

2013 Florida Youth Tobacco Survey: Fact Sheet 11



Youth Snus Use



Introduction

The Florida Youth Tobacco Survey (FYTS) was administered in the spring of 2013 to 6,440 middle school students and 6,175 high school students in 172 public schools throughout the state. The overall survey response rate for middle schools was 83%, and the overall survey response rate for high schools was 75%. 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.

About Snus

Snus is a small pouch of tobacco the user places in the mouth that is smoke-free as well as spit-free.



Ever Tried Snus

In 2013, 1.4% of middle school and 4.1% of high school students had tried snus at least once (Figure 1). Since 2010, the prevalence of this behavior has decreased by 30.0% among middle school students and by 35.9% among high school students.

Current Snus Use

In 2013, 0.8% of middle school students and 2.5% of high school students used snus at least once during the past 30 days (Figure 2). Since 2010, the prevalence of this behavior has decreased by 42.9% among middle school students and by 32.4% among high school students.

Image: <http://www.smokesceneyc.com/camel.jpg>

Figure 1. Ever Tried Snus

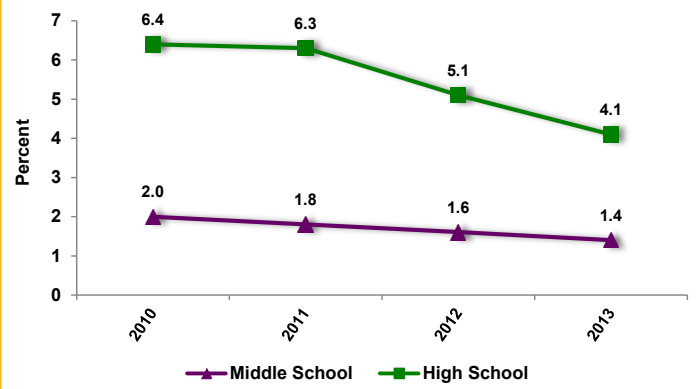
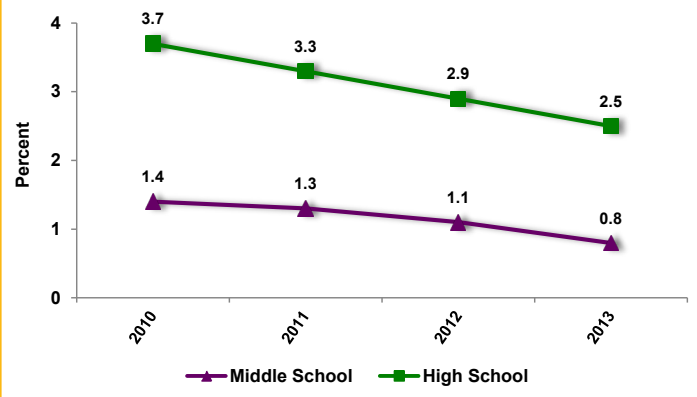
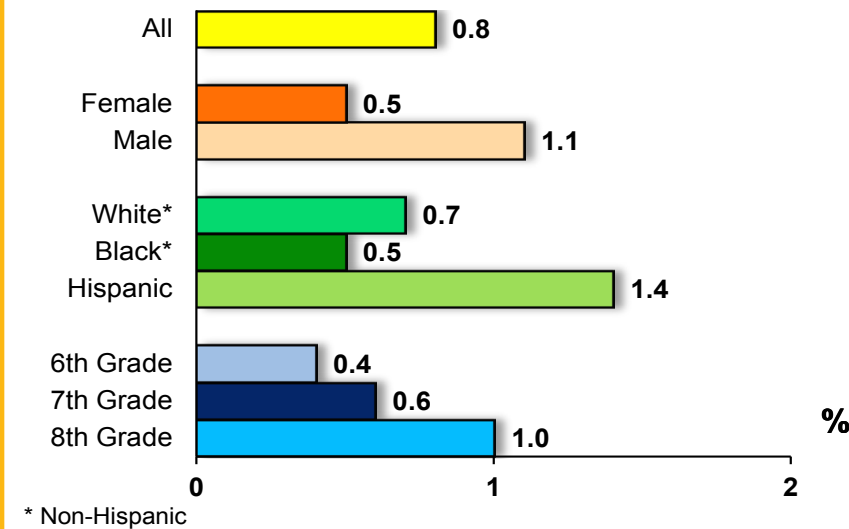


Figure 2. Current Snus Use



Current Snus Use (Past 30 Days)

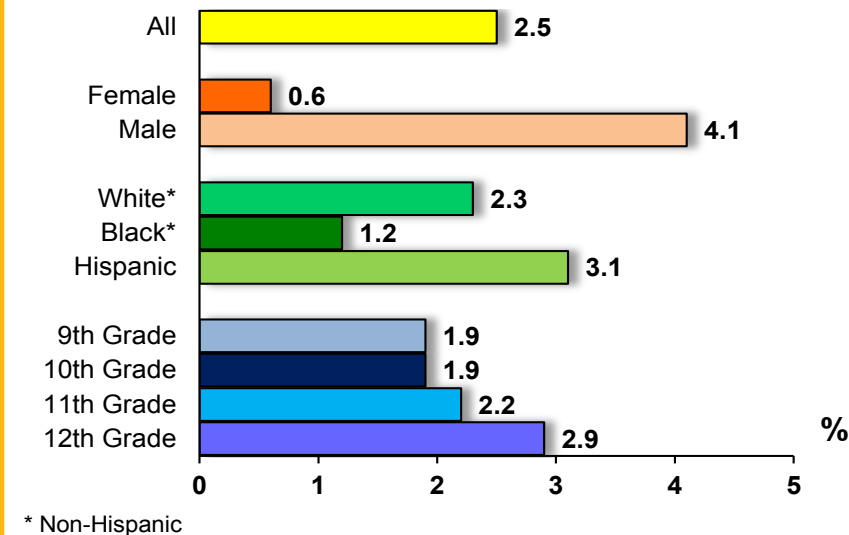
Figure 3. Middle School Current Snus Use



Middle School

Overall, 0.8% of middle school students used snus at least once during the past 30 days (Figure 3). In 2013, the prevalence of current snus use was significantly higher among male students than female students. The prevalence of this behavior was higher among Hispanic students than among non-Hispanic white students and non-Hispanic black students. The prevalence of this behavior increased with each increasing grade, from sixth to eighth.

Figure 4. High School Current Snus Use



High School

Overall, 2.5% of high school students used snus at least once during the past 30 days (Figure 4). In 2013, the prevalence of current snus use was higher among male students than female students. 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 from ninth to twelfth grade.

For more information about the FYTS, please contact the Chronic Disease Epidemiology, Surveillance, and Evaluation 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>.