After a small increase in 2003, global cigarette production declined 2.3 percent in 2004 to 5.5 trillion units. (See Figure 1.) While total production has been about the same for the past decade, population growth during this period has reduced per capita output by 11 percent since 1994, to 868 cigarettes per person a year. (See Figure 2.) Worldwide per capita production has not been this low since 1972.

China, the United States, Russia, and Japan—the four largest producers—manufacture just over half of the world's supply. In 2004, China produced 1.79 trillion cigarettes, 32 percent of the global total. The United States produced 499 billion, 9 percent of the total. This represents a substantial decline over years past. (In 1999, the United States produced 607 billion cigarettes, 22 percent more than in 2004.) Unlike China, whose people smoked 99 percent of the cigarettes produced there, the United States exported 24 percent of its total production.

Russia is currently the third largest producer, manufacturing 380 billion cigarettes in 2004—more than twice as many as in 1998. Japan is the fourth largest, having produced 216 billion cigarettes. Japan also imported a net 63 billion cigarettes, making this nation a leading smoker at 2,190 cigarettes per person—2.5 times the global average. (See Figure 3.) But per person numbers mask the true smoking rates of most populations. In Japan, where 30 percent of people smoke, the average smoker actually goes through 7,228 cigarettes a year, about a pack a day. 12

Today, 1.1 billion people smoke worldwide; 85 percent of these people live in low- or middle-income countries. ¹³ Future increases in smoking populations are expected to occur mainly in these regions, primarily because of higher rates of population growth and aggressive marketing campaigns by tobacco companies. ¹⁴

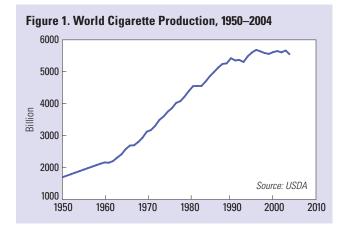
Currently, smoking kills 4.8 million people a year prematurely—one in eight adults globally—mainly from cardiovascular diseases, chronic obstructive lung disease, and lung cancer.¹⁵ Half of the victims live in industrial countries, and four fifths are men.¹⁶ Experts project that smoking will become the world's leading cause

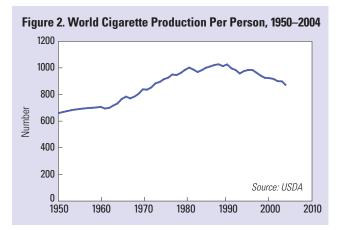
of death by 2030, killing 10 million people a year—but by then 7 of every 10 fatalities will occur in low- or middle-income countries.¹⁷

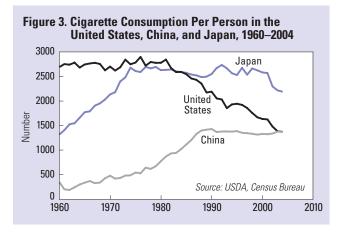
Recent years have seen several success stories in local, national, and global efforts to curb smoking rates. In March 2004, Ireland became one of the first countries to ban smoking in all restaurants and bars. 18 In the first few months, tobacco sales fell 16 percent. 19 Several nations have already followed suit, with Norway implementing a ban three months later, and Italy doing so seven months after that; in Scotland, a ban will go into effect in 2006.²⁰ These laws have shown themselves to be effective at reducing both smoking and exposure to secondhand smoke.²¹ In 1998, California was one of the first regions to adopt this form of smoking ban—a measure that has helped cut cigarette consumption in that state by 60 percent and the number of smokers by 27 percent.²²

Poland, a country with one of the highest smoking rates in the world, has also cut cigarette consumption by 10 percent and the number of smokers by 29 percent.²³ In 1995 the Polish government passed legislation that banned sales to minors, severely restricted tobacco advertising, created prominent health warnings on cigarette packs, and prohibited smoking in enclosed workplaces.²⁴ This comprehensive response has helped to reduce annual smoking deaths by 10,000 and to decrease lung cancer rates by 30 percent among men aged 20 to 44.²⁵

By far the most important tobacco control victory is the ratification of the Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC). This treaty entered into force on 27 February 2005, after having been ratified by over 40 countries. The FCTC creates a strict international standard on tobacco control, obligating ratifying countries to increase tobacco taxes; ban advertising, sponsorship, and promotion; expand warning labels on tobacco products; increase protection from secondhand smoke; and implement measures to eliminate tobacco smuggling. The second stream of the second secon







Year	Total	Per Persor
	(billion)	(number)
1950	1,686	660
1955	1,921	691
1960	2,150	707
1965	2,564	766
1970	3,112	839
1971	3,165	836
1972	3,295	853
1973	3,481	884
1974	3,590	894
1975	3,742	915
1976	3,852	926
1977	4,019	950
1978	4,072	946
1979	4,214	962
1980	4,388	985
1981	4,541	1,002
1982	4,550	987
1983	4,547	969
1984	4,689	983
1985	4,855	1,001
1986	4,987	1,011
1987	5,128	1,022
1988	5,240	1,027
1989	5,258	1,013
1990	5,419	1,026
1991	5,351	997
1992	5,363	984
1993	5,300	958
1994	5,478	976
1995	5,599	984
1996	5,680	984
1997	5,633	963
1998	5,581	941
1999	5,554	925
2000	5,609	923
2001	5,643	917
2002	5,602	900
2003	5,662	899
2004 (prel)	5,530	868

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