



Florida Youth Tobacco Survey

2012 - 2017 Florida Youth (Ages 11-17), High School, and Middle School Data

The Florida Youth Tobacco Survey (FYTS) was administered in the spring of 2017. A total of **174** public high schools and middle schools in the **67** Florida counties participated in the FYTS. There were **11,595** students who participated in the 2017 FYTS; **5,782** at the high school level and **5,718** at the middle school level.

The data presented in this database were weighted to represent the entire population of public middle and high school students in Florida. To achieve weighted data (representative sample), the overall response rate must be greater than or equal to the standard 60%.

2017 FYTS Response Rates:

High School:

School Response Rate: 96%

Student Response Rate: 73%

Overall Response Rate: 70%

Middle School:

School Response Rate: 91%

Student Response Rate: 79%

Overall Response Rate: 72%

The interactive database is a user-friendly way for public health professionals, students, teachers, parents, and the public to explore data pertaining to youth tobacco use. The database focuses on indicators related to cigarettes, cigars, smokeless tobacco, hookah, and electronic vapor from 2012 through 2017.

If you have questions about the database, please contact the Florida Youth Survey Coordinator at FloridaYouthSurvey@FLHealth.gov.



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	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2012 - 2017 Percentage change		2016 - 2017 Percentage change	
PERCENTAGE OF YOUTH WHO HAVE										
Ever tried cigarettes	21.6	19.3	17.5	14.9	13.7	12.7	40.9	▼	■	
Ever tried cigars	16.2	14.1	12.8	10.8	9.0	7.9	51.6	▼	12.9	▼
Ever tried smokeless tobacco	7.0	6.4	6.1	5.5	5.0	4.1	41.4	▼	18.6	▼
Ever tried hookah	9.4	9.7	14.1	14.1	15.4	12.6	34.2	▲	18.1	▼
Ever tried electronic vaping	5.7	7.8	14.3	26.2	24.5	22.3	288.7	▲	9.3	▼
Ever tried cigarettes, cigars, or smokeless tobacco	27.6	25.2	23.4	20.6	18.5	17.1	38.3	▼	7.8	▼
Ever tried cigarettes, cigars, smokeless, hookah, or electronic vaping	30.2	28.4	30.7	35.5	32.8	30.3		■	7.6	▼
PERCENTAGE OF YOUTH WHO										
Currently use cigarettes	6.1	5.1	4.3	3.8	3.0	2.5	59.0	▼	■	
Currently use cigars	6.5	5.3	5.1	4.6	3.4	2.7	58.7	▼	21.6	▼
Currently use smokeless tobacco	3.0	2.8	3.0	2.5	2.2	1.8	40.2	▼	■	
Currently use hookah	4.1	4.5	7.1	6.4	4.8	3.8		■	19.6	▼
Currently use electronic vaping	2.3	3.4	7.2	11.0	11.6	9.8	333.8	▲	15.3	▼
Currently use cigarettes, cigars, or smokeless tobacco	11.0	9.5	9.0	7.9	6.3	5.1	53.4	▼	18.6	▼
Currently use cigarettes, cigars, smokeless, hookah, or electronic vaping	13.1	12.2	15.3	16.7	16.3	13.8		■	15.7	▼
PERCENTAGE OF YOUTH WHO WERE										
Exposed to secondhand cigarette smoke	44.1	40.9	37.5	36.5	40.0	36.2	17.9	▼	9.5	▼
Exposed to secondhand electronic vapor smoke	-	-	-	-	29.5	26.4	Not Available		10.5	▼
Exposed to secondhand cigarette or electronic vapor smoke	-	-	-	-	49.7	45.3	Not Available		8.9	▼
PERCENTAGE OF YOUTH WHO USED										
Cigarettes on school property	2.2	2.0	1.1	1.0	0.5	0.6	74.9	▼	■	
Cigars on school property	2.1	1.9	1.5	1.7	0.8	0.6	71.3	▼	■	
Smokeless tobacco on school property	1.8	1.4	1.6	1.4	1.0	0.8	54.9	▼	■	
Electronic vapors on school property	-	-	5.5	3.4	2.4	2.0	Not Available		■	
PERCENTAGE OF YOUTH WHO										
Are committed to never using cigarettes	65.7	67.6	67.1	75.6	84.7	83.8	27.6	▲	■	

Statistically significant trend change key

▼ Positive decrease

▲ Positive increase

▲ Negative increase

▼ Negative decrease

■ No change



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PERCENTAGE OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO HAVE	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2012 - 2017 Percentage change	2016 - 2017 Percentage change
Ever tried cigarettes	31.6	27.6	26.2	22.9	20.6	18.6	41.2 ▼	10.0 ▼
Ever tried cigars	25.3	22.3	20.5	17.7	14.8	13.2	47.8 ▼	■
Ever tried smokeless tobacco	10.8	9.6	9.5	8.8	7.9	6.2	42.2 ▼	21.0 ▼
Ever tried hookah	16.6	16.6	22.5	21.2	23.6	20.4	23.2 ▲	13.3 ▼
Ever tried electronic vaping	8.2	12.0	20.5	37.6	35.4	32.1	292.2 ▲	9.3 ▼
Ever tried cigarettes, cigars, or smokeless tobacco	39.7	35.8	34.2	31.0	27.4	25.0	37.0 ▼	8.5 ▼
Ever tried cigarettes, cigars, smokeless, hookah, or electronic vaping	42.9	39.9	43.1	49.6	45.9	42.7	■	7.0 ▼
PERCENTAGE OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017		
Currently use cigarettes	10.0	8.5	7.5	6.9	5.2	4.2	58.1 ▼	18.7 ▼
Currently use cigars	10.8	8.7	8.5	7.8	6.2	4.8	55.8 ▼	22.8 ▼
Currently use smokeless tobacco	4.9	4.4	4.9	4.4	3.7	2.8	42.9 ▼	24.7 ▼
Currently use hookah	7.5	8.0	11.6	9.7	7.6	6.2	17.2 ▼	18.4 ▼
Currently use electronic vaping	3.3	5.3	10.8	15.8	18.0	15.7	370.9 ▲	12.7 ▼
Currently use cigarettes, cigars, or smokeless tobacco	17.5	14.9	14.5	13.2	10.6	8.6	50.8 ▼	18.6 ▼
Currently use cigarettes, cigars, smokeless, hookah, or electronic vaping	20.7	19.0	23.3	24.8	25.7	22.2	■	13.8 ▼
PERCENTAGE OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO WERE	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017		
Exposed to secondhand cigarette smoke	47.6	43.9	39.7	38.3	42.2	38.4	19.3 ▼	9.1 ▼
Exposed to secondhand electronic vapor smoke	-	-	-	-	36.1	32.7	Not Available	9.3 ▼
Exposed to secondhand cigarette or electronic vapor smoke	-	-	-	-	53.9	49.3	Not Available	8.6 ▼
PERCENTAGE OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017		
Cigarettes on school property	3.6	3.2	2.2	2.0	1.2	0.9	75.8 ▼	■
Cigars on school property	3.2	3.0	2.7	3.1	1.3	1.0	70.3 ▼	■
Smokeless tobacco on school property	3.1	2.7	2.9	2.6	1.9	1.4	54.3 ▼	■
Electronic vapors on school property	-	-	8.9	5.1	3.7	3.3	Not Available	■
PERCENTAGE OF HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017		
Are committed to never using cigarettes	58.5	61.8	60.7	69.1	81.3	80.0	21.8 ▲	■

Statistically significant trend change key

- ▼ Positive decrease
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- No change



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PERCENTAGE OF MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO HAVE	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2012 - 2017 Percentage change	2016 - 2017 Percentage change
Ever tried cigarettes	12.7	11.9	10.4	8.5	8.1	7.4	41.5 ▼	■
Ever tried cigars	8.4	6.8	6.4	5.3	4.3	3.9	53.8 ▼	■
Ever tried smokeless tobacco	4.1	3.9	3.7	3.1	3.0	2.5	39.9 ▼	■
Ever tried hookah	3.4	3.9	6.6	7.7	7.7	5.8	67.3 ▲	24.8 ▼
Ever tried electronic vaping	3.7	4.2	8.5	14.7	13.6	12.4	235.5 ▲	■
Ever tried cigarettes, cigars, or smokeless tobacco	16.7	15.7	14.3	11.9	10.9	10.2	38.9 ▼	■
Ever tried cigarettes, cigars, smokeless, hookah, or electronic vaping	18.6	18.0	19.2	22.1	19.6	18.2	■	■
PERCENTAGE OF MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO								
Currently use cigarettes	3.1	2.6	2.3	2.0	1.7	1.3	56.6 ▼	■
Currently use cigars	3.4	2.6	2.7	2.4	1.7	1.3	62.7 ▼	■
Currently use smokeless tobacco	1.8	1.8	1.8	1.5	1.4	1.2	32.4 ▼	■
Currently use hookah	1.7	1.9	3.5	3.8	2.8	2.3	■	■
Currently use electronic vaping	1.6	1.7	4.0	6.6	6.4	5.4	246.2 ▲	■
Currently use cigarettes, cigars, or smokeless tobacco	5.8	5.3	4.8	4.2	3.4	2.6	55.2 ▼	22.3 ▼
Currently use cigarettes, cigars, smokeless, hookah, or electronic vaping	7.0	6.7	8.4	10.0	8.9	7.6	■	14.9 ▼
PERCENTAGE OF MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO								
Exposed to secondhand cigarette smoke	41.2	38.3	35.9	34.4	37.6	33.8	18.1 ▼	10.3 ▼
Exposed to secondhand electronic vapor smoke	-	-	-	-	22.4	19.9	Not Available	11.3 ▼
Exposed to secondhand cigarette or electronic vapor smoke	-	-	-	-	44.9	40.9	Not Available	8.8 ▼
PERCENTAGE OF MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO USED								
Cigarettes on school property	1.4	1.6	0.7	0.7	0.4	0.4	70.9 ▼	■
Cigars on school property	1.4	1.2	1.1	1.1	0.5	0.4	69.9 ▼	■
Smokeless tobacco on school property	0.9	0.7	0.9	0.9	0.6	0.5	45.7 ▼	■
Electronic vapors on school property	-	-	2.8	1.8	1.3	0.8	Not Available	38.1 ▼
PERCENTAGE OF MIDDLE SCHOOL STUDENTS WHO								
Are committed to never using cigarettes	72.3	73.2	72.6	81.0	86.8	86.8	20.0 ▲	■

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