

# Youth Exposure to Secondhand Smoke (SHS)



Results from the 2010 Florida Youth Tobacco Survey

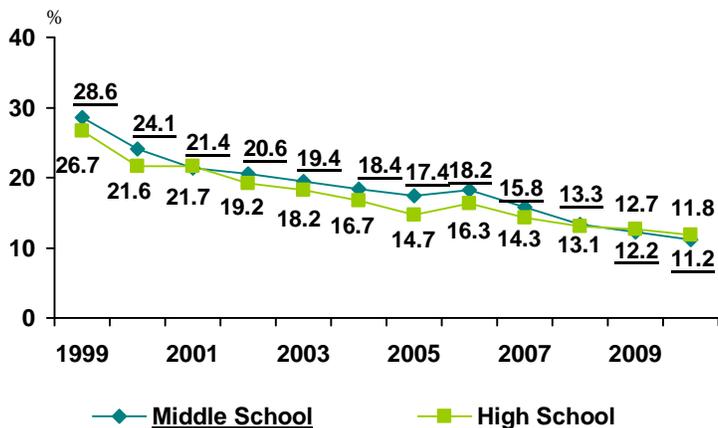
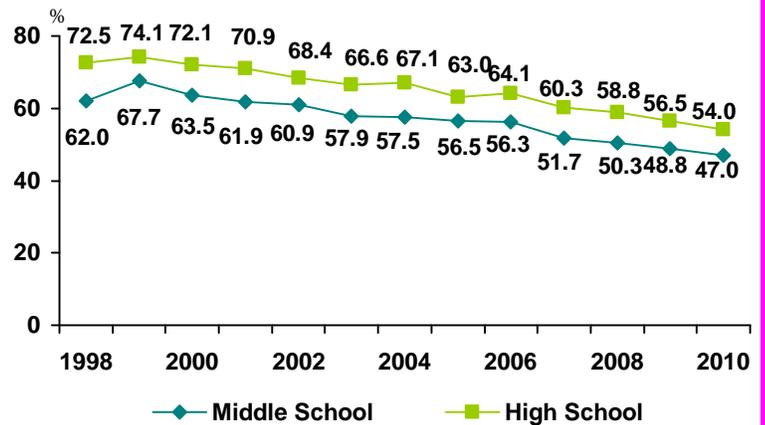
\*Fact Sheet 5\*

## Introduction

The Florida Youth Tobacco Survey (FYTS) was administered in the spring of 2010 to 39,385 middle school students and 37,797 high school students in 729 public schools throughout the state. The survey response rate for middle schools was 79%, and the survey response rate for high schools was 74%. 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 2010, 47.0% of middle school and 54.0% of high school students were exposed to second-hand smoke (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 24.2% among middle school students and by 25.5% among high school students.



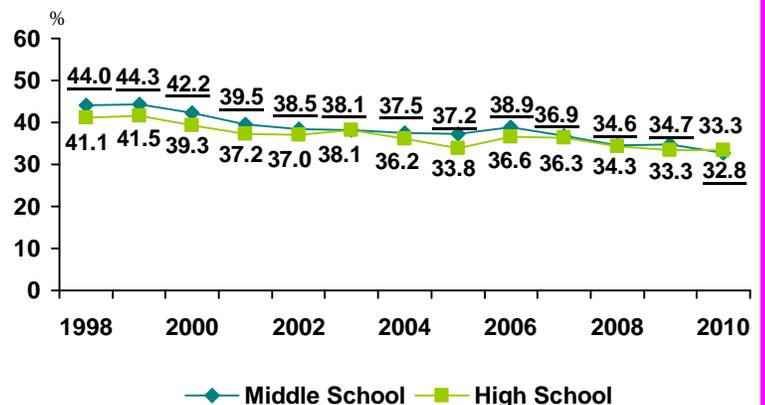
\*This question was not asked in 1998.

### Smoking Allowed in the Home

In 2010, 11.2% of middle school students and 11.8% 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 61.0% among middle school students and by 55.9% among high school students.

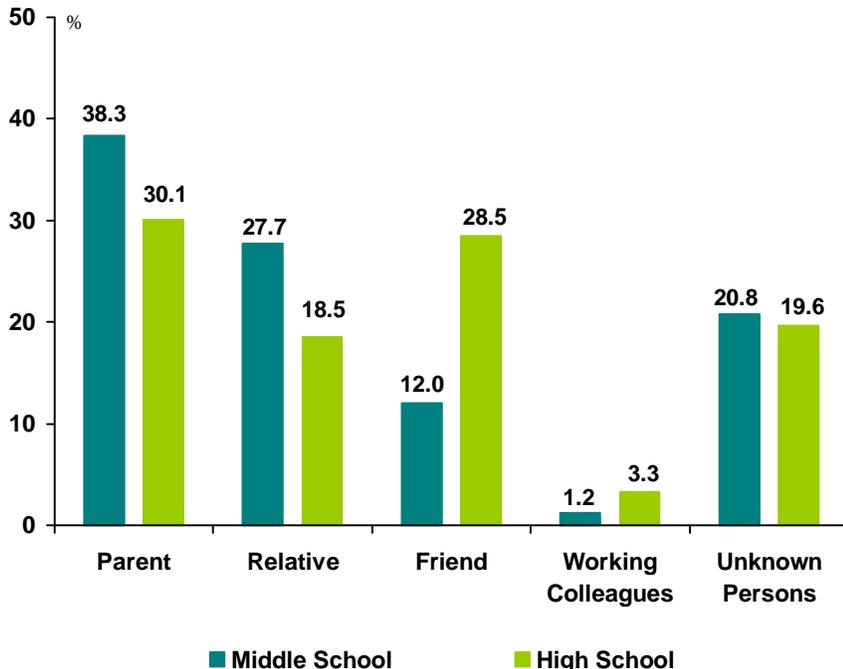
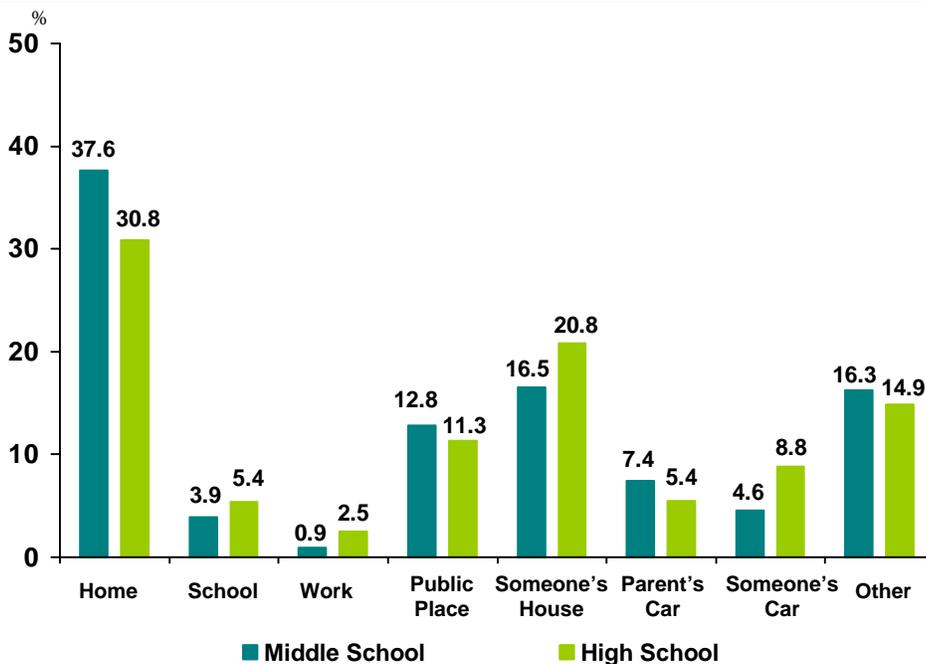
### Someone Else Smokes in the Home

In 2010, 32.8% 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 25.5% 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.



### 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 (66.0%). High school students had a higher prevalence than middle school students of being exposed to SHS by a friend (28.5%). Approximately one out of five students are exposed to SHS by a stranger.