

Youth Cigar Use



Results from the 2009 Florida Youth Tobacco Survey

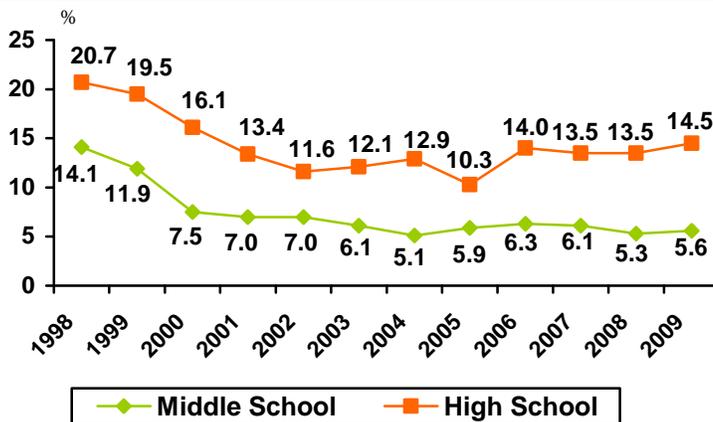
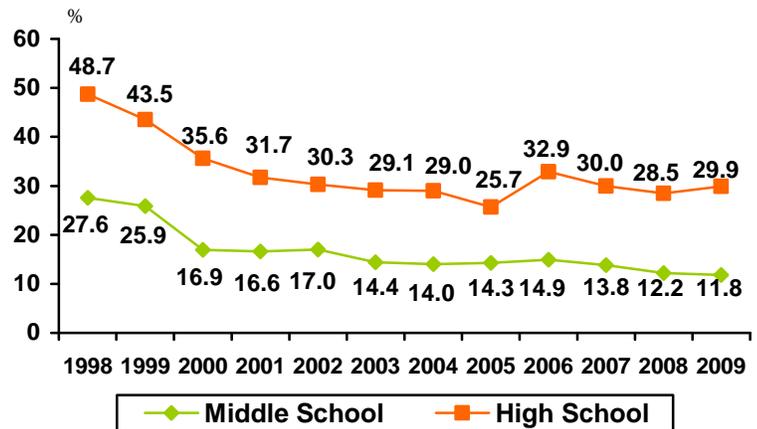
Fact Sheet 2

Introduction

The Florida Youth Tobacco Survey (FYTS) was administered in the spring of 2009 to 6,364 middle school students and 5,673 high school students in 179 public schools throughout the state. The survey response rate for middle schools was 81%, and the survey response rate for high schools was 72%. 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.

Ever Tried Cigars

In 2009, 11.8% of middle school and 29.9% of high school students had ever smoked cigars at least once. Since 1998, the prevalence of ever trying cigars has decreased by 57.2% among middle school students and by 38.6% among high school students. The trend of this prevalence for both school levels, however, has been relatively flat since 2003.

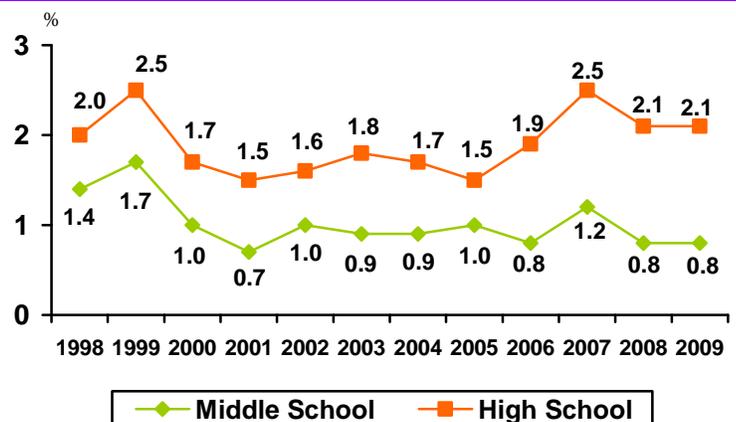


Current Cigar Use

In 2009, 5.6% of middle school students and 14.5% of high school students smoked cigars at least once during the past 30 days. Since 1998, the prevalence of current cigar smoking has decreased by 60.3% among middle school students. From 1998 to 2002, the prevalence of this behavior decreased significantly among high school students, but from 2002 to 2009, this prevalence increased significantly by 25.0%.

Frequent Cigar Use

In 2009, 0.8% of middle school students and 2.1% of high school students smoked cigars on 20 or more of the past 30 days. Since 1998, the prevalence of frequent cigar smoking has decreased by 42.9% among middle school students. The prevalence of frequent cigar smoking among high school students has continually fluctuated over the last ten years. From 1998 to 2009, the change is not statistically significant.

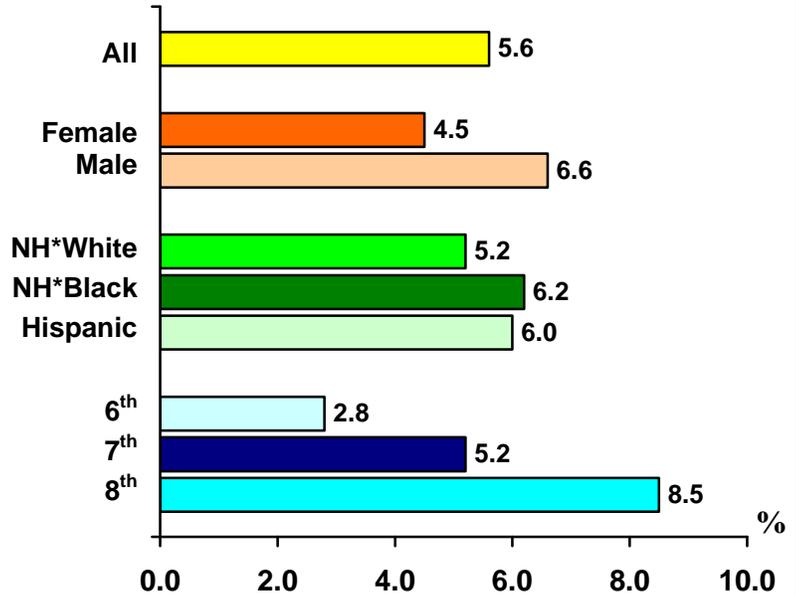




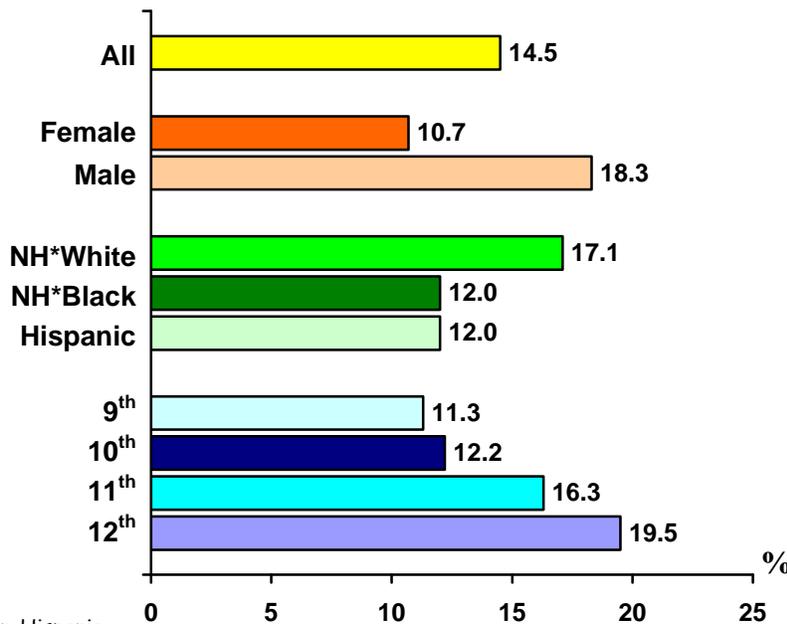
Current Cigar Use (Past 30 Days) Florida 2009

Middle School

Overall, 5.6% of middle school students smoked cigars at least once during the past 30 days. Males had a significantly higher prevalence of this behavior than females. The prevalence of current cigar smoking did not vary significantly by race/ethnicity. The prevalence of this behavior increases significantly with each increasing grade level.



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High School

Overall, 14.5% of high school students smoked cigars at least once during the past 30 days. Male students had a significantly higher prevalence of current cigar smoking than female students. Non-Hispanic white students had a significantly higher prevalence of this behavior than both Hispanic and non-Hispanic black students. The prevalence of this behavior increases with each increasing grade level.

For more information about the FYTS, please contact the Chronic Disease Epidemiology and Surveillance Section, at (850) 245-4401, or by e-mail at ChronicDisease@doh.state.fl.us. You can also visit our website at <http://www.FloridaChronicDisease.org>.

