

Youth Exposure to Secondhand Smoke (SHS)



Results from the 2011 Florida Youth Tobacco Survey

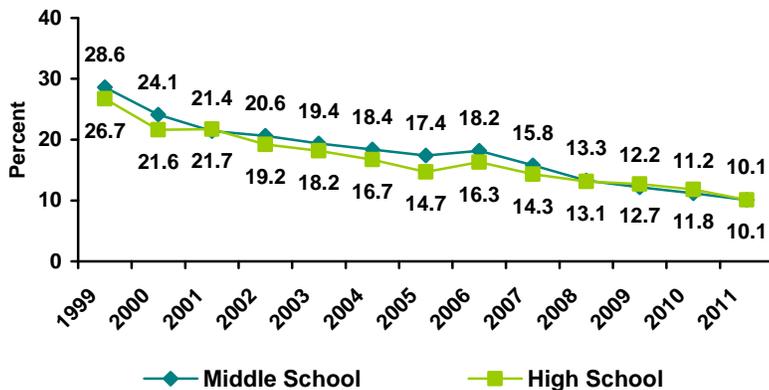
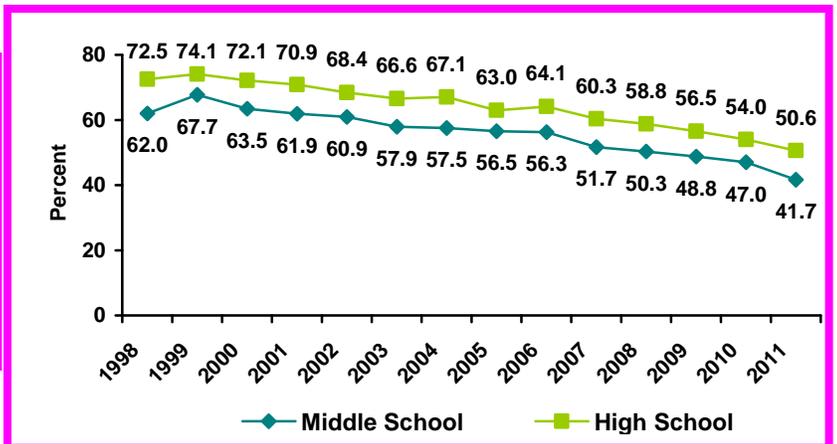
Fact Sheet 5

Introduction

The Florida Youth Tobacco Survey (FYTS) was administered in the spring of 2011 to 6,045 middle school students and 6,163 high school students in 172 public schools throughout the state. The survey response rate for middle schools was 83%, and the survey response rate for high schools was 73%. 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 2011, 41.7% of middle school and 50.6% of high school students were exposed to second-hand smoke (SHS) in a room or car in the past week. Since 1998, the prevalence of this behavior has decreased by 32.7% among middle school students and by 30.2% among high school students.



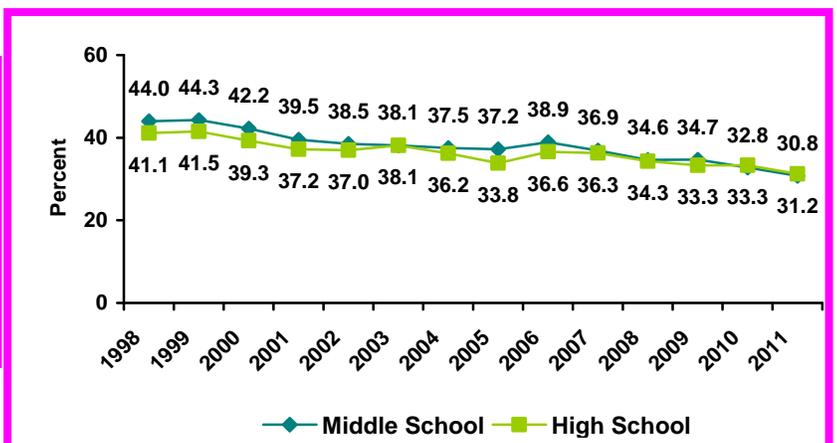
Smoking Allowed in the Home*

In 2011, 10.1% of middle school students and 10.1% of high school students reported that smoking was allowed inside their homes. Since 1999, the prevalence of this behavior has decreased by 64.7% among middle school students and by 62.2% among high school students.

*This question was not asked in 1998.

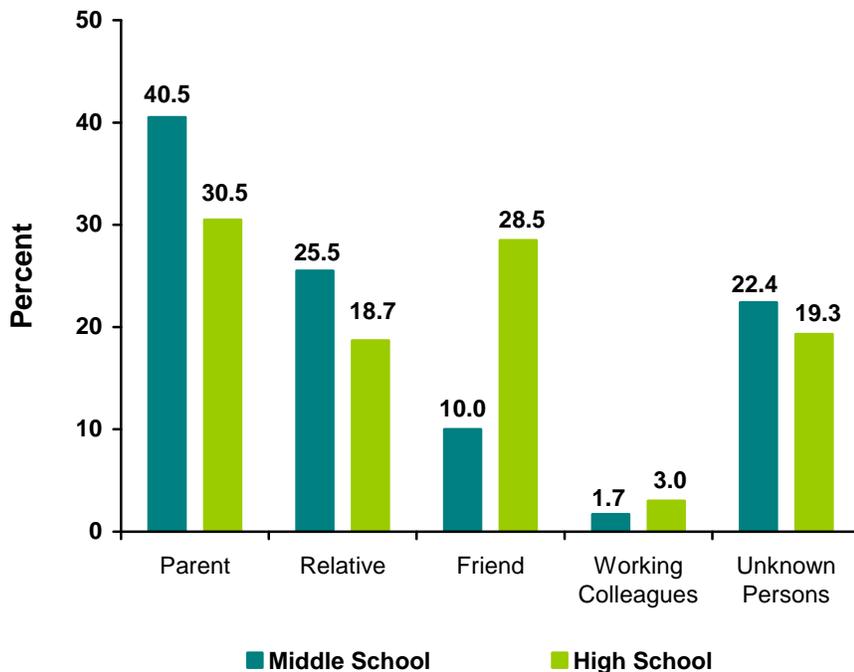
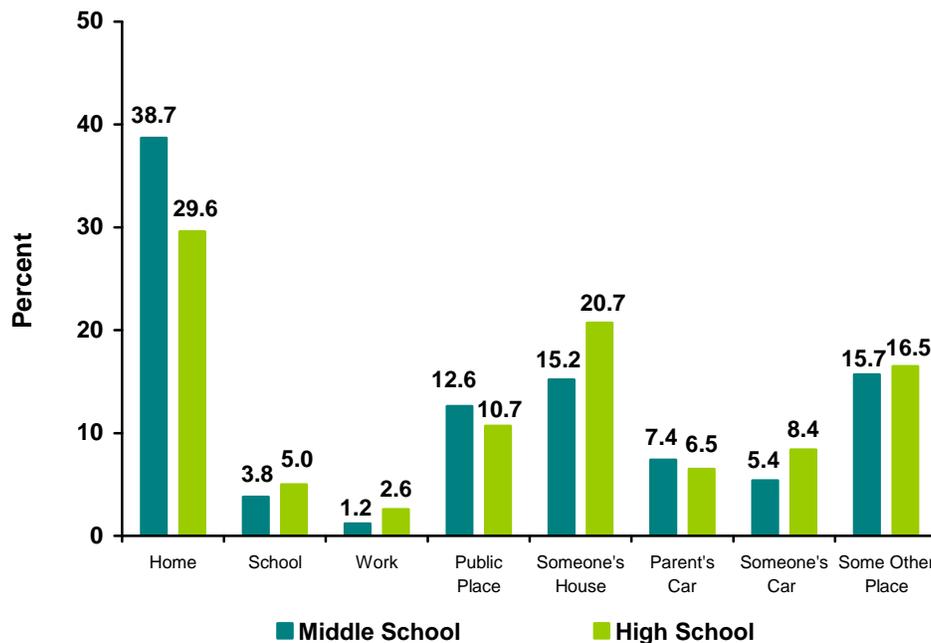
Someone Else Smokes in the Home

In 2011, 30.8% of middle school students and 31.2% of high school students reported that someone else smoked cigarettes in their homes. Since 1998, the prevalence of this behavior has decreased by 30.0% among middle school students and by 24.1% 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 significantly higher prevalence than high school students of SHS exposure in their own home. High school students had a significantly higher prevalence than middle school students of SHS exposure in someone else's home, someone else's car or at work.



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 exposure for middle school students (66.0%) and high school students (49.2%). High school students had a significantly higher prevalence than middle school students of being exposed to SHS by a friend. Approximately one out of five students is exposed to SHS by a stranger.

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