

Tobacco Use on School Property



Results from the 2011 Florida Youth Tobacco Survey

Fact Sheet 8

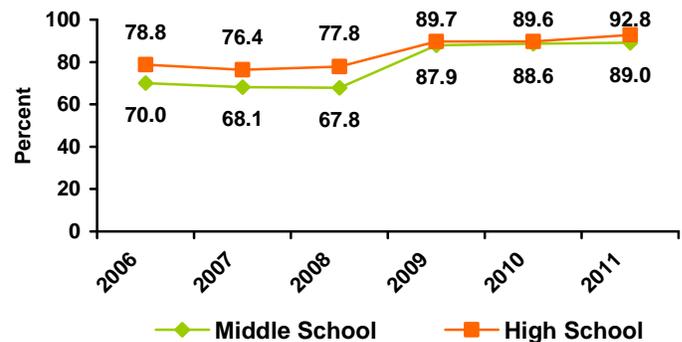
Introduction

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.

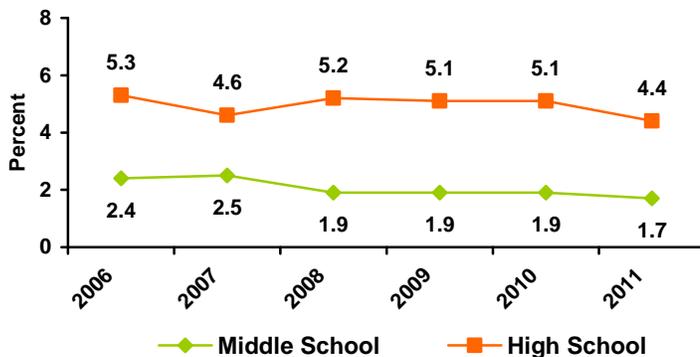
Rule Against Smoking on School Property*

School property definition was expanded from “in school building or school yard” to “on school property, including fields, buildings, parking lots, or at any school events” on 2011 FYTS.

In 2011, 89.0% of middle school and 92.8% of high school students reported that there is rule that no one is allowed to smoke cigarettes on school property. In 2011, prevalence of this behavior did not vary significantly by school level.



*Question first asked in 2006

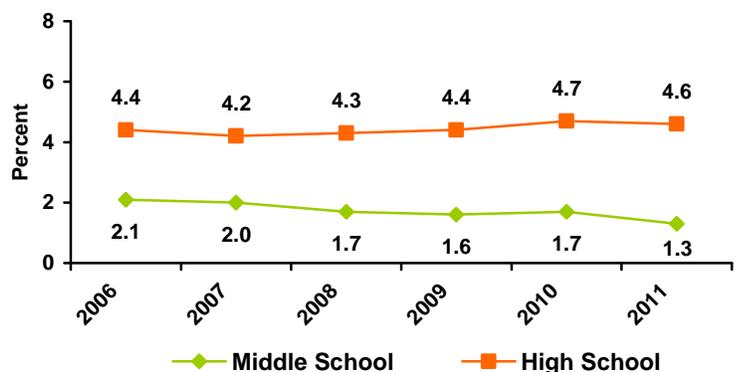


Smoked Cigarettes on School Property±

In 2011, 1.7% of middle school and 4.4% of high school students smoked cigarette(s) on school property on one or more of the last 30 days. Since 2006, the prevalence of this behavior has decreased by 29.2% among middle school students and by 17.0% among high school students.

Chewed Tobacco on School Property±

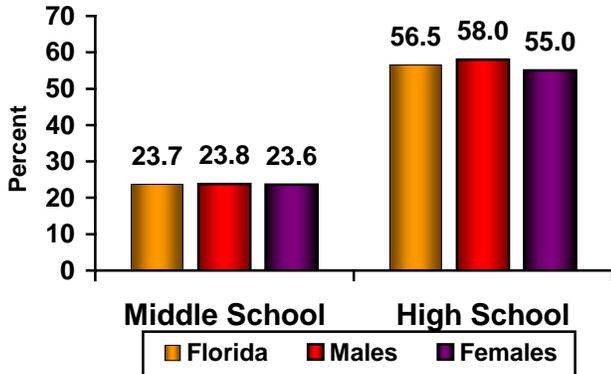
In 2011, 1.3% of middle school and 4.6% of high school students used chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip on school property on one or more of the last 30 days. Since 2006, the prevalence of this behavior decreased by 38.1% among middle school students, but there has not been a statistically significant change in this behavior among high school students.



± Due to significant programmatic funding changes, trend data is presented from 2006-2011.

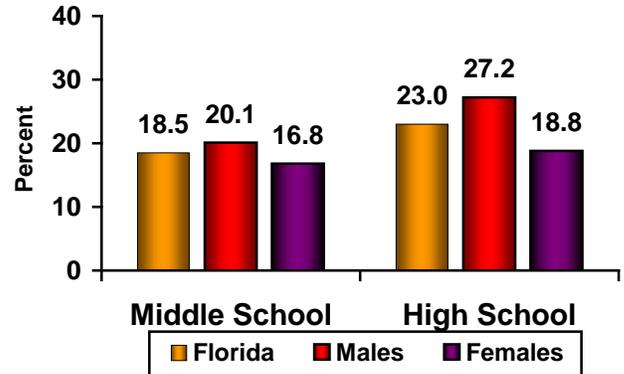
Saw Students Smoke on School Property*

In 2011, 23.7% of middle school and 56.5% of high school students saw students smoking on school property in the past 12 months. In 2011, prevalence of this behavior did not vary significantly by gender for either school level.



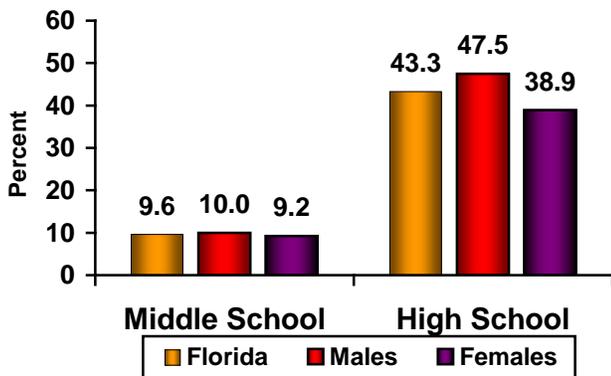
Saw Adults Smoke on School Property*

In 2011, 18.5% of middle school and 23.0% of high school students saw teachers, staff, or other adults smoking on school property in the past 12 months. In 2011, high school males were significantly more likely than females to have observed this behavior, but the prevalence did not vary significantly by gender in middle school.



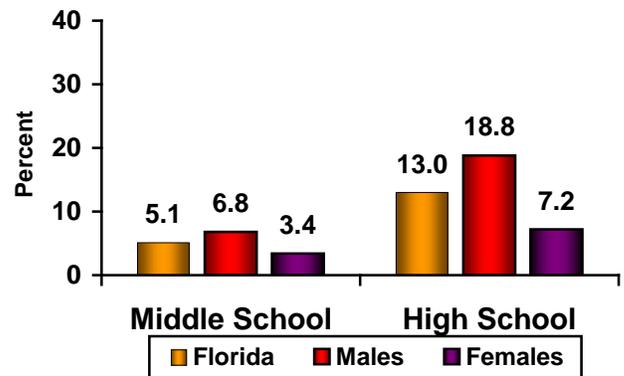
Saw Students Chew Tobacco on School Property*

In 2011, 9.6% of middle school and 43.3% of high school students saw students use chewing tobacco on school property in the past 12 months. In 2011, prevalence of this behavior did not vary significantly by gender for either school level.



Saw Adults Chew Tobacco on School Property*

In 2011, 5.1% of middle school and 13.0% of high school students saw teachers, staff or other adults use chewing tobacco on school property in the past 12 months. In 2011, middle school and high school males were significantly more likely than their female classmates to have observed this behavior.



* Revised tobacco use on school property questions first asked in 2011

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