

Tobacco Sales in Houston

In 2019, total tobacco sales equaled **\$155.4M/year** or **\$428K per day**. This included cigarettes, vaping products, smokeless tobacco, cigars, and loose/pipe tobacco.

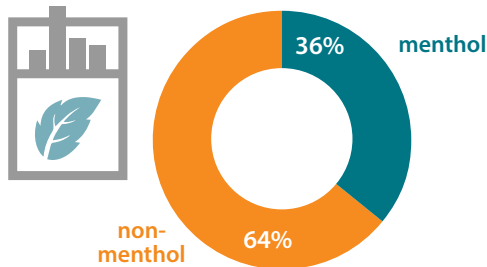
Tobacco sales data (Dec. 30, 2018 to Dec. 28, 2019) were licensed from Nielsen, a company that collects proprietary data from convenience stores (chains and smaller independent stores) as well as supermarkets, pharmacies, mass merchandisers (e.g., Walmart/dollar stores), and military commissaries. Nielsen data do not include liquor stores, smoke/vape shops, and online sales.



Cigarettes

Cigarettes were **79%** of tobacco dollar sales.

36% of cigarette sales were for **menthol-flavored cigarettes**.

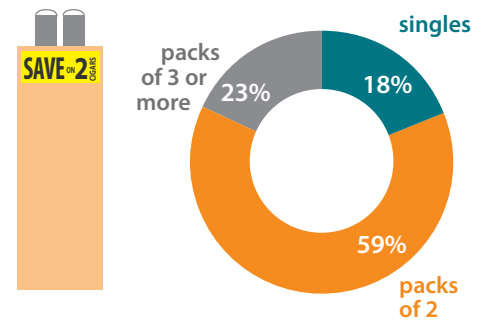


Average pack price:

\$6.47	\$6.65
non-menthol	menthol

Cigars

59% of cigar dollar sales were for cheap **packs of 2**.



At least **455 different cigar products** (including cigarillos, large cigars, premium cigars, and little filtered cigars) were sold.

Pod Vaping Products



In one year, stores sold approximately **5,102 pods per day**, totaling **\$7.8M**.

The Nielsen data underestimate vape product sales. The sales period (12/30/18-12/28/19) occurred after JUUL Labs announced its intent to discontinue US retail distribution of some flavored pods (except mint, menthol, tobacco), and preceded the federal sales restriction on flavored pod/cartridge products.

76% of pod dollar sales were for mint/menthol flavors.



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