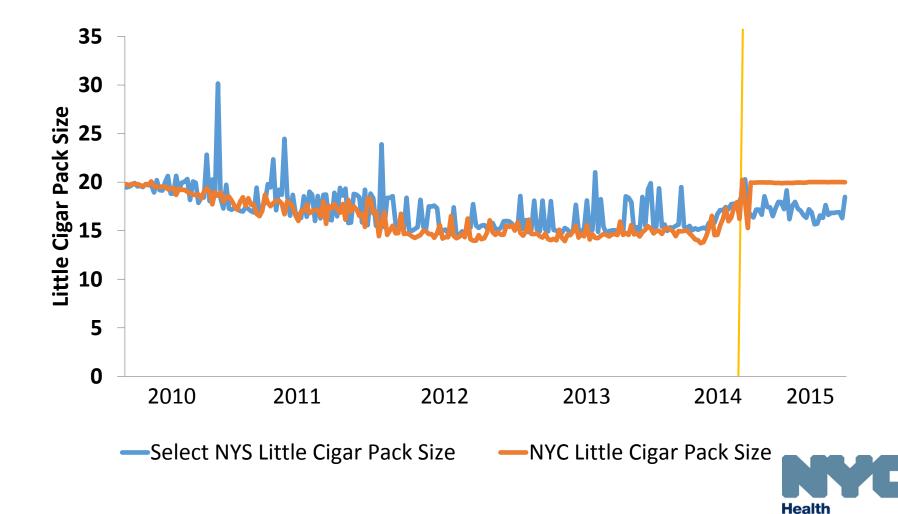


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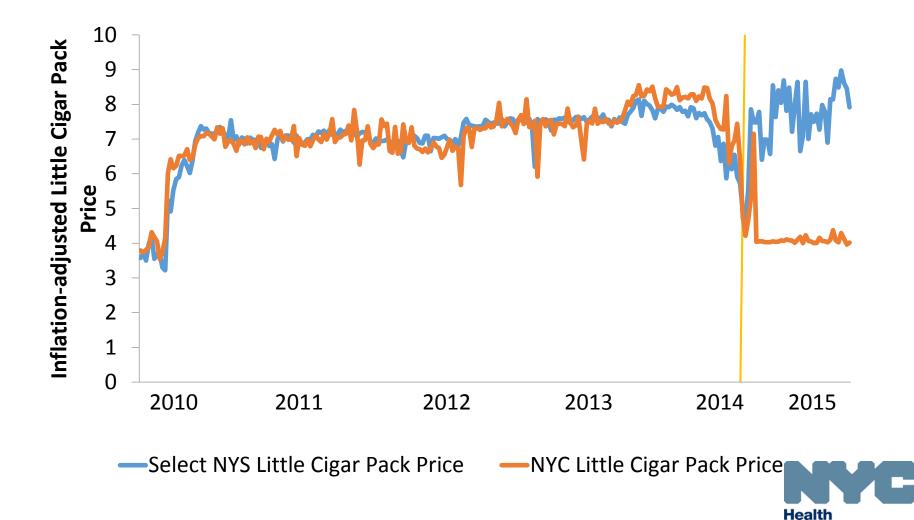




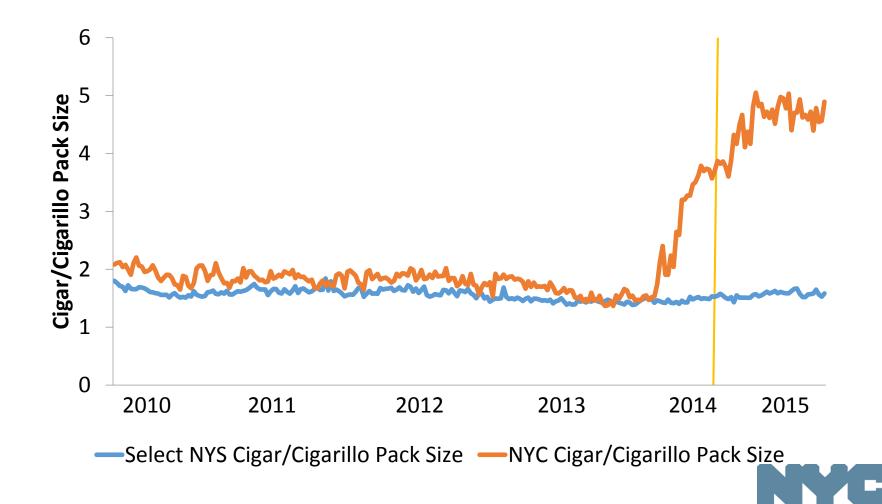
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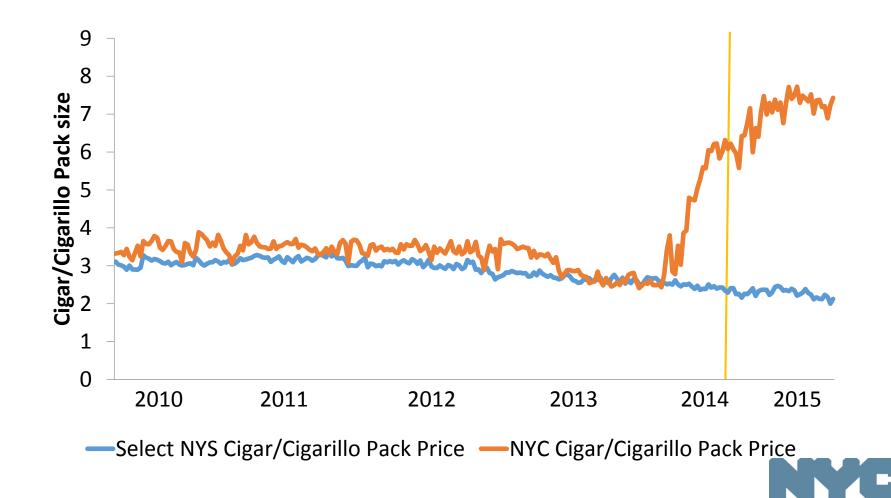


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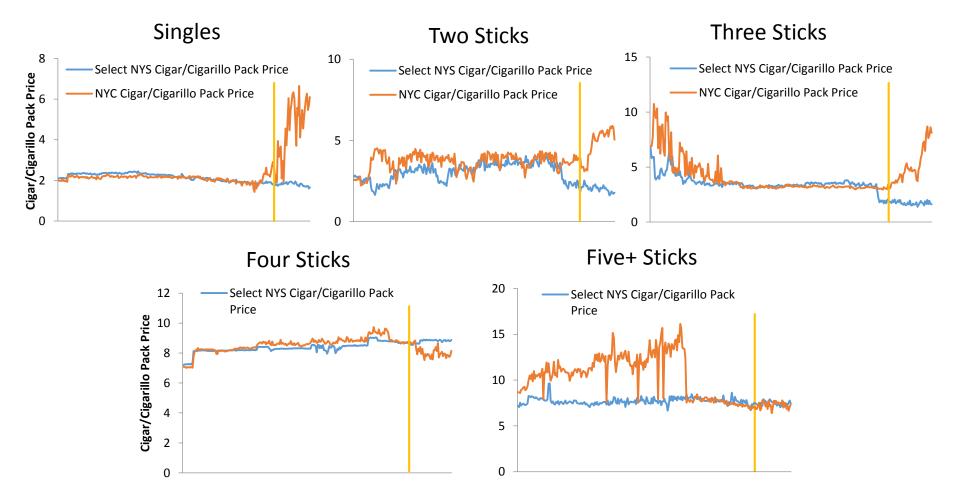
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Cigar/Cigarillo Pack Price Between May 2010-May 2015





NYC YRBS 2013 & 2015 Current Smoker Demographics

	2013			2015	2013 vs 2015
	%	95% Cls	%	95% Cls	p-values
Current smoker	8.2	(6.9, 9.7)	5.8	(4.7, 7.0)	0.0074
Sex	\sim				
Female	7.0	(5.8, 8.4)	4.7	(3.9, 5.7)	0.0049
Male	9.2	(7.5, 11.2)	6.6	(5.1, 8.4)	0.0358
Race/Ethnicity			\sim		
White	15.2	(11.0, 20.6)	12.6	(9.4, 16.8)	0.4066
Black	4.0	(2.5, 6.2)	3.3	(2.2, 4.8)	0.5422
Hispanic	9.5	(8.0, 11.3)	5.3	(4.1, 6.7)	0.0004
Asian	5.8	(4.3, 7.7)	4.8	(3.5, 6.5)	0.3805
Other	9.8	(6.7, 14.1)	7.0	(4.7, 10.2)	0.2169
Age	\frown		\frown		
<=14	5.7	(4.3, 7.4)	3.3	(2.0, 5.4)	0.0343
15	8.1	(6.0, 10.7)	4.7	(3.6, 6.1)	0.0119
16	7.9	(6.7, 9.3)	6.2	(3.9, 9.7)	0.2770
17+	11.2	(8.9, 14.1)	9.2	(7.0, 11.9)	0.2422



NYC YRBS 2013 & 2015 Current Cigar User Demographics

	2013			2015	2013 vs 2015
	%	95% Cls	0/	95% Cls	p-values
Current cigar user	7.7	(6.7, 8.8)	5.7	(4.9, 6.7)	0.0060
Sex	\asymp		\times		
Female	6.3	(5.5, 7.3)	3.4	(2.8, 4.2)	<.0001
Male	8.7	(7.3, 10.4)	7.7	(6.5, 9.2)	0.3615
Race/Ethnicity					
White	9.7	(7.2, 12.9)	7.8	(5.6, 10.8)	0.3376
Black	59	(4.3, 7.9)	4.2	(3.0, 5.9)	0.1545
Hispanic	8.2	(6.9, 9.7)	6.1	(4.8, 7.7)	0.0432
Asian	5.9	(4.4, 7.8)	4.1	(2.1, 7.9)	0.2704
Other	9.0	(6.2, 13.0)	6.8	(4.6, 9.8)	0.2955
Age					
<=14	6.2	(4.6, 8.3)	4.4	(3.2, 6.2)	0.1319
15	<u>8</u> 2	(6.2, 10.7)	5.6	(4.1, 7.4)	0.0669
16	8.7	(7.6, 10.0)	5.5	(3.6, 8.3)	0.0135
17+	7.6	(6.3, 9.0)	7.5	(5.5, 10.1)	0.9521



NYC YRBS 2013 & 2015 Current Smokeless User Demographics

	2013			2015	2013 vs 2015
	%	95% Cls	%	95% Cls	p-values
Current smokeless user	4.4	(3.6, 5.4)	3.1	(2.7, 3.7)	0.0110
Sex	\sim				
Female	3.0	(2.3, 4.1)	1.6	(1.2, 2.1)	0.0036
Male	5.5	(4.3, 6.9)	4.4	(3.6, 5.3)	0.1589
Race/Ethnicity					
White	4.3	(3.0, 6.1)	2.9	(1.7, 5.0)	0.2072
Black	4.2	(2.8, 6.1)	2.1	(1.5, 3.1)	0.0247
Hispanic	4.3	(3.3, 5.7)	3.7	(2.6, 5.1)	0.4556
Asian	2.5	(1.4, 4.3)	1.6 (0.7, 3.3)		0.3182
Other	7.5	(4.6, 11.9)	5.4	(3.6, 7.9)	0.3123
Age					
<=14	4.9	(3.6, 6.7)	3.4	(2.5, 4.7)	0.1200
15	4.7	(3.4, 6.3)	2.8	(1.8, 4.3)	0.0506
16	3.5	3.5 (2.1, 5.7)		(2.2, 4.3)	0.7242
17+	4.5	4.5 (3.5, 5.7)		(2.3, 4.3)	0.0721



NYC YRBS 2013 & 2015 Combustible User (Cigarette or Cigar) Demographics

	2013			2015	2013 vs 2015	
	%	95% Cls	%	95% Cls	p-values	
Combustible user	12.5	(11.1, 14.1)	9.0	(7.8, 10.4)	0.0007	
Sex						
Female	10.9	(9.6, 12.4)	6.6	(5.6, 7.7)	<0.0001	
Male	13.7	(11.7, 16.0)	1.7, 16.0) 11.1 (9.4, 13.0)		0.0618	
Race/Ethnicity						
White	18.8	(14.7, 23.7)	16.6	(13.1, 20.7)	0.4607	
Black	8.3	(6.2, 11.2)	5.9	(4.4, 7.9)	0.1124	
Hispanic	13.8	(11.8, 16.1)	8.9	(7.3, 10.8)	0.0006	
Asian	9.0	(7.1, 11.2)	7.0	(5.0, 9.6)	0.1891	
Other	14.9	(10.9, 20.1)	10.5 (7.9, 13.9)		0.1170	
Age						
<=14	9.3	(7.7, 11.3)	6.3	(4.5, 8.7)	0.0264	
15	12.6	12.6 (10.1, 15.6)		(6.4, 9.9)	0.0049	
16	13.5	13.5 (11.9, 15.2)		(6.4, 13.3)	0.0298	
17+	14.7	(12.3, 17.4)	12.8	(10.0, 16.3)	0.3659	



NYC YRBS 2013 & 2015 Ever Tried Cigarettes Demographics

	2013			2015	2013 vs 2015	
	%	95% Cls	%	95% Cls	p-values	
Ever tried cigarettes	26.8	(24.8, 29.0)	22.0	(20.3, 23.8)	0.0006	
Sex						
Female	25.8	(23.5, 28.3)	20.5	(18.3, 22.9)	0.0016	
Male	27.6	(25.2, 30.2)	23.3	0.0125		
Race/Ethnicity						
White	35.8	(32.3, 39.4)	29.5	(24.9, 34.5)	0.0376	
Black	21.0	(17.6, 24.8)	17.1	(14.1, 20.7)	0.1233	
Hispanic	30.4	(27.9, 33.1)	23.2	(20.4, 26.2)	0.0004	
Asian	18.9	(16.8, 21.1)	20.4	(17.2, 24.1)	0.4544	
Other	33.8	(27.8, 40.4)	26.8 (19.9, 35.0)		0.1589	
Age						
<=14	20.2	(17.4, 23.4)	16.2	(14.2, 18.4)	0.0293	
15	25.6	(22.4, 29.2)	18.3	(16.2, 20.6)	0.0004	
16	27.3	(24.0, 30.8)	23.2	(19.6, 27.3)	0.1162	
17+	34.6	(32.3, 37.0)	31.3	(27.6, 35.3)	0.1504	



NYC YRBS 2013 & 2015 Tried Cigarettes in the Past 12 Months Demographics

	2013		2015		2013 vs 2015	
	% 95% CIs		% 95% Cls		p-values	
Tried cigarettes past 12 mo	11.5	(10.0, 13.1)	10.0	(8.9, 11.1)	0.1291	
Sex			\frown			
Female	11.6	(9.9, 13.5)	9.1	(7.9, 10.6)	0.0295	
Male	11.0	(9.2, 13.2)	10.4	(8.8, 12.2)	0.6337	
Race/Ethnicity						
White	White ^{14.1}		13.0	(10.7, 15.8)	0.5256	
Black	8.4	(6.2, 11.3)	6.2	(5.2, 7.4)	0.1120	
Hispanic	Hispanic 13.7		11.0	(9.3, 13.1)	0.0424	
Asian	7.0	(5.3, 9.2)	9.1	(6.9, 11.8)	0.1904	
Other	14.9	(11.0, 20.1)	13.8 (10.1, 18.6)		0.7129	
Age						
<=14	10.6	(8.7, 12.8)	9.0	(7.0, 11.7)	0.3301	
15	11.7	11.7 (9.1, 14.9)		(7.4, 11.2)	0.1413	
16	11.2 (9.2, 13.6)		10.2	(8.0, 13.0)	0.5685	
17+	12.4 (10.7, 14.3)		11.7	(10.1, 13.6)	0.5959	



NYC YRBS Models

Outcomes	Current smoker	Current cigar user	Combustible (cigarette or cigar) user	Current smokeless user	Ever tried cigarettes	Tried cigarettes in the past 12 months
	OR (95% CI)	OR (95% CI)	OR (95% CI)	OR (95% CI)	OR (95% CI)	OR (95% CI)
2015 v 2013	0.673 ().559,	0.737 (0.610,	0.694 ().596,	0.688 ().543,	0.771 ().692,	0.855 ().737,
	0.809)	0.889)	0.808)	0.870)	0.858)	0.991)
Sex						
Male v Female	1.371 (1.146, 1.640)	1.754 (1.466, 2.098)	1.469 (1.269, 1.701)	2.206 (1.737, 2.800)	1.140 (1.024, 1.268)	1.037 (0.894, 1.201)
Race/Ethnicity						
Black v White	0.228 (0.166, 0.312)	0.570 (0.427, 0.760)	0.359 (0.283, 0.454)	1.005 (0.686, 1.473)	0.464 (0.390, 0.553)	0.504 (0.396, 0.640)
Hispanic v White	0.501 (0.400, 0.628)	0.827 (0.644, 1.061)	0.609 (0.501, 0.741)	1.254 (0.885, 1.777)	0.752 (0.649, 0.872)	0.897 (0.735, 1.095)
Asian v White	0.341 (0.249, 0.467)	0.558 (0.379, 0.824)	0.405 (0.301, 0.544)	0.624 (0.366, 1.062)	0.495 (0.404, 0.607)	0.558 (0.416, 0.748)
Other v White	0.568 (0.392, 0.824)	0.903 (0.622, 1.310)	0.686 (0.503, 0.936)	2.024 (1.270, 3.226)	0.879 (0.689, 1.121)	1.057 (0.769, 1.455)
Age						
15 v <=14	1.547 (1.148, 2.086)	1.293 (0.974, 1.716)	1.368 (1.079, 1.735)	0.930 (0.669, 1.293)	1.276 (1.081, 1.507)	1.142 (0.921, 1.416)
16 v <=14	1.722 (1.278, 2.321)	1.422 (1.088, 1.858)	1.594 (1.271, 1.999)	0.823 (0.581, 1.165)	1.599 (1.353, 1.889)	1.218 (0.978, 1.518)
17+<=14	2.890 (2.192, 3.810)	1.605 (1.247, 2.067)	2.141 (1.727, 2.653)	1.013 (0.750, 1.370)	2.341 (1.998, 2.742)	1.357 (1.111, 1.658)



STE and Tobacco 21 Evaluation Limitations

• Sales data

- Only includes stores with >\$2M in sales, excludes most convenience stores/bodegas that are the majority of tobacco retailers in NYC, also excludes sales from Native American reservations and the black market
- Depends on scanner information which may be entered incorrectly and we have no means to account or fix it
- Sales data are modestly influenced by adolescent tobacco use, as they only represent a small proportion of tobacco users
- Youth data
 - Only includes public high school students
 - Data are cross-sectional, so unable to draw causal inferences
 - NYC data set did not include a question about e-cigarette use in 2013, so unable to account for changes due to e-cigarette usage
- Both
 - STE and Tobacco 21 were implemented simultaneously so results cannot be attributed to only one law



STE and Tobacco 21 Evaluation Challenges

- Two laws were implemented simultaneously
- Implementation occurred in the middle of the year (August 1, 2014), so annual data split pre-post period
- Finding appropriate comparison data sets for survey data can be challenging
- Evaluation takes time
- Others may decide to evaluate your laws or part of your laws at the same time

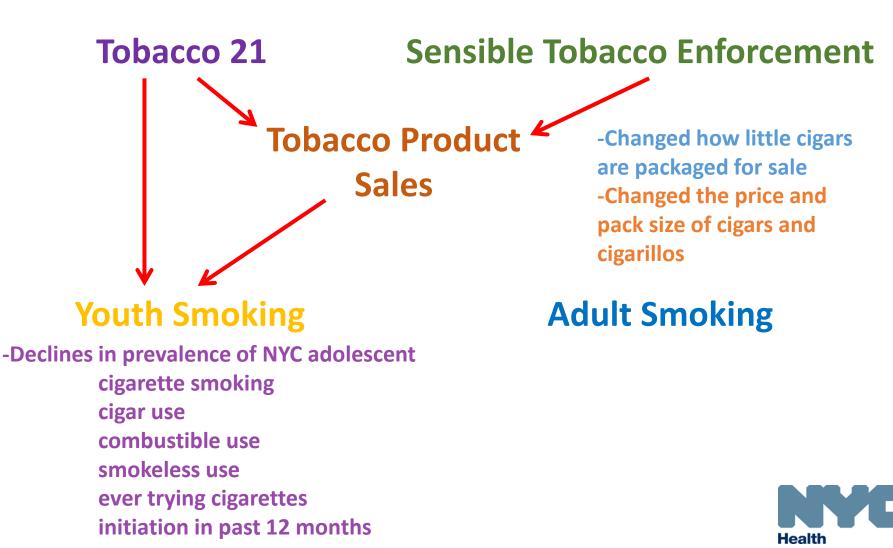


STE and Tobacco 21 Evaluation Lessons Learned

- Do the best you can with the time and resources available to you
- Someone will always find flaws in your work, however, imperfect evaluations still provide useful information
- Focus your evaluation on what you want to know and what is relevant to your work going forward
- Don't assume appropriate questions will be included in comparison data sets



STE and Tobacco 21 Preliminary Conclusions



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-Encourage other jurisdictions that laws like these are options for their communities

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Thank you!



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