

# Youth Exposure to Secondhand Smoke (SHS)



Results from the 2009 Florida Youth Tobacco Survey

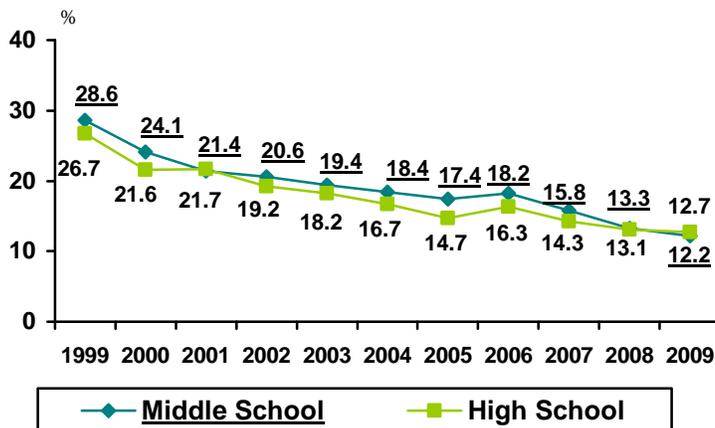
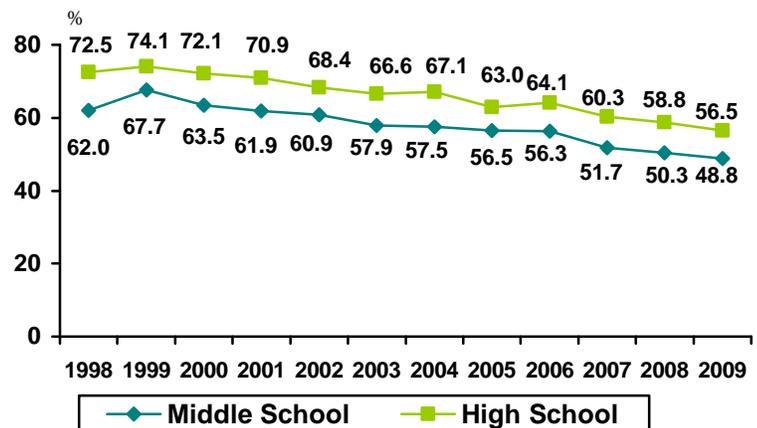
\*Fact Sheet 5\*

## Introduction

The Florida Youth Tobacco Survey (FYTS) was administered in the spring of 2009 to 6,364 middle school students and 5,673 high school students in 179 public schools throughout the state. The survey response rate for middle schools was 81%, and the survey response rate for high schools was 72%. The FYTS has been conducted annually since 1998. The data presented in this fact sheet are weighted to represent the entire population of public middle and high school students in Florida.

### Exposed to SHS in a Room or Car

In 2009, 48.8% of middle school and 56.5% of high school students were exposed to SHS in a room or car in the past week. Since 1998, the prevalence of being exposed to SHS in a room or car decreased by 21.3% among middle school students and by 22.1% among high school students.



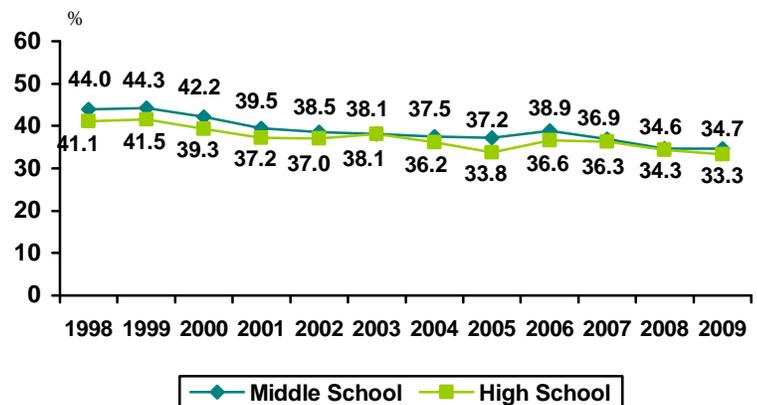
### Smoking Allowed in the Home

In 2009, 12.2% of middle school students and 12.7% of high school students reported that smoking was allowed inside their homes. Since 1999, the prevalence of students reporting that smoking was allowed inside their homes decreased by 57.3% among middle school students and by 52.4% among high school students.

\*This question was not asked in 1998.

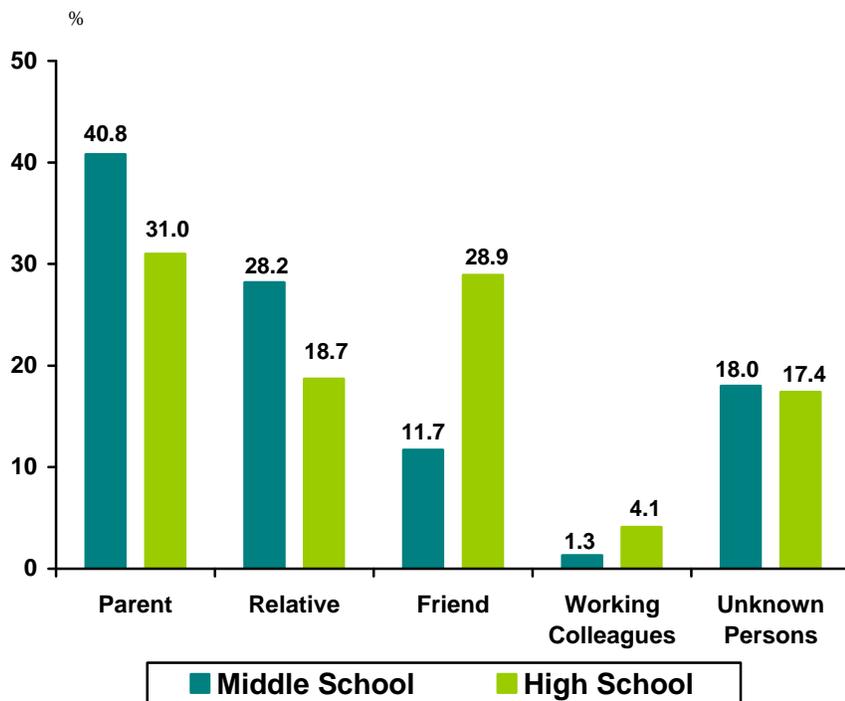
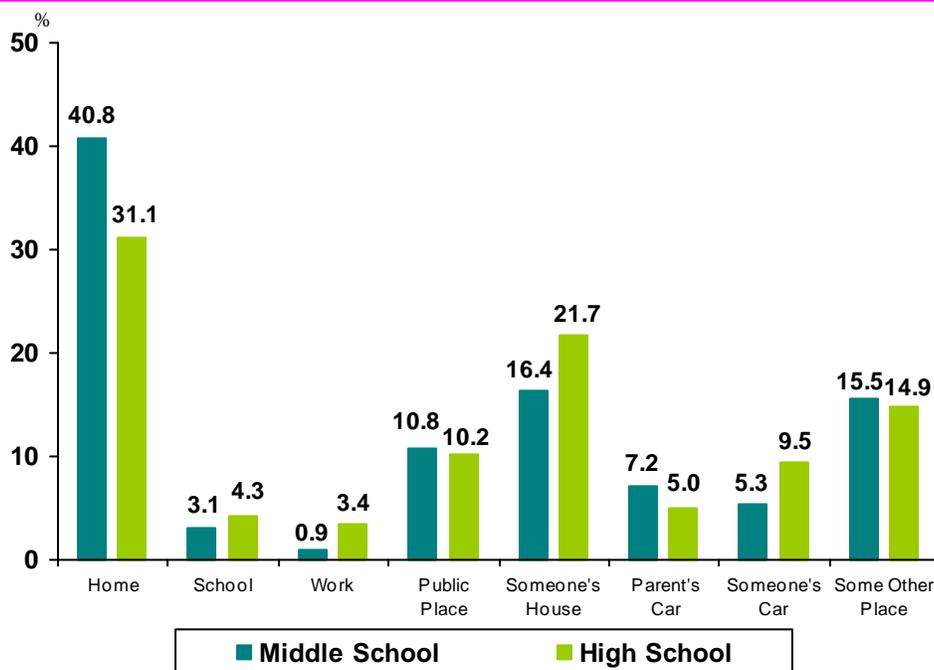
### Someone Else Smokes in the Home

In 2009, 34.7% of middle school students and 33.3% of high school students reported that someone else smoked cigarettes in their homes. Since 1998, the prevalence of students reporting that someone else smoked cigarettes in their homes decreased by 21.1% among middle school students and by 19.0% among high school students.



### SHS by Location

The majority of middle and high school students were exposed to SHS in private places such as their own home or someone else's home. Middle school students had a higher prevalence than high school students of SHS exposure in their home and in their parent's car. High school students had a significantly higher prevalence than middle school students of SHS exposure in someone else's home or car.



### SHS by Source

The majority of students exposed to SHS were exposed to it by someone with whom they have a close relationship. Family members were the most common sources of SHS for middle school students (69.0%). High school students had a higher prevalence than middle school students of being exposed to SHS by a friend (28.9%).

For more information about the FYTS, please contact the Chronic Disease Epidemiology and Surveillance Section, at (850) 245-4401, or by e-mail at [ChronicDisease@doh.state.fl.us](mailto:ChronicDisease@doh.state.fl.us). You can also visit our website at <http://www.FloridaChronicDisease.org>.

