

Specialty Tobacco Products



Results from the 2009 Florida Youth Tobacco Survey

Fact Sheet 4

Introduction

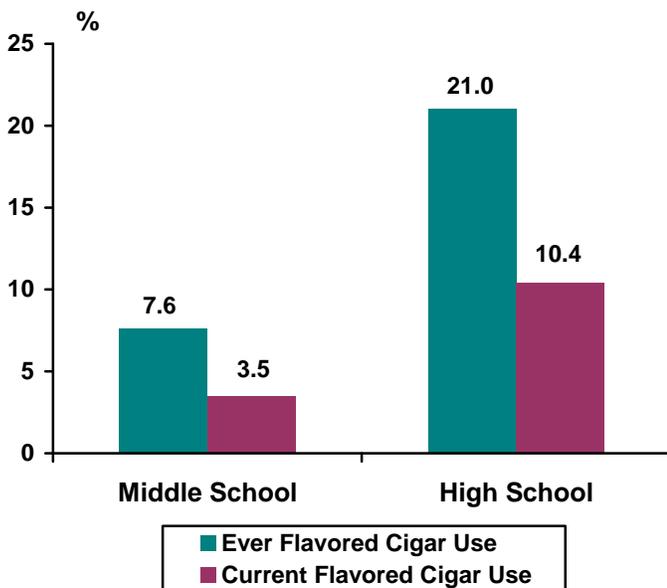
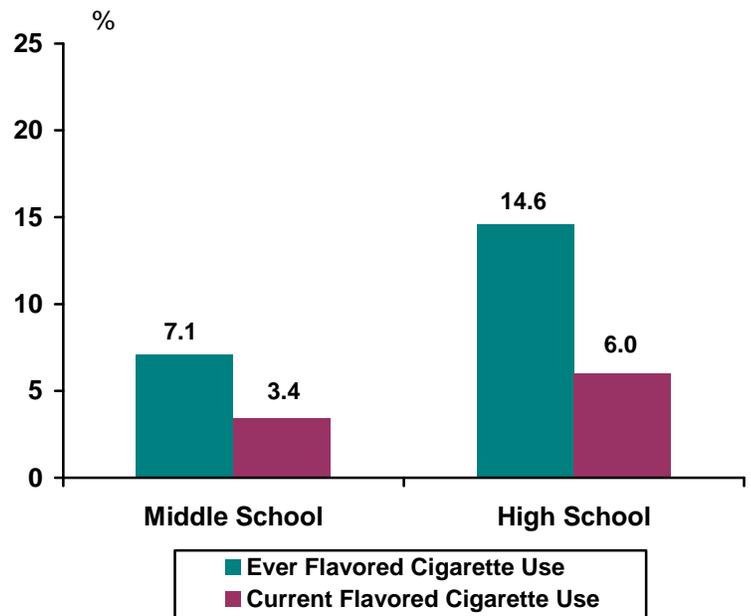
The Florida Youth Tobacco Survey (FYTS) was administered in the spring of 2009 to 6,364 middle school students and 5,673 high school students in 179 public schools throughout the state. The survey response rate for middle schools was 81%, and the survey response rate for high schools was 72%. The FYTS 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.

Flavored Cigarettes

Flavored cigarettes are cigarettes that have been made to taste like other flavors, such as chocolate, candy, or fruit flavors.

In 2009, 7.1% of middle school students and 14.6% of high school students had ever tried smoking flavored cigarettes.

In 2009, 3.4% of middle school students and 6.0% of high school students had smoked flavored cigarettes on one or more occasions during the past 30 days (current flavored cigarette use).



Flavored Cigars

Flavored cigars are cigars that have been made to taste like other flavors, such as chocolate, candy, or fruit flavors.

In 2009, 7.6% of middle school students and two out of five (21.0%) high school students had ever tried smoking flavored cigars.

In 2009, 3.5% of middle school students and one out of ten (10.4%) high school students had smoked flavored cigars on one or more occasions during the past 30 days (current flavored cigar use).

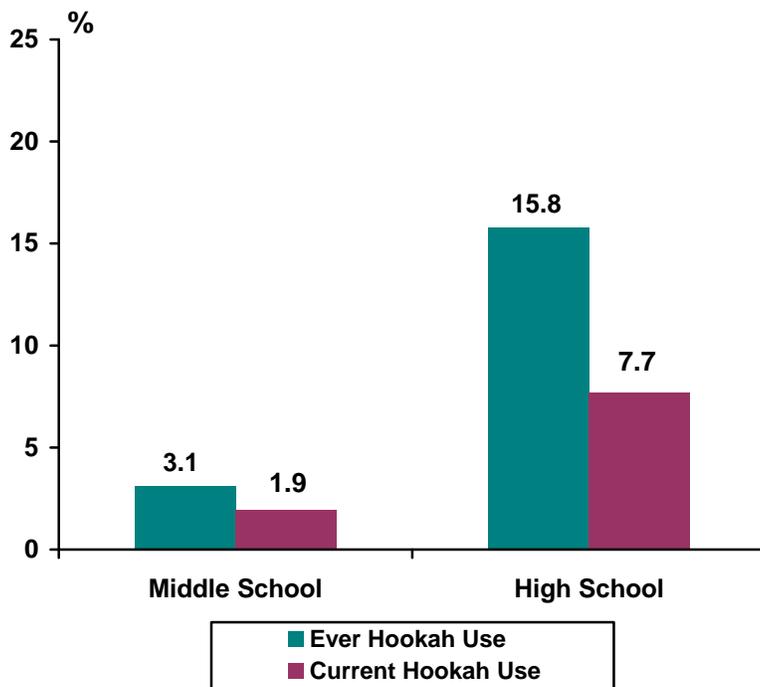
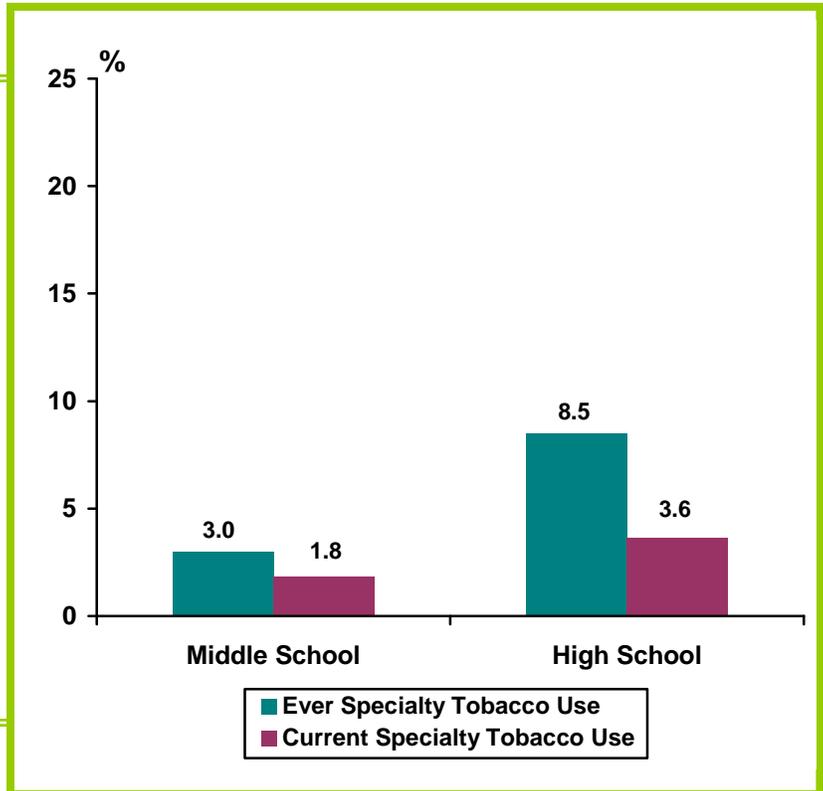
Specialty Tobacco

Specialty tobacco includes:

- 1) **bidis** (small brown cigarettes from India wrapped in a leaf and tied with a thread);
- 2) **kreteks** (cigarettes that contain tobacco and clove extract); and
- 3) **pipe tobacco** (any tobacco product plain or flavored that is smoked out of a pipe).

In 2009, 3.0% of middle school students and 8.5% of high school students had ever tried any form of specialty tobacco.

In 2009, 1.8% of middle school students and 3.6% of high school students had used any form of specialty tobacco on one or more occasions during the past 30 days (current specialty tobacco use).



Hookah

A hookah is a single- or multi-stemmed water pipe used for smoking tobacco.

In 2009, 3.1% of middle school students and 15.8% of high school students had ever tried smoking tobacco out of a hookah.

In 2009, 1.9% of middle school students and 7.7% of high school students had smoked tobacco out of a hookah on one or more occasions during the past 30 days (current hookah use).

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