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.

Exposed to SHS in a Room or Car
In 2009, 48.8% of middle school and 56.5% 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 21.3% among middle school students and by 22.1% among high school students.

Smoking Allowed in the Home
In 2009, 12.2% of middle school students and 12.7% 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 57.3% among middle school students and by 52.4% among high school students.

Someone Else Smokes in the Home
In 2009, 34.7% of middle school students and 33.3% 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 21.1% among middle school students and by 19.0% among high school students.
SHS by Location
The majority of middle and high school students were exposed to SHS in private places such as their own home or someone else’s home. Middle school students had a higher prevalence than high school students of SHS exposure in their home and in their parent’s car. High school students had a significantly higher prevalence than middle school students of SHS exposure in someone else’s home or car.

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