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.