

Youth Cigar Use



Results from the 2006 Florida Youth Tobacco Survey

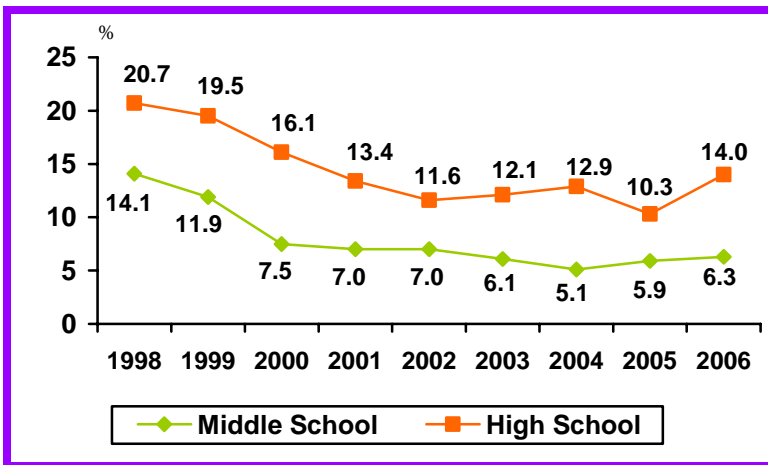
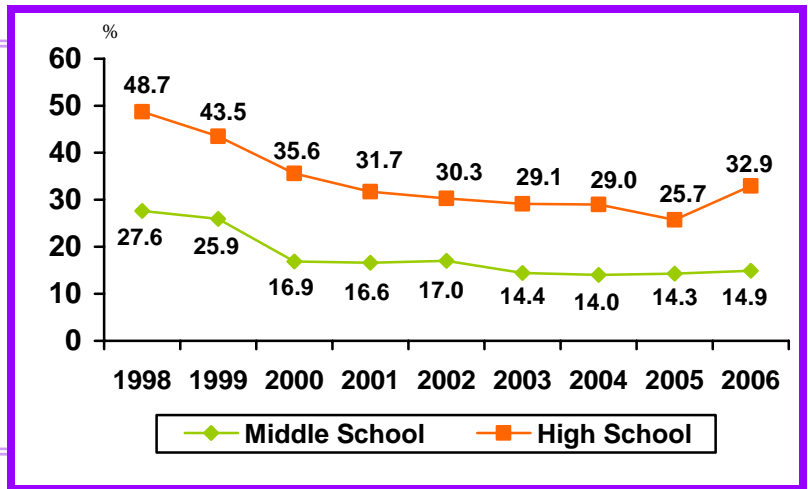
Fact Sheet 2

Introduction:

In the spring of 2006 the Florida Youth Tobacco Survey (FYTS) was administered to 33,112 middle school students and 29,325 high school students in 783 public schools throughout the state. The survey response rate for middle schools was 73% and the survey response rate for high schools was 68%. 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 2006, 14.9% of middle school and 32.9% of high school students had smoked cigars at least once in their lifetime. Since 1998, the prevalence of ever trying cigars has decreased by 46% among middle school students and by 32.4% among high school students. However, from 2005 to 2006, the prevalence of having ever tried cigars increased by 28% among high school students.

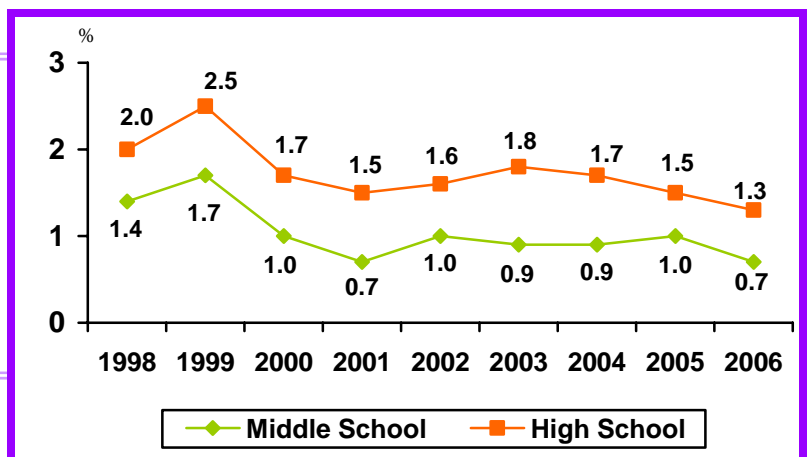


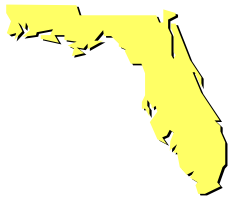
Current Cigar Use

In 2006, 6.3% of middle school students and 14.0% 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 55.3% among middle school students. However, from 2005 to 2006, the prevalence of current cigar use increased by 35.9% among high school students.

Frequent Cigar Use

In 2006, 0.7% of middle school students and 1.3% 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 50% among middle school students and by 35% among high school students.

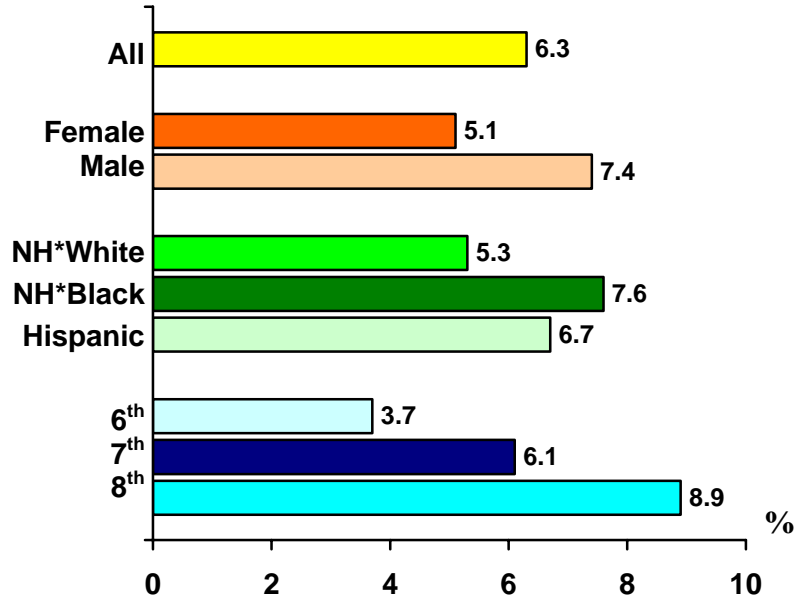




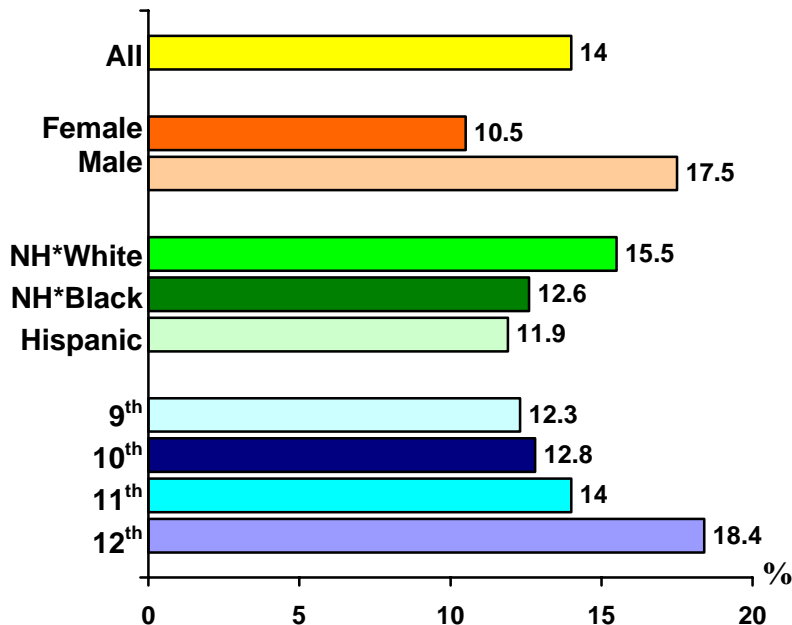
Current Cigar Use (Past 30 Days) Florida 2006

Middle School

Overall, 6.3% of middle school students smoked cigars at least once during the past 30 days. Male students were more likely than female students to smoke cigars during the past month. Non-Hispanic Black and Hispanic students were more likely than their non-Hispanic White counterparts to smoke cigars during the past month. The prevalence of this behavior increases with increasing grade level.



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High School

Overall, 14% of high school students smoked cigars at least once during the past 30 days. Male students were more likely than female students to smoke cigars during the past month. Non-Hispanic White students were more likely to smoke cigars than both non-Hispanic Black and Hispanic students. The prevalence of this behavior is higher among twelfth graders than among students in lower grade levels.

For more information about the FYTS, please contact: Ms. Jamie Weitz, M.S., Florida Youth Survey Coordinator, at (850) 245-4444, extension 2424, or by e-mail at Jamie_Weitz@doh.state.fl.us. You can also check out our website at: http://www.doh.state.fl.us/disease_ctrl/epi/Chronic_Disease/FYTS/Intro.htm

