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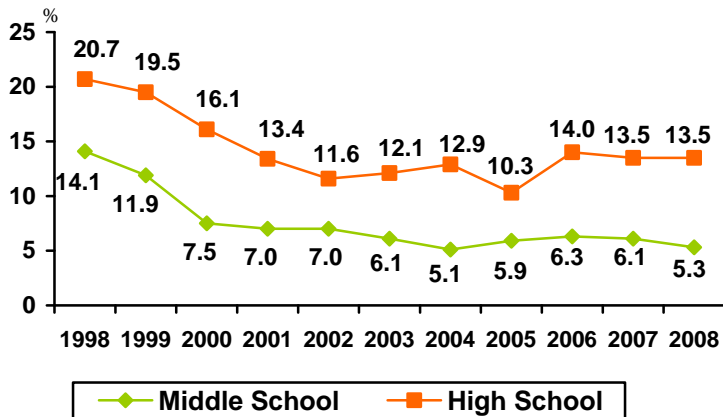
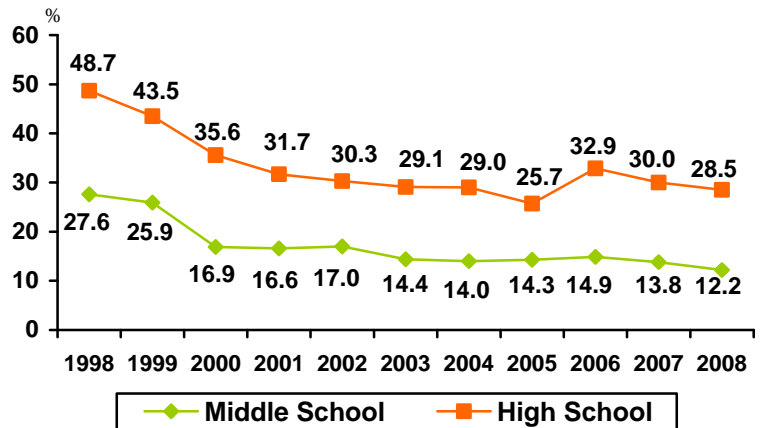
Fact Sheet 2

Introduction

The Florida Youth Tobacco Survey (FYTS) was administered in the spring of 2008 to 38,510 middle school students and 40,283 high school students in 744 public schools throughout the state. The survey response rate for middle schools was 79%, and the 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 Cigars

In 2008, 12.2% of middle school and 28.5% of high school students had ever smoked cigars at least once. Since 1998, the prevalence of ever trying cigars has decreased by 55.8% among middle school students and by 41.5% among high school students. The trend of this prevalence for both school levels, however, has been relatively flat since 2003.

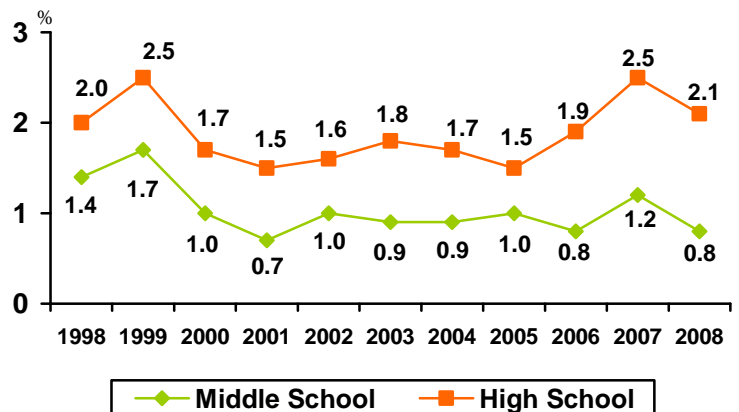


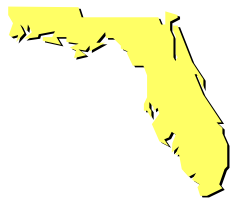
Current Cigar Use

In 2008, 5.3% of middle school students and 13.5% 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 62.4% among middle school students. From 1998 to 2002, the prevalence of this behavior decreased significantly among high school students, but from 2002 to 2008, this prevalence increased significantly by 16.4%.

Frequent Cigar Use

In 2008, 0.8% of middle school students and 2.1% 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 42.9% among middle school students. The prevalence of frequent cigar smoking among high school students has continually fluctuated over the last ten years. From 1998 to 2008, the change is not statistically significant.

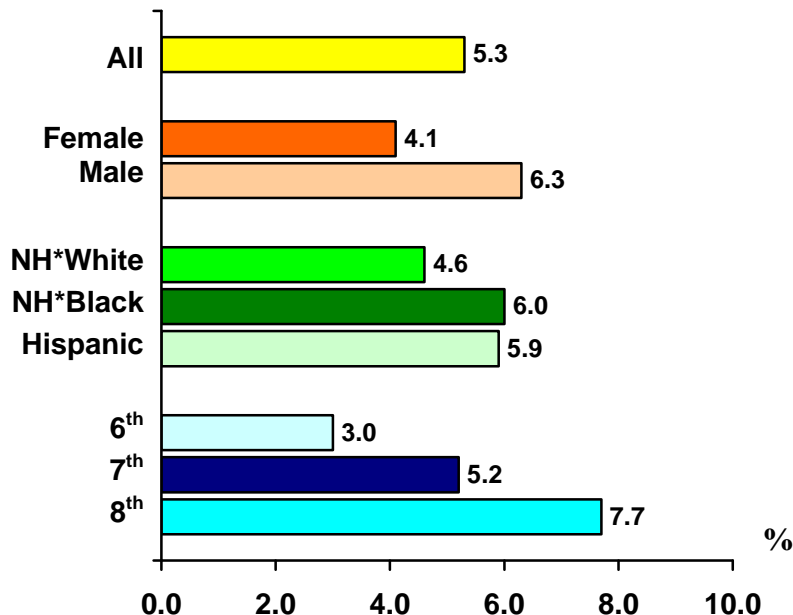




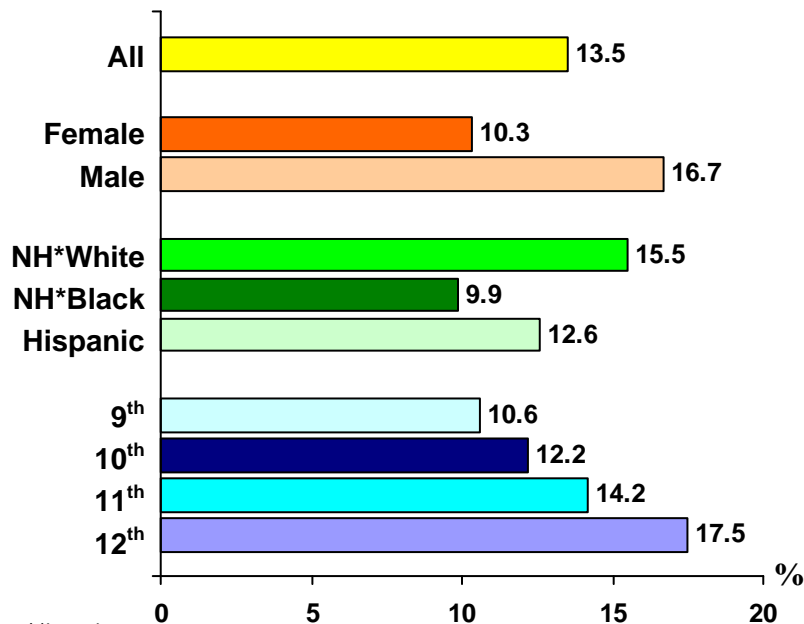
Current Cigar Use (Past 30 Days) Florida 2008

Middle School

Overall, 5.3% of middle school students smoked cigars at least once during the past 30 days. Males had a significantly higher prevalence of this behavior than females. Non-Hispanic white students had a significantly lower prevalence of current cigar smoking than non-Hispanic black and Hispanic students. The prevalence of this behavior increases with each increasing grade level.



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High School

Overall, 13.5% of high school students smoked cigars at least once during the past 30 days. Male students had a significantly higher prevalence of current cigar smoking than female students. Non-Hispanic white students had a significantly higher prevalence of this behavior than both Hispanic and non-Hispanic black students, and Hispanic students had a significantly higher prevalence than non-Hispanic black students. The prevalence of this behavior increases with each increasing grade level.

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

