

Youth Exposure to Secondhand Smoke (SHS)



Results from the 2007 Florida Youth Tobacco Survey

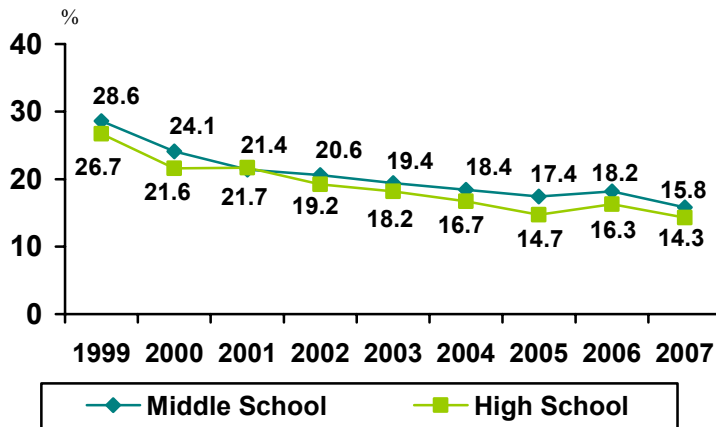
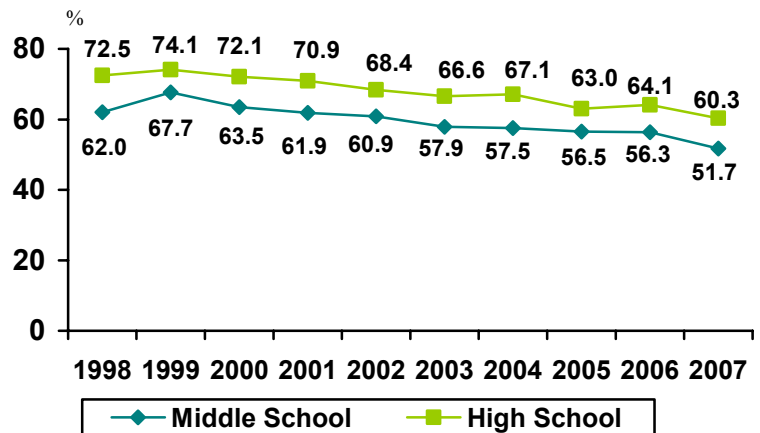
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Introduction

The Florida Youth Tobacco Survey (FYTS) was administered in the spring of 2007 to 5,037 middle school students and 4,028 high school students in 188 public schools throughout the state. The survey response rate for middle schools was 74%, and the survey response rate for high schools was 57%. 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.

Exposed to SHS in a Room or Car

In 2007, 51.7% of middle school and 60.3% of high school students were exposed to SHS in a room or car in the past week. Since 1998, the prevalence of being exposed to SHS in a room or car decreased by 16.6% among middle school students and by 16.8% among high school students.



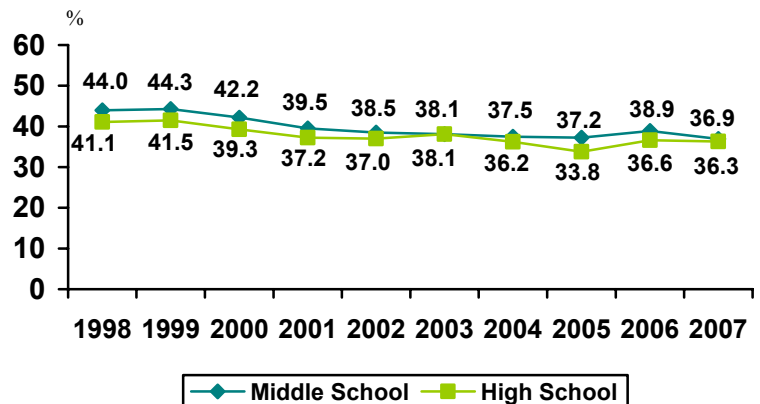
*This question was not asked in 1998.

Smoking Allowed in the Home

In 2007, 15.8% of middle school students and 14.3% of high school students reported that smoking was allowed inside their homes. Since 1999, the prevalence of students reporting that smoking was allowed inside their homes decreased by 44.8% among middle school students and by 46.4% among high school students.

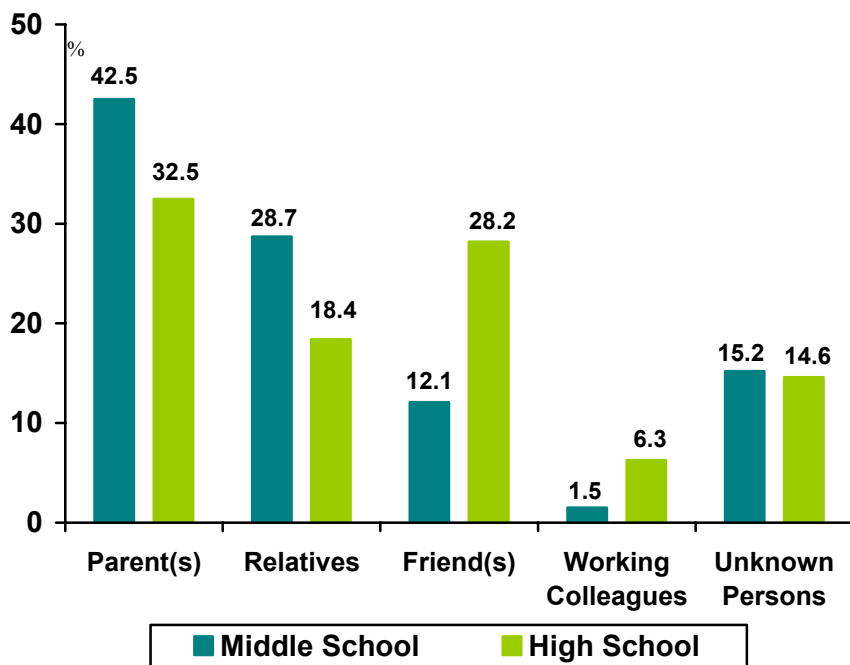
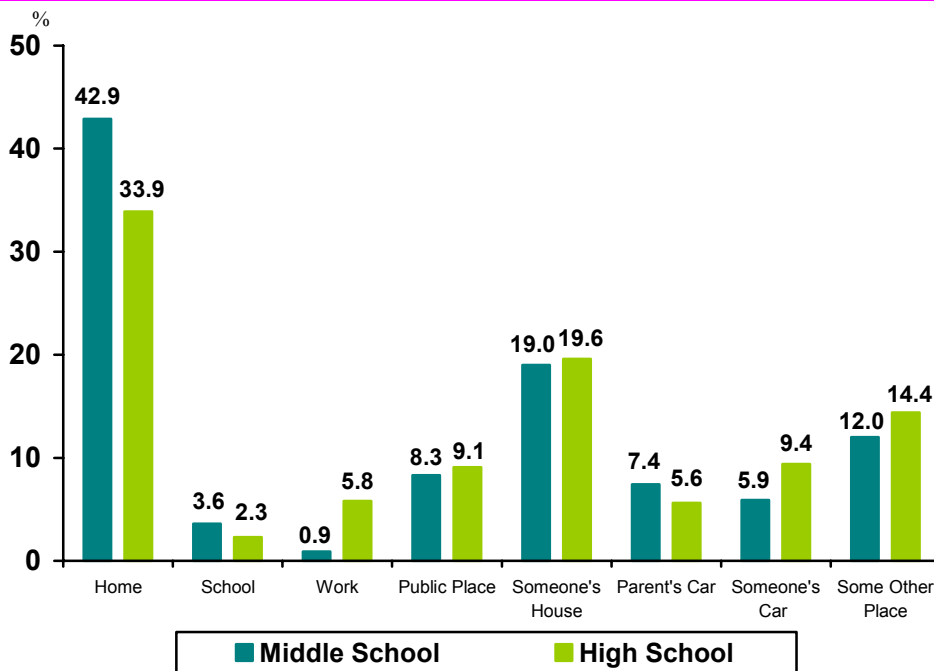
Someone Else Smokes in the Home

In 2007, 36.9% of middle school students and 36.3% of high school students reported that someone else smoked cigarettes in their homes. Since 1998, the prevalence of students reporting that someone else smoked cigarettes in their homes decreased by 16.1% among middle school students and by 11.7% among high school students.



SHS by Location

The majority of students exposed to SHS in middle and high school were exposed to SHS in private places such as their own home or someone else's home. Middle school students were more likely than high school students to encounter SHS at their homes or in their parent's cars, while high school students were more likely than middle school students to encounter SHS in someone else's home or car.



SHS by Source

The majority of students exposed to SHS were exposed to it by someone with whom they have a close relationship. Family members were the most common sources of SHS for middle school students (71.2%). High school students were more likely to be exposed to SHS either by a family member (50.9%) or a friend (28.2%).

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