

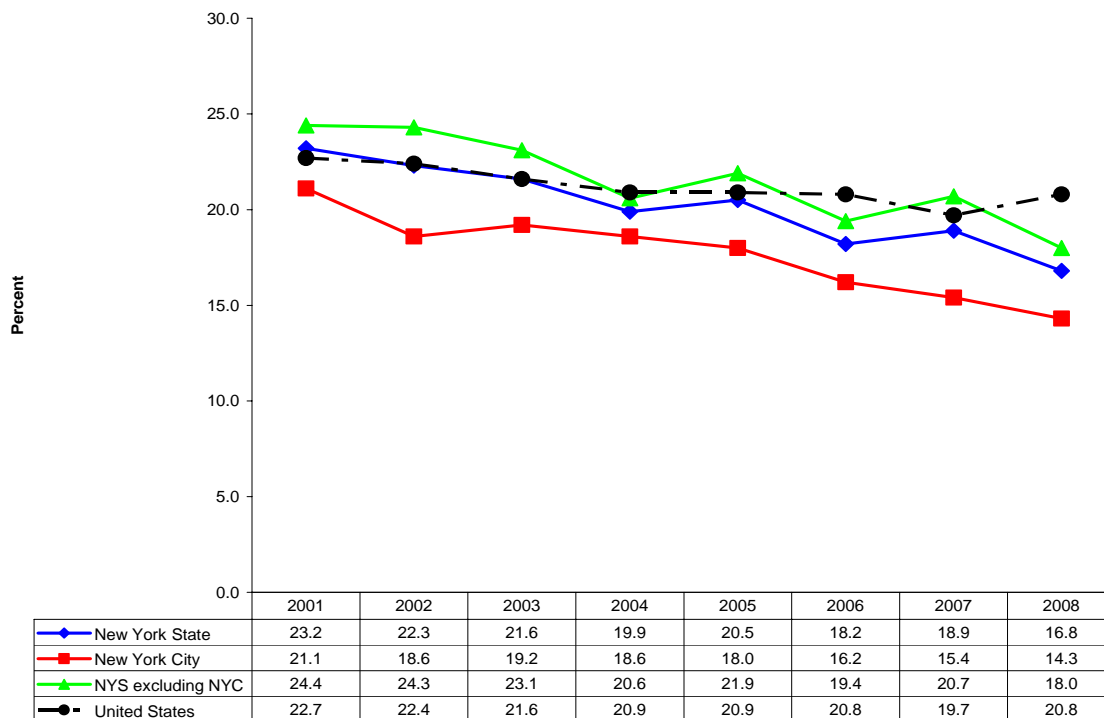
Cigarette Smoking in New York State Reaches Historic Lows

Cigarette smoking by adults is defined as having smoked at least 100 cigarettes in a lifetime and currently smoking some days or every day.

- Since 2001, the prevalence of current smoking among adults in New York State dropped 28%, from 23.2% in 2001 to 16.8% in 2008.
- New York City experienced a decline in smoking of 32% from 21.1% in 2001 to 14.3% in 2008.
- Outside of New York City, smoking in New York State declined 26% from 24.4% in 2001 to 18.0% in 2008.

Reductions in smoking across New York State stand in contrast to a reduction of less than 10% in the United States.

Percentage of Adult Smokers in New York State, New York City, and New York State excluding New York City compared with the United States.



Source: New York State Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System and the National Health Interview Survey (2008 NHIS data limited to January through September). Data compiled by RTI International and the NYS Department of Health. 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.