

# 1999 FLORIDA YOUTH TOBACCO SURVEY

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This survey asks about tobacco use. It has been developed so that you can tell us what you do that may affect your health. This is not a test. The information you give will be used to develop better education programs for young people like yourself.

Do not write your name on this survey. The answers you give will be kept private. No one will know what you write. Answer the questions based on what you really do.

Completing this survey is voluntary. Whether or not you answer a question will not affect your grade in this class. If you are not comfortable answering a question, just leave it blank. Please be as honest as you can.

The questions that ask about your background will only be used to describe the types of students completing the survey. The information will not be used to find out your name. No names will ever be reported.

Make sure to answer every question. Fill in the circles on the answer sheet completely. When you are finished, follow the instructions of the person giving the survey.

**Thank You Very Much For Your Help**

PLEASE DO NOT WRITE IN THIS AREA



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## Marking Instructions

- Use a No. 2 pencil only.
- Make dark marks.
- Fill in a response like this: ●
- To change your answer, erase completely.



## Incorrect Marks



### 1. How old are you?

- ☐ 12 years old or younger
- ☐ 13 years old
- ☐ 14 years old
- ☐ 15 years old
- ☐ 16 years old
- ☐ 17 years old
- ☐ 18 years old
- ☐ 19 years old or older

### 2. What is your sex?

- ☐ Female
- ☐ Male

### 3. What grade are you in?

- ☐ 9th
- ☐ 10th
- ☐ 11th
- ☐ 12th
- ☐ Ungraded or other

### 4. How do you describe yourself? (SELECT ONE OR MORE RESPONSES.)

- ☐ American Indian or Alaskan Native
- ☐ Asian
- ☐ Black or African American
- ☐ Hispanic or Latino
- ☐ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- ☐ White

### 5. Select ONE ethnic group that best describes you.

- ☐ Central American
- ☐ Cuban or Cuban American
- ☐ Dominican
- ☐ Mexican or Mexican American
- ☐ Puerto Rican
- ☐ Other Hispanic, Latino or Spanish origin
- ☐ Haitian
- ☐ West Indian or Caribbean
- ☐ None of these

### 6. Have you ever tried cigarette smoking, even one or two puffs?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

### 7. How old were you when you smoked a cigarette for the first time?

- ☐ I have never smoked a cigarette
- ☐ 7 years old or younger
- ☐ 8 or 9 years old
- ☐ 10 or 11 years old
- ☐ 12 or 13 years old
- ☐ 14 or 15 years old
- ☐ 16 or 17 years old
- ☐ 18 years old or older

### 8. About how many cigarettes have you smoked in your entire life?

- ☐ None
- ☐ One or two puffs, but never a whole cigarette
- ☐ 1 cigarette
- ☐ 2 to 5 cigarettes
- ☐ 6 to 15 cigarettes
- ☐ 16 to 25 cigarettes
- ☐ 26 to 99 cigarettes
- ☐ 100 or more cigarettes

### 9. Have you ever smoked cigarettes daily, that is, at least one cigarette every day for 30 days?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

### 10. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you smoke cigarettes?

- ☐ I did not smoke cigarettes during the past 30 days
- ☐ 1 or 2 days
- ☐ 3 to 5 days
- ☐ 6 to 9 days
- ☐ 10 to 19 days
- ☐ 20 to 29 days
- ☐ All 30 days



11. During the past 30 days, on the days you smoked, how many cigarettes did you smoke per day?
- ☐ I did not smoke cigarettes during the past 30 days
  - ☐ Less than 1 cigarette per day
  - ☐ 1 cigarette
  - ☐ 2 to 5 cigarettes per day
  - ☐ 6 to 10 cigarettes per day
  - ☐ 11 to 20 cigarettes per day
  - ☐ More than 20 cigarettes per day
12. During the past 30 days, what brand of cigarettes did you usually smoke?  
(SELECT ONLY ONE RESPONSE)
- ☐ I did not smoke cigarettes during the past 30 days
  - ☐ No usual brand
  - ☐ Camel
  - ☐ Marlboro
  - ☐ Newport
  - ☐ Virginia Slims
  - ☐ GPC, Basic, or Doral
  - ☐ Other
13. During the past 30 days, how did you usually get your own cigarettes?
- ☐ I did not smoke cigarettes during the past 30 days
  - ☐ I bought them in a store
  - ☐ I bought them from a vending machine
  - ☐ I gave someone money to buy them for me
  - ☐ I borrowed them
  - ☐ I stole them from a store
  - ☐ I stole them from someone I know
  - ☐ I got them from my parents
  - ☐ Another person 18 or older gave them to me
  - ☐ I got them some other way
14. During the past 30 days, where did you buy the last pack of cigarettes you bought?
- ☐ I did not buy a pack of cigarettes during the past 30 days
  - ☐ A gas station
  - ☐ A convenience store
  - ☐ A discount store
  - ☐ A grocery store
  - ☐ A drug store
  - ☐ A vending machine
  - ☐ Another place
15. When you bought or tried to buy cigarettes in a store during the past 30 days, were you ever asked to show proof of age?
- ☐ I did not try to buy cigarettes in a store during the past 30 days
  - ☐ Yes, I was asked to show proof of age
  - ☐ No, I was not asked to show proof of age
16. When you bought or tried to buy cigarettes in a store during the past 30 days, did you use or try to use a fake ID?
- ☐ I did not try to buy cigarettes in a store during the past 30 days
  - ☐ Yes
  - ☐ No
17. During the past 30 days, did anyone refuse to sell you cigarettes because of your age?
- ☐ I did not try to buy cigarettes in a store during the past 30 days
  - ☐ Yes, someone refused to sell me cigarettes because of my age
  - ☐ No, my age did not keep me from buying cigarettes
18. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you smoke cigarettes on school property?
- ☐ I did not smoke cigarettes on school property during the past 30 days
  - ☐ 1 or 2 days
  - ☐ 3 to 5 days
  - ☐ 6 to 9 days
  - ☐ 10 to 19 days
  - ☐ 20 to 29 days
  - ☐ All 30 days
19. When was the last time you smoked a cigarette, even one or two puffs?
- ☐ I have never smoked a cigarette
  - ☐ Earlier today
  - ☐ Not today, but in the past 7 days
  - ☐ Not in the past 7 days, but in the past 30 days
  - ☐ Not in the past 30 days, but sometime in the past year
  - ☐ More than one year ago, but less than two years ago
  - ☐ Between two and three years ago
  - ☐ Between three and five years ago
  - ☐ More than five years ago
20. During the past 12 months, did you ever seriously try to quit smoking cigarettes?
- ☐ I did not smoke during the past 12 months
  - ☐ Yes
  - ☐ No
21. Do you want to stop smoking completely?
- ☐ I do not smoke now
  - ☐ Yes
  - ☐ No



22. How many times, if any, have you tried to quit smoking?

- ☐ I have never smoked cigarettes
- ☐ None
- ☐ 1 time
- ☐ 2 times
- ☐ 3 to 5 times
- ☐ 6 to 9 times
- ☐ 10 or more times

23. When you last tried to quit, how long did you stay off cigarettes?

- ☐ I have never smoked cigarettes
- ☐ I smoke but have never tried to quit
- ☐ Less than 1 day
- ☐ 1 to 7 days
- ☐ More than 7 days, but less than 30 days
- ☐ More than 30 days, but less than 6 months
- ☐ More than 6 months, but less than 1 year
- ☐ More than 1 year

24. Have you ever attended a program to help you quit using tobacco?

- ☐ I have never used tobacco
- ☐ I use tobacco and have never attended a program
- ☐ Yes, I attended programs in both my school and my community
- ☐ Yes, I attended a program in my school
- ☐ Yes, I attended a program in my community
- ☐ Yes, I attended a program someplace else
- ☐ No

25. During this school year, were you taught in any of your classes about tobacco use?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure

26. During this school year, were you taught in any of your classes about the reasons why people of your age smoke cigarettes?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure

27. During this school year, were you taught in any of your classes that most people your age do not smoke cigarettes?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure

28. During this school year, did you practice in any of your classes ways to say "no" to tobacco (for example, in role plays)?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure

29. During this school year, were you taught in any of your classes about the effects of smoking, like it makes your teeth yellow, causes wrinkles, or makes you smell bad?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure

30. During this school year, were you taught in any of your classes about the health effects of smoking, like it causes cancer and heart disease?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure

31. During this school year, were you taught in any of your classes about the effects of using chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip like it makes your teeth brown or damages your gums?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure

32. During this school year, has what you learned in school helped you feel it is okay to say "no" to friends who offer you cigarettes?

- ☐ I was not taught about smoking cigarettes in school
- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

33. Does your school have any special groups or classes for students who want to quit using tobacco?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure

34. During the past 30 days, on how many days have you seen adults smoking on school property?

- ☐ 0 days
- ☐ 1 or 2 days
- ☐ 3 to 5 days
- ☐ 6 to 9 days
- ☐ 10 to 19 days
- ☐ 20 to 29 days
- ☐ All 30 days



35. Does Florida have a law that punishes anyone under age 18 who has cigarettes or any other tobacco product in their possession?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No
- ☐ Not sure

36. What grades did you get in school last year?

- ☐ Mostly A's
- ☐ Mostly B's
- ☐ Mostly C's
- ☐ Mostly D's
- ☐ Mostly F's

37. What is the highest education your mother has?

- ☐ Some high school
- ☐ A high school diploma or GED
- ☐ Some education after high school

38. Have you ever used chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip such as Redman, Levi Garrett, Beechnut, Skoal, Skoal Bandits, or Copenhagen?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

39. How old were you when you used chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip for the first time?

- ☐ I have never used chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip
- ☐ 7 years old or younger
- ☐ 8 or 9 years old
- ☐ 10 or 11 years old
- ☐ 12 or 13 years old
- ☐ 14 or 15 years old
- ☐ 16 or 17 years old
- ☐ 18 years old or older

40. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip?

- ☐ I did not use chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip during the past 30 days
- ☐ 1 or 2 days
- ☐ 3 to 5 days
- ☐ 6 to 9 days
- ☐ 10 to 19 days
- ☐ 20 to 29 days
- ☐ All 30 days

41. During the past 30 days, how did you usually get your own chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip?

- ☐ I did not use chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip during the past 30 days
- ☐ I bought it in a store
- ☐ I bought it from a vending machine
- ☐ I gave someone money to buy them for me
- ☐ I borrowed them
- ☐ I stole them from a store
- ☐ I stole them from someone I know
- ☐ A person 18 or older gave them to me
- ☐ I got them some other way

42. When you bought or tried to buy chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip in a store during the past 30 days, were you ever asked to show proof of age?

- ☐ I did not try to buy chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip in a store during the past 30 days
- ☐ Yes, I was asked to show proof of age
- ☐ No, I was not asked to show proof of age

43. During the past 30 days, did anyone refuse to sell you chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip because of your age?

- ☐ I did not try to buy chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip in a store during the past 30 days
- ☐ Yes, someone refused to sell me chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip because of my age
- ☐ No, my age did not keep me from buying chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip

44. Have you ever tried smoking cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars, even one or two puffs?

- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

45. How old were you when you smoked a cigar, cigarillo, or little cigar for the first time?

- ☐ I have never smoked a cigar, cigarillo, or little cigar
- ☐ 7 years old or younger
- ☐ 8 or 9 years old
- ☐ 10 or 11 years old
- ☐ 12 or 13 years old
- ☐ 14 or 15 years old
- ☐ 16 or 17 years old
- ☐ 18 years old or older



46. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you smoke a cigar, cigarillo, or little cigar?

- ☐ I did not smoke a cigar, cigarillo or little cigar during the past 30 days
- ☐ 1 or 2 days
- ☐ 3 to 5 days
- ☐ 6 to 9 days
- ☐ 10 to 19 days
- ☐ 20 to 29 days
- ☐ All 30 days

47. During the past 30 days, how did you usually get your own cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars?

- ☐ I did not smoke cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars during the past 30 days
- ☐ I bought them in a store
- ☐ I bought them from a vending machine
- ☐ I gave someone money to buy them for me
- ☐ I borrowed them
- ☐ I stole them from a store
- ☐ I stole them from someone I know
- ☐ A person 18 or older gave them to me
- ☐ I got them some other way

48. When you bought or tried to buy cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars in a store during the past 30 days, were you ever asked to show proof of age?

- ☐ I did not try to buy cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars in a store during the past 30 days
- ☐ Yes, I was asked to show proof of age
- ☐ No, I was not asked to show proof of age

49. During the past 30 days, did anyone refuse to sell you cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars because of your age?

- ☐ I did not try to buy cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars in a store during the past 30 days
- ☐ Yes, someone refused to sell me cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars because of my age
- ☐ No, my age did not keep me from buying cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars

50. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you smoke tobacco in a pipe?

- ☐ I did not smoke tobacco in a pipe during the past 30 days
- ☐ 1 or 2 days
- ☐ 3 to 5 days
- ☐ 6 to 9 days
- ☐ 10 to 19 days
- ☐ 20 to 29 days
- ☐ All 30 days

51. Do you think that you will try a cigarette soon?

- ☐ I have already tried cigarettes
- ☐ Yes
- ☐ No

52. Do you think you will smoke a cigarette at any time during the next year?

- ☐ Definitely yes
- ☐ Probably yes
- ☐ Probably not
- ☐ Definitely not

53. Do you think you will be smoking cigarettes 5 years from now?

- ☐ Definitely yes
- ☐ Probably yes
- ☐ Probably not
- ☐ Definitely not

54. If one of your best friends offered you a cigarette, would you smoke it?

- ☐ Definitely yes
- ☐ Probably yes
- ☐ Probably not
- ☐ Definitely not

55. Do you think people can get addicted to cigarette smoking just like they can get addicted to cocaine or heroin?

- ☐ Definitely yes
- ☐ Probably yes
- ☐ Probably not
- ☐ Definitely not

56. Do you think young people who smoke cigarettes have more friends?

- ☐ Definitely yes
- ☐ Probably yes
- ☐ Probably not
- ☐ Definitely not

57. Do you think smoking cigarettes make young people look cool or fit in?

- ☐ Definitely yes
- ☐ Probably yes
- ☐ Probably not
- ☐ Definitely not

58. Do you think it is safe to smoke for only a year or two, as long as you quit after that?

- ☐ Definitely yes
- ☐ Probably yes
- ☐ Probably not
- ☐ Definitely not



59. Do you think smokers have shorter lives than non-smokers?
- ☐ Definitely yes
  - ☐ Probably yes
  - ☐ Probably not
  - ☐ Definitely not
60. Does smoking cigarettes help people feel more comfortable at parties and in other social situations?
- ☐ Definitely yes
  - ☐ Probably yes
  - ☐ Probably not
  - ☐ Definitely not
61. Do you think people risk harming themselves if they smoke one or more packs of cigarettes per day?
- ☐ Definitely yes
  - ☐ Probably yes
  - ☐ Probably not
  - ☐ Definitely not
62. What is the youngest age a person can legally buy cigarettes in Florida?
- ☐ Less than 16 years old
  - ☐ 16 years old
  - ☐ 18 years old
  - ☐ 21 years old
  - ☐ Not sure
63. Has a doctor or someone in a doctor's office talked to you about the danger of tobacco use, in the past 12 months?
- ☐ I have not visited a doctor's office in the past 12 months
  - ☐ Yes
  - ☐ No
64. Has a dentist or someone in a dentist's office talked to you about the danger of tobacco use, in the past 12 months?
- ☐ I have not visited a dentist's office in the past 12 months
  - ☐ Yes
  - ☐ No
65. How many of your four closest friends smoke cigarettes?
- ☐ None
  - ☐ One
  - ☐ Two
  - ☐ Three
  - ☐ Four
  - ☐ Not sure
66. How many of your four closest friends use chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip?
- ☐ None
  - ☐ One
  - ☐ Two
  - ☐ Three
  - ☐ Four
  - ☐ Not sure
67. How many of your four closest friends smoke cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars?
- ☐ None
  - ☐ One
  - ☐ Two
  - ☐ Three
  - ☐ Four
  - ☐ Not sure
68. Which statement best describes you?
- ☐ I do not smoke
  - ☐ I smoke and my parents don't know about it
  - ☐ I smoke and my parents don't like it
  - ☐ I smoke and my parents don't mind
69. Have your parents ever told you not to smoke cigarettes?
- ☐ Yes
  - ☐ No
70. Do you know anyone who has received a citation for using or possessing tobacco products?
- ☐ Yes
  - ☐ No
71. During the past 12 months, have you participated in any community events to discourage people your age from using cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip?
- ☐ Yes
  - ☐ No
72. During the past 30 days, how often have you seen anti-smoking commercials on TV or heard them on the radio?
- ☐ None
  - ☐ 1 or 2 days
  - ☐ 3 to 5 days
  - ☐ 6 to 9 days
  - ☐ 10 to 19 days
  - ☐ 20 to 29 days
  - ☐ All 30 days

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73. During the past 30 days, on how many days have you seen messages on billboards about NOT smoking cigarettes?

- ☐ None
- ☐ 1 or 2 days
- ☐ 3 to 5 days
- ☐ 6 to 9 days
- ☐ 10 to 19 days
- ☐ 20 to 29 days
- ☐ All 30 days

74. When you watch TV or go to movies, how often do you see actors smoking?

☐ I don't watch TV or go to movies  
☐ Most of the time  
☐ Some of the time  
☐ Hardly ever  
☐ Never

75. Which TV commercials have you seen in the past 6 months?  
(SELECT ALL THAT YOU HAVE SEEN)

- ☐ Think. Don't smoke.
- ☐ Smoking Kills.
- ☐ TRUTH
- ☐ You can learn a lot from a dummy.
- ☐ RAGE
- ☐ None of these

Some tobacco companies make items like sports gear, T-shirts, lighters, hats, jackets, and sunglasses that people can buy or receive free.

76. During the past 12 months, did you buy or receive anything that has a tobacco company name or picture on it?

☐ Yes

☐ No

77. Would you use or wear something that has a tobacco company name or picture on it, such as a t-shirt, hat, or sunglasses?

☐ Definitely yes  
☐ Probably yes  
☐ Probably not  
☐ Definitely not

78. Are you a member of S.W.A.T. (Students Working Against Tobacco)?

☐ Yes

☐ No

79. During the past 7 days, on how many days were you in the same room with someone who was smoking cigarettes?

☐ 0 days  
☐ 1 to 2 days  
☐ 3 to 4 days  
☐ 5 to 6 days  
☐ 7 days

80. During the past 7 days, on how many days did you ride in a car with someone who was smoking cigarettes?

☐ 0 days  
☐ 1 to 2 days  
☐ 3 to 4 days  
☐ 5 to 6 days  
☐ 7 days

81. Do you think smoke from other people's cigarettes is harmful to you?

☐ Definitely yes  
☐ Probably yes  
☐ Probably not  
☐ Definitely not

82. Besides yourself, does anyone who lives in your home now smoke cigarettes?

☐ Yes

☐ No

83. Is smoking allowed inside your home?

☐ Yes

☐ No

84. According to Florida law, can your driver license be suspended if you are under 18 and caught with tobacco?

☐ Yes

☐ No

☐ Not sure