

# 2012 Florida Youth Tobacco Survey: Fact Sheet 1



## Youth Cigarette Use

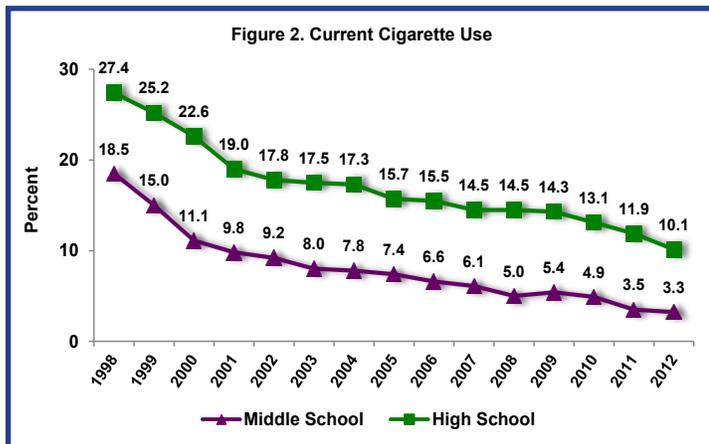
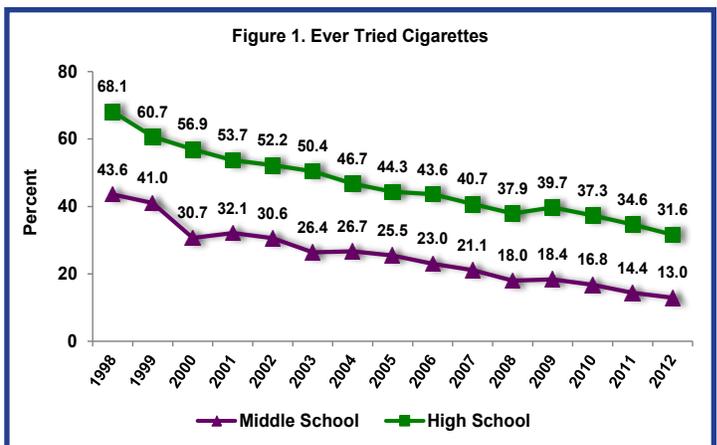


### Introduction

The Florida Youth Tobacco Survey (FYTS) was administered in the spring of 2012 to 38,989 middle school students and 36,439 high school students in 746 public schools throughout the state. The overall survey response rate for middle schools was 77%, and the overall survey response rate for high schools was 73%. 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 Cigarettes

In 2012, 13.0% of middle school and 31.6% of high school students had tried smoking a cigarette at least once (Figure 1). Since 1998, the prevalence of this behavior has decreased by 70.2% among middle school students and by 53.6% among high school students. Since 2010, the prevalence of this behavior has decreased by 22.6% among middle school students and by 15.3% among high school students.

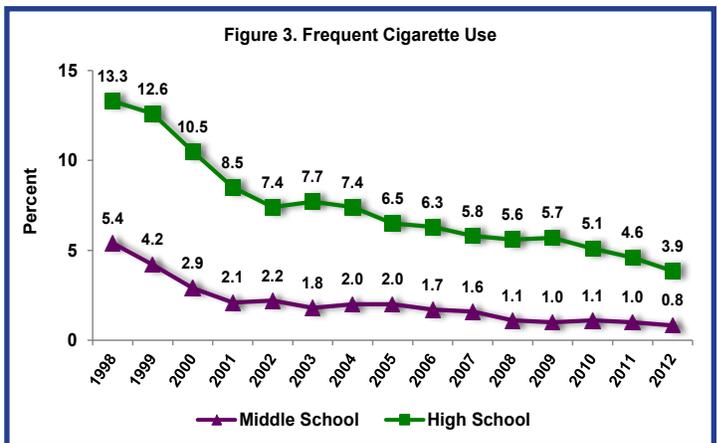


### Current Cigarette Use

In 2012, 3.3% of middle school students and 10.1% of high school students smoked a cigarette at least once during the past 30 days (Figure 2). Since 1998, the prevalence of this behavior has decreased by 82.2% among middle school students and by 63.1% among high school students. Since 2010, the prevalence of this behavior has decreased by 32.7% among middle school students and by 22.9% among high school students.

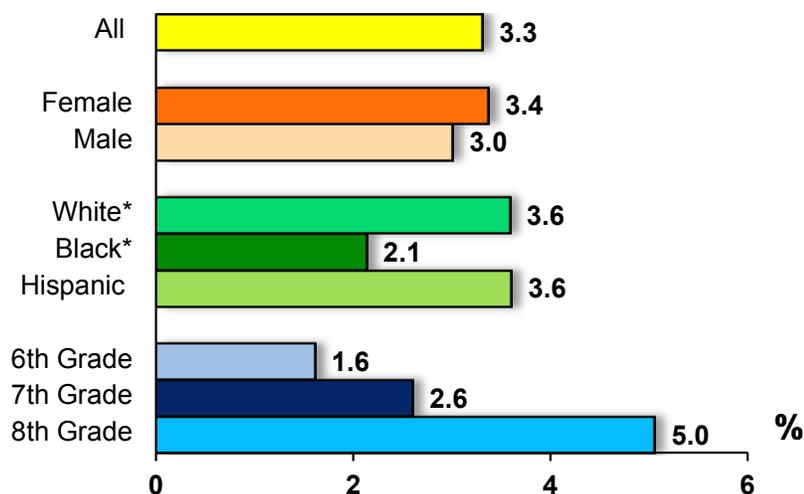
### Frequent Cigarette Use

In 2012, 0.8% of middle school students and 3.9% of high school students smoked cigarettes on 20 or more of the past 30 days (Figure 3). Since 1998, the prevalence of this behavior has decreased by 85.2% among middle school students and by 70.7% among high school students. Since 2010, the prevalence of this behavior has decreased by 27.3% among middle school students and by 23.5% among high school students.



## Current Cigarette Use (Past 30 Days)

**Figure 4. Middle School Current Cigarette Use**

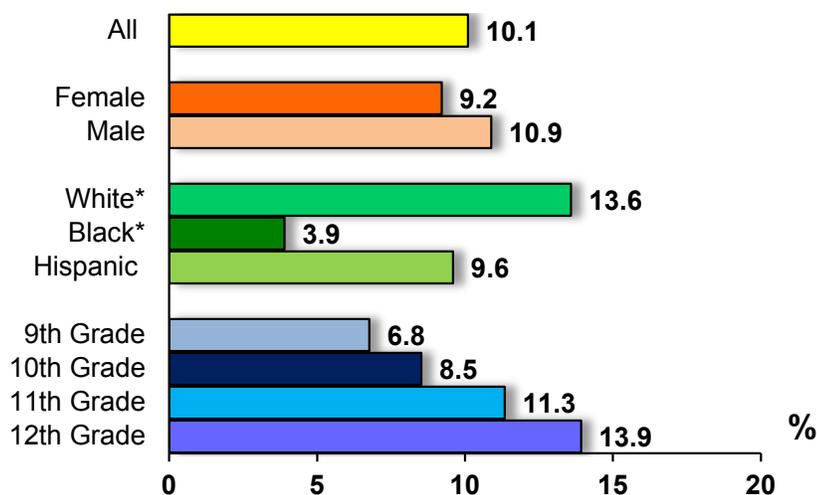


\* Non-Hispanic

### Middle School

Overall, 3.3% of middle school students smoked a cigarette at least once during the past 30 days (Figure 4). In 2012, the prevalence of current cigarette use did not vary significantly by gender. The prevalence of this behavior was higher among non-Hispanic white and Hispanic students than among non-Hispanic black students. The prevalence of this behavior increased with each increasing grade, from six to eight.

**Figure 5. High School Current Cigarette Use**



\* Non-Hispanic

### High School

Overall, 10.1% of high school students smoked a cigarette at least once during the past 30 days (Figure 5). In 2012, the prevalence of current cigarette use was higher among male students than female students. The prevalence of this behavior was higher among non-Hispanic white students than among Hispanic students and higher among Hispanic students than among non-Hispanic black students. The prevalence of this behavior increased with each increasing grade, from nine to twelve.

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