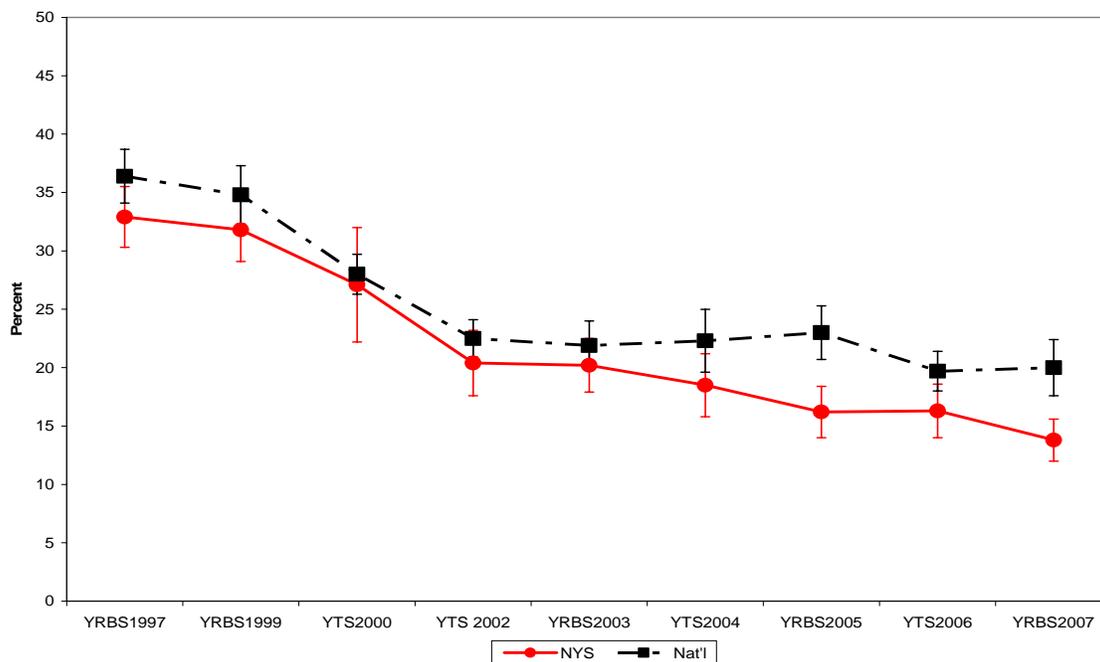


Smoking Among New York High School Students Continues to Decline Faster than the Nation

Use of cigarettes by high school students has declined dramatically from 1997 to 2007.

- The 2007 prevalence of current smoking among high school students in New York is 13.8% outpacing the Healthy People 2010 national health objective of 16%.
- The rate of smoking among New York high school students has shown a steady decline from 1997 (32.9%) to 2007 (13.8%).
- Current smoking among New York high school students has decreased by 58% since 1997.
- While National rates of smoking among high school students are leveling off, smoking among New York high school students continues to show robust declines.

Percentage of High School Smokers New York State and the United States



The Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) and Youth Tobacco Survey (YTS) are conducted in New York State on a biennial basis, during odd and even years respectively. Students are selected from a random sample of public and private high schools across the state. No data are available for 2001. Smoking among high school students is defined as smoking on one or more of the past 30 days.