

1998

## FLORIDA YOUTH TOBACCO SURVEY

### HIGH SCHOOL QUESTIONNAIRE

This survey is about tobacco use. It has been developed so you can tell us what you do that may affect your health. The information you give will be used to develop better tobacco education programs for young people like yourself.

DO NOT write your name on this survey. The answers you give will be kept private. No one will know what you write. Answer the questions based on what you really do.

Completing the survey is voluntary. Whether or not you answer the questions will not affect your grade in this class. If you are not comfortable answering a question, just leave it blank.

The questions that ask about your background will only be used to describe the types of students completing this survey. The information will not be used to find out your name. No names will ever be reported.

Make sure to answer every question. Fill in the circles on the answer sheet completely. When you are finished, follow the instructions of the person giving you the survey.

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**1. How old are you?**

- a. 12 years old or younger
- b. 13 years old
- c. 14 years old
- d. 15 years old
- e. 16 years old
- f. 17 years old
- g. 18 years old or older

**2. What is your sex?**

- a. Female
- b. Male

**3. In what grade are you?**

- a. 9th
- b. 10th
- c. 11th
- d. 12th
- e. Ungraded or other

**4. How do you describe yourself?**

- a. White, not-Hispanic
- b. Black, not-Hispanic
- c. Hispanic or Latino
- d. Asian or Pacific Islander
- e. American Indian or Alaskan Native
- f. Other

**THE NEXT 26 QUESTIONS ASK ABOUT  
YOUR USE OF CIGARETTES AND OTHER  
TOBACCO PRODUCTS.**

**5. Have you ever tried cigarette smoking,  
even one or two puffs?**

- a. Yes
- b. No

**6. How old were you when you smoked a  
whole cigarette for the first time?**

- a. I have never smoked a whole cigarette
- b. 8 years old or younger
- c. 9 or 10 years old
- d. 11 or 12 years old
- e. 13 or 14 years old
- f. 15 or 16 years old
- g. 17 years old or older

**7. Have you ever smoked cigarettes daily,  
that is, at least one cigarette every day for  
30 days?**

- a. Yes
- b. No

**8. During the past 30 days, on how many  
days did you smoke cigarettes?**

- a. I did not smoke cigarettes during the  
past 30 days
- b. 1 or 2 days
- c. 3 to 5 days
- d. 6 to 9 days
- e. 10 to 19 days
- f. 20 to 29 days
- g. All 30 days

**9. During the past 30 days, on how many  
days did you smoke cigarettes on school  
property?**

- a. I did not smoke cigarettes on school  
property during the past 30 days
- b. 1 or 2 days
- c. 3 to 5 days
- d. 6 to 9 days
- e. 10 to 19 days
- f. 20 to 29 days
- g. All 30 days

**10. During the past 30 days, on the days you smoked, how many cigarettes did you smoke per day?**

- a. I did not smoke cigarettes during the past 30 days
- b. Less than 1 cigarette per day
- c. 1 cigarette per day
- d. 2 to 5 cigarettes per day
- e. 6 to 10 cigarettes per day
- f. 11 to 20 cigarettes per day
- g. More than 20 cigarettes per day

**11. During the past 30 days, what brand of cigarettes did you usually smoke? (SELECT ONLY ONE RESPONSE)**

- a. I did not smoke cigarettes during the past 30 days
- b. No usual brand
- c. Camel
- d. Marlboro
- e. Newport
- f. Virginia Slims
- g. GPC, Basic, or Doral
- h. Other

**12. During the past 30 days, how did you usually get your own cigarettes? (SELECT ONLY ONE RESPONSE)**

- a. I did not smoke cigarettes during the past 30 days
- b. I bought them in a store such as a convenience store, supermarket, or gas station
- c. I bought them from a vending machine
- d. I gave someone else money to buy them for me
- e. I borrowed them from someone else
- f. I stole them
- g. An older person gave them to me
- h. I got them some other way

**13. During the past 30 days, where did you buy the last pack of cigarettes you bought?**

- a. I did not buy a pack of cigarettes during the past 30 days
- b. A gas station
- c. A convenience store
- d. A discount store
- e. A grocery store
- f. A drugstore
- g. A vending machine
- h. A restaurant

**14. When you bought or tried to buy cigarettes in a store during the past 30 days, were you ever asked to show proof of age?**

- a. I did not buy cigarettes in a store during the past 30 days
- b. Yes, I was asked to show proof of age
- c. No, I was **not** asked to show proof of age

**15. During the past 30 days, did anyone ever refuse to sell you cigarettes because of your age?**

- a. I did not try to buy cigarettes in a store during the past 30 days
- b. Yes, someone refused to sell me cigarettes because of my age
- c. No, my age did not keep me from buying cigarettes

**16. During the past 12 months, have you ever tried to quit smoking cigarettes?**

- a. Yes
- b. No

**17. During the past 7 days, on how many days were you in the same room with someone who was smoking cigarettes?**

- a. 0 days
- b. 1 or 2 days
- c. 3 or 4 days
- d. 5 or 6 days
- e. 7 days

**18. During the past 7 days, on how many days did you ride in a car with someone who was smoking cigarettes?**

- a. 0 days
- b. 1 or 2 days
- c. 3 or 4 days
- d. 5 or 6 days
- e. 7 days

**19. Have you ever used chewing tobacco or snuff, such as Redman, Levi Garrett, Beechnut, Skoal, Skoal Bandits, or Copenhagen?**

- a. Yes
- b. No

**20. How old were you when you used chewing tobacco or snuff for the first time?**

- a. I have never used chewing tobacco or snuff
- b. 7 years old or younger
- c. 8 or 9 years old
- d. 10 or 11 years old
- e. 12 or 13 years old
- f. 14 or 15 years old
- g. 16 or 17 years old
- h. 18 years old or older

**21. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use chewing tobacco or snuff?**

- a. I did not use chewing tobacco or snuff during the past 30 days
- b. 1 or 2 days
- c. 3 to 5 days
- d. 6 to 9 days
- e. 10 to 19 days
- f. 20 to 29 days
- g. All 30 days

**22. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use chewing tobacco or snuff on school property?**

- a. I did not use chewing tobacco or snuff on school property during the past 30 days
- b. 1 or 2 days
- c. 3 to 5 days
- d. 6 to 9 days
- e. 10 to 19 days
- f. 20 to 29 days
- g. All 30 days

**23. During the past 30 days, how did you usually get your own chewing tobacco or snuff? (SELECT ONLY ONE RESPONSE)**

- a. I did not use chewing tobacco or snuff during the past 30 days
- b. I bought it in a store such as a convenience store, supermarket, or gas station
- c. I gave someone else money to buy it for me
- d. I borrowed it from someone else
- e. I stole it
- f. An older person gave it to me
- g. I got it some other way

**24. When you bought or tried to buy chewing tobacco or snuff in a store during the past 30 days, were you ever asked to show proof of age?**

- a. I did not buy chewing tobacco or snuff in a store during the past 30 days
- b. Yes, I was asked to show proof of age
- c. No, I was not asked to show proof of age

**25. During the past 30 days, did anyone ever refuse to sell you chewing tobacco or snuff because of your age?**

- a. I did not try to buy chewing tobacco or snuff in a store during the past 30 days
- b. Yes, someone refused to sell me chewing tobacco or snuff because of my age
- c. No, my age did not keep me from buying chewing tobacco or snuff

**26. Have you ever tried to smoke a cigar, cigarillo, or little cigar, even one or two puffs?**

- a. Yes
- b. No

**27. How old were you when you smoked a whole cigar, cigarillo, or little cigar for the first time?**

- a. I have never smoked a whole cigar, cigarillo or little cigar
- b. 7 years old or younger
- c. 8 or 9 years old
- d. 10 or 11 years old
- e. 12 or 13 years old
- f. 14 or 15 years old
- g. 16 or 17 years old
- h. 18 years old or older

**28. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you smoke a cigar, cigarillo, or little cigar?**

- a. I did not smoke a cigar, cigarillo, or little cigar during the past 30 days
- b. 1 or 2 days
- c. 3 to 5 days
- d. 6 to 9 days
- e. 10 to 19 days
- f. 20 to 29 days
- g. All 30 days

**29. During the past 30 days, how did you usually get your own cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars? (SELECT ONLY ONE RESPONSE)**

- a. I did not smoke cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars during the past 30 days
- b. I bought them in a store such as a convenience store, supermarket, or gas station
- c. I gave someone else money to buy them for me
- d. I borrowed them from someone else
- e. I stole them
- f. An older person gave them to me
- g. I got them some other way

**30. When you bought or tried to buy cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars in a store during the past 30 days, were you ever asked to show proof of age?**

- a. I did not buy cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars in a store during the past 30 days
- b. Yes, I was asked to show proof of age
- c. No, I was not asked to show proof of age

**THE NEXT 48 QUESTIONS ASK ABOUT YOUR OPINIONS AND BELIEFS ABOUT CIGARETTE SMOKING**

**31. Do you think that you will try a cigarette soon?**

- a. I have already tried smoking cigarettes
- b. Yes
- c. No

**32. If one of your best friends offered you a cigarette, would you smoke it?**

- a. Definitely yes
- b. Probably yes
- c. Probably not
- d. Definitely not

**33. During this school year, were you taught in any of your classes about tobacco use?**

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Not sure

**34. During this school year, were you taught in any of your classes the reasons why people your age smoke cigarettes?**

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Not sure

**35. During this school year, were you taught in any of your classes that most people your age do not smoke cigarettes?**

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Not sure

**36. During this school year, did you practice in any of your classes ways to say 'no' to tobacco (for example, in role plays)?**

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Not sure

**37. During this school year, were you taught in any of your classes about the effects of smoking like it makes your teeth yellow, causes wrinkles, or makes you smell bad?**

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Not sure

**38. During this school year, were you taught in any of your classes about the effects of using chewing tobacco or snuff like it makes your teeth brown or damages your gums?**

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Not sure

**39. During this school year, has what you have learned in school helped you feel it is okay to say 'no' to friends who offer you cigarettes?**

- a. I was not taught about smoking cigarettes in school
- b. Yes
- c. No

**40. Do your parents know that you smoke cigarettes?**

- a. I do not smoke cigarettes
- b. Yes
- c. No

**41. Have your parents ever told you not to smoke cigarettes?**

- a. Yes
- b. No

**42. At any time during the next year do you think you will smoke a cigarette?**

- a. Definitely yes
- b. Probably yes
- c. Probably not
- d. Definitely not

**43. Do you think people your age care about staying off cigarettes?**

- a. Definitely yes
- b. Probably yes
- c. Probably not
- d. Definitely not

**44. Can people get addicted to cigarette smoking just like they can get addicted to a drug?**

- a. Definitely yes
- b. Probably yes
- c. Probably not
- d. Definitely not

**45. Is breathing second-hand smoke bad for your health?**

- a. Definitely yes
- b. Probably yes
- c. Probably not
- d. Definitely not

**46. Do young people who smoke cigarettes have more friends?**

- a. Definitely yes
- b. Probably yes
- c. Probably not
- d. Definitely not

**47. Do smokers have shorter lives than nonsmokers?**

- a. Definitely yes
- b. Probably yes
- c. Probably not
- d. Definitely not

**48. Does smoking cigarettes help people feel more comfortable at parties and in other social situations?**

- a. Definitely yes
- b. Probably yes
- c. Probably not
- d. Definitely not

**49. Does smoking cigarettes make young people look cool?**

- a. Definitely yes
- b. Probably yes
- c. Probably not
- d. Definitely not

**50. Do you believe that light (low-tar) cigarettes are somewhat less risky than regular (full-flavor) cigarettes?**

- a. Yes
- b. No

**51. Is smoking cigarettes less dangerous for a person your age because you can always quit later?**

- a. Definitely yes
- b. Probably yes
- c. Probably not
- d. Definitely not

**52. Do people risk harming themselves if they smoke one or more packs of cigarettes per day?**

- a. Definitely yes
- b. Probably yes
- c. Probably not
- d. Definitely not

**53. Does anyone who lives in your home smoke cigarettes?**

- a. No one in my home smokes cigarettes
- b. Only I smoke cigarettes
- c. Someone else smokes cigarettes
- d. Someone else and I smoke cigarettes

**54. How many of your four best friends smoke cigarettes?**

- a. None
- b. One
- c. Two
- d. Three
- e. Four
- f. Not sure

**55. How many of your four best friends use chewing tobacco or snuff?**

- a. None
- b. One
- c. Two
- d. Three
- e. Four
- f. Not sure

**56. What is the youngest age a person can legally buy cigarettes in Florida?**

- a. Less than 16 years old
- b. 16 years old
- c. 17 years old
- d. 18 years old
- e. 19 years old
- f. 20 years old
- g. 21 years old or older
- h. Not sure

**57. During the past 30 days, how many commercials have you seen on TV about NOT smoking cigarettes?**

- a. A lot
- b. A few
- c. None

**58. During the past 30 days, how many commercials have you heard on the radio about NOT smoking cigarettes?**

- a. A lot
- b. A few
- c. None

**59. During the past 30 days, how many messages have you seen on billboards about NOT smoking cigarettes?**

- a. A lot
- b. A few
- c. None

**60. During the past 30 days, how many posters have you seen about NOT smoking cigarettes?**

- a. A lot
- b. A few
- c. None

**61. During the past 30 days, how many messages have you seen in newspapers or magazines about NOT smoking cigarettes?**

- a. A lot
- b. A few
- c. None

**62. During the past 12 months, have you seen a TV commercial that compares the gases from cows and what you inhale from cigarette smoke?**

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Not sure

**63. What do you think the “cow” commercial is about?**

- a. I did not see it
- b. Showing cows smoking makes smoking look foolish
- c. Cigarette smoking contains the same methane gas that cows produce when they digest food
- d. Not sure

**64. When you watch TV, how often do you see actors smoking?**

- a. I never watch TV
- b. A lot
- c. Sometimes
- d. Never

**65. When you go to movies, how often do you see actors smoking?**

- a. I never go to the movies
- b. A lot
- c. Sometimes
- d. Never

**66. Some tobacco companies make items like sports gear, t-shirts, lighters, hats, jackets, and sunglasses that people can buy or receive free. During the past 12 months, did you buy or receive anything that has a tobacco company name or picture on it?**

- a. Yes
- b. No

**67. Would you ever use or wear something that has a tobacco company name or picture on it such as a lighter, t-shirt, hat, or sunglasses?**

- a. Definitely yes
- b. Probably yes
- c. Probably not
- d. Definitely not

**68. During the past 30 days, when you watched sports events or other programs on TV how often did you see cigarette brand names?**

- a. A lot
- b. Sometimes
- c. Never

**69. During the past 30 days, when you listened to the radio how often do you hear cigarette brand names mentioned?**

- a. A lot
- b. Sometimes
- c. Never

**70. During the past 30 days, how many ads for cigarettes have you seen on billboards?**

- a. A lot
- b. A few
- c. None

**71. During the past 30 days, how many ads or promotions for cigarettes have you seen in newspapers or magazines?**

- a. A lot
- b. A few
- c. None

**72. When you go to a convenience store or gas station, how often do you see advertisements for cigarettes, chewing tobacco, or snuff on items like sporting gear, t-shirts, hats, sunglasses, lighters, or ashtrays that have tobacco names or pictures on them.**

- a. I never go to convenience stores or gas stations
- b. A lot
- c. Sometimes
- d. Never

**73. When you go to sports events, fairs, or community events, how often do you see ads about NOT using cigarettes, chewing tobacco, or snuff?**

- a. I never go to sports events, fairs, or community events
- b. A lot
- c. Sometimes
- d. Never

**74. When you go to sports events, fairs, or community events, how often do you see ads for cigarettes, chewing tobacco, or snuff?**

- a. I never go to sports events, fairs, or community events
- b. A lot
- c. Sometimes
- d. Never

**75. During the past 12 months, have you participated in any community events to discourage people your age from using cigarettes, chewing tobacco, or snuff?**

- a. Yes
- b. No

**76. Does Florida have a law that punishes anyone under age 18 who has cigarettes or any other tobacco product in their possession?**

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Not sure

**77. In the area where you live, do you know of any places that sell single or loose cigarettes?**

- a. Yes
- b. No

**78. Does your school have any special groups or classes for students who want to quit using tobacco?**

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Not sure

**79. What grades did you get in school last year?**

- a. Mostly A's
- b. Mostly B's
- c. Mostly C's
- d. Mostly D's
- e. Mostly F's