

# 2012 Florida Youth Tobacco Survey: Fact Sheet 11



## Youth Snus Use



### Introduction

The Florida Youth Tobacco Survey (FYTS) was administered in the spring of 2012 to 38,989 middle school students and 36,439 high school students in 746 public schools throughout the state. The overall survey response rate for middle schools was 77% and the overall 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.

### About Snus

Snus is a small pouch of tobacco the user places in the mouth that is smoke-free as well as spit-free.



### Ever Tried Snus

In 2012, 1.6% of middle school and 5.1% of high school students had tried snus at least once (Figure 1). Since 2010, the prevalence of this behavior has decreased by 20.0% among middle school students and by 20.3% among high school students.

### Current Snus Use

In 2012, 1.1% of middle school students and 2.9% of high school students used snus at least once during the past 30 days (Figure 2). Since 2010, the prevalence of this behavior has decreased by 21.4% among middle school students and by 21.6% among high school students.

Image: <http://www.smokescenenyc.com/camel.jpg>

Figure 1. Ever Tried Snus

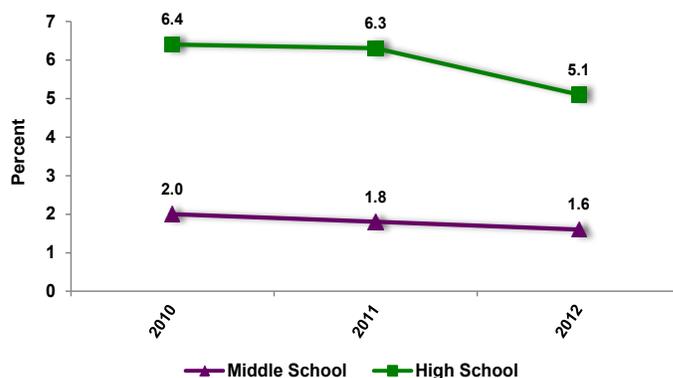
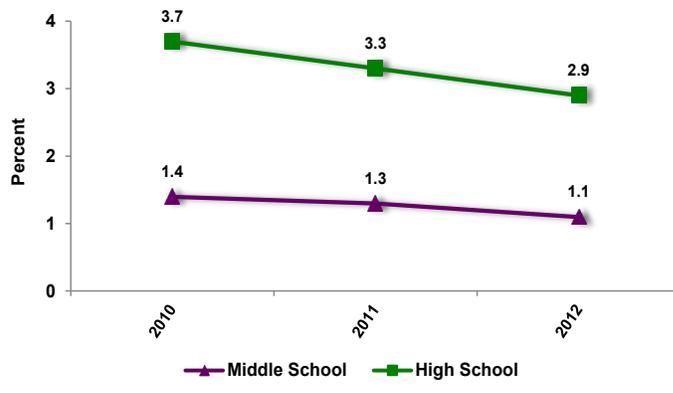
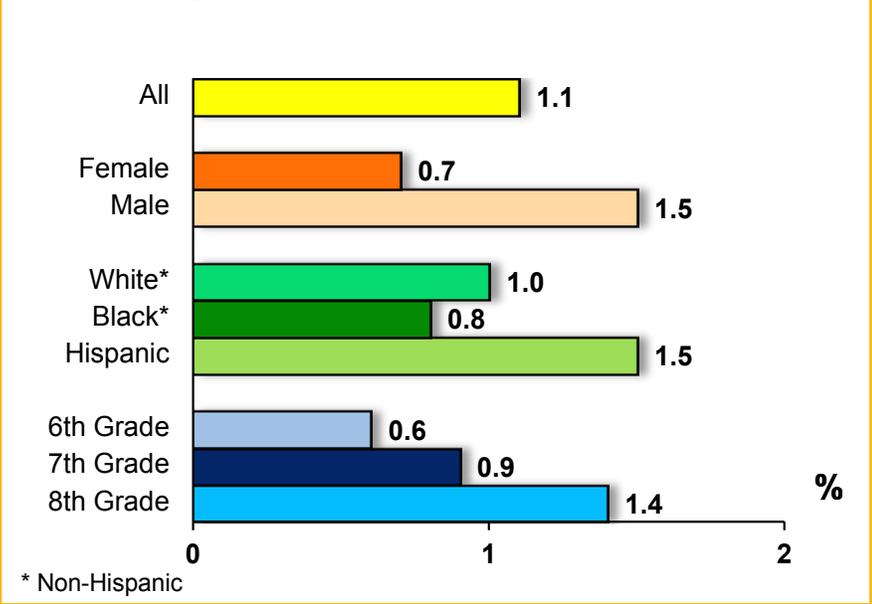


Figure 2. Current Snus Use



Current Snus Use (Past 30 Days)

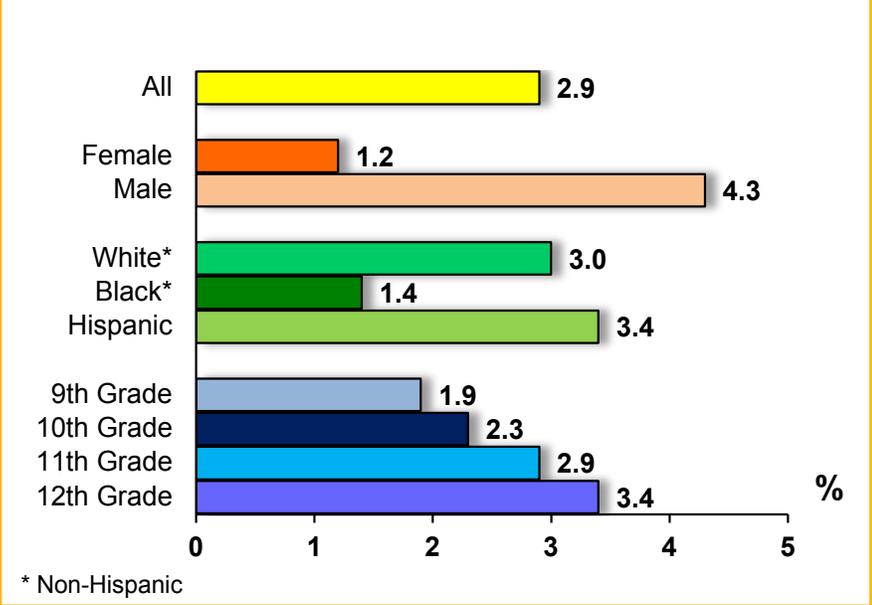
Figure 3. Middle School Current Snus Use



**Middle School**

Overall, 1.1% of middle school students used snus at least once during the past 30 days (Figure 3). In 2012, the prevalence of current snus use was significantly higher among male students than female students. The prevalence of this behavior was higher among Hispanic students than among non-Hispanic white students and non-Hispanic black students. The prevalence of this behavior increased with each increasing grade, from sixth to eighth.

Figure 4. High School Current Snus Use



**High School**

Overall, 2.9% of high school students used snus at least once during the past 30 days (Figure 4). In 2012, the prevalence of current snus use was higher among male students than female students. The prevalence of this behavior was higher among non-Hispanic white and Hispanic students than among non-Hispanic black students. The prevalence of this behavior increased from ninth to twelfth grade.

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