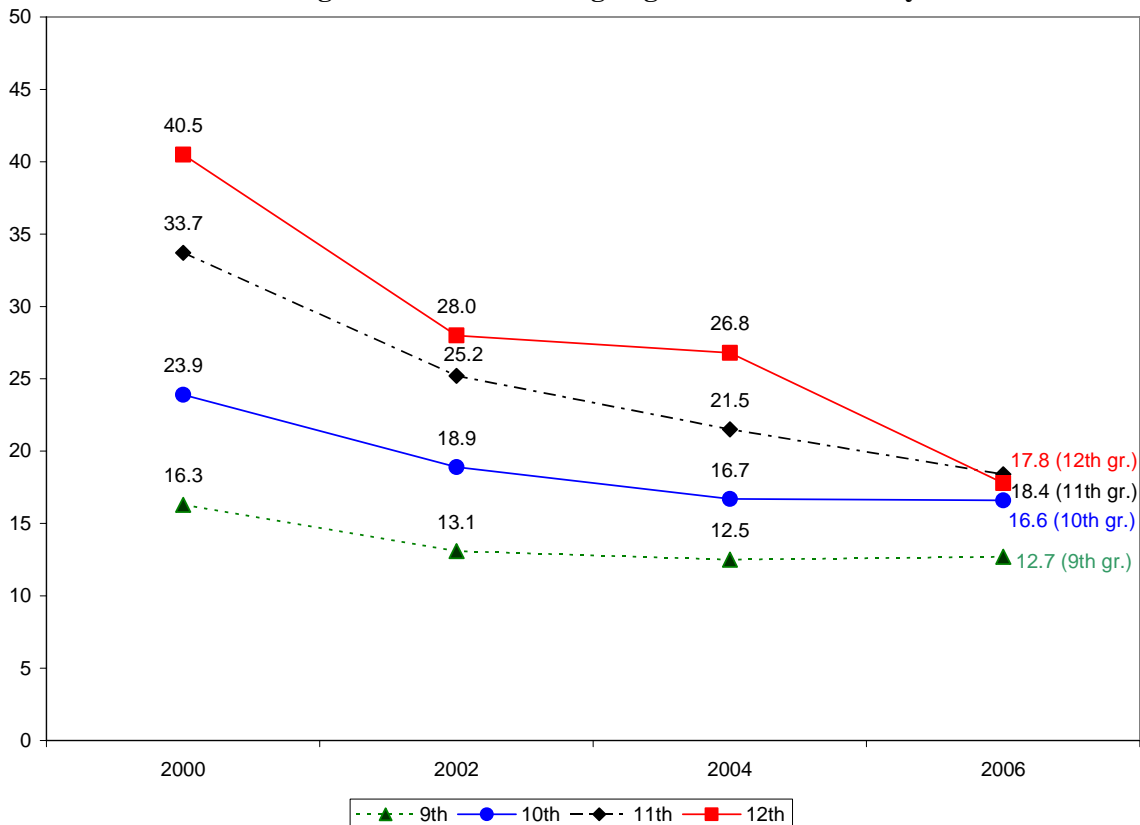


10th, 11th & 12th Grade Students Show Significant Declines in Cigarette Smoking

Current smoking rates among 10th, 11th, and 12th grade high school students were significantly reduced from 2000-2006.

- Cigarette use among 10th grade students declined 30% from the rate of 24% in 2000 to 17% in 2006 (p=0.01).
- Smoking among 11th grade students declined by 45% from 34% in 2000 to 18% in 2006, (p=0.0001).
- The largest change was observed among 12th grade students where a 56% decline in current smoking occurred from 40% in 2000 to 18% in 2006 (p<0.0001).
- No significant change was observed among 9th grade students from 2000-2006 with the rate of current smoking remaining essentially unchanged at 13% in 2006.
- In 2006, there were no significant differences in rates of current smoking between the four high school grade levels as observed in previous years of 2000-2006.

Percentage of Current Smoking High School Students by Grade Level



Source: New York State Youth Tobacco Survey, 2000-2006

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