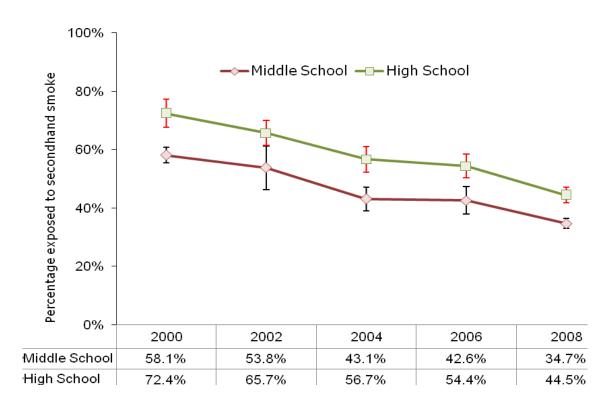


## Youth Exposure to Secondhand Smoke Declines in New York

Exposure to secondhand smoke (SHS) is a significant health hazard for both adults and youth. Vigorous efforts have been made to reduce secondhand smoke exposure through legislation and education and much progress has been made. Students were asked if they spent any time in a room in the past week with someone who was smoking cigarettes.

- Between 2000 and 2008, there was a 40% reduction in SHS exposure of middle school age youth in New York.
- Between 2000 and 2008, there was a 38% reduction in SHS exposure of high school age youth in New York.
- High school youth (45% in 2008) are significantly more likely to be exposed to SHS than middle school youth (35% in 2008).

## Percentage of Students Who Were in a Room with Someone Who Was Smoking Cigarettes At Least One Day in the Past Week



Source: New York State Youth Tobacco Survey, 2000-2008. Analysis conducted by RTI, International. Contact the Bureau of Chronic Disease Epidemiology and Surveillance, New York State Department of Health at (518) 473-0673 or type 'StatShot' in the subject line of an e-mail and send it to tcp@health.state.ny.us.