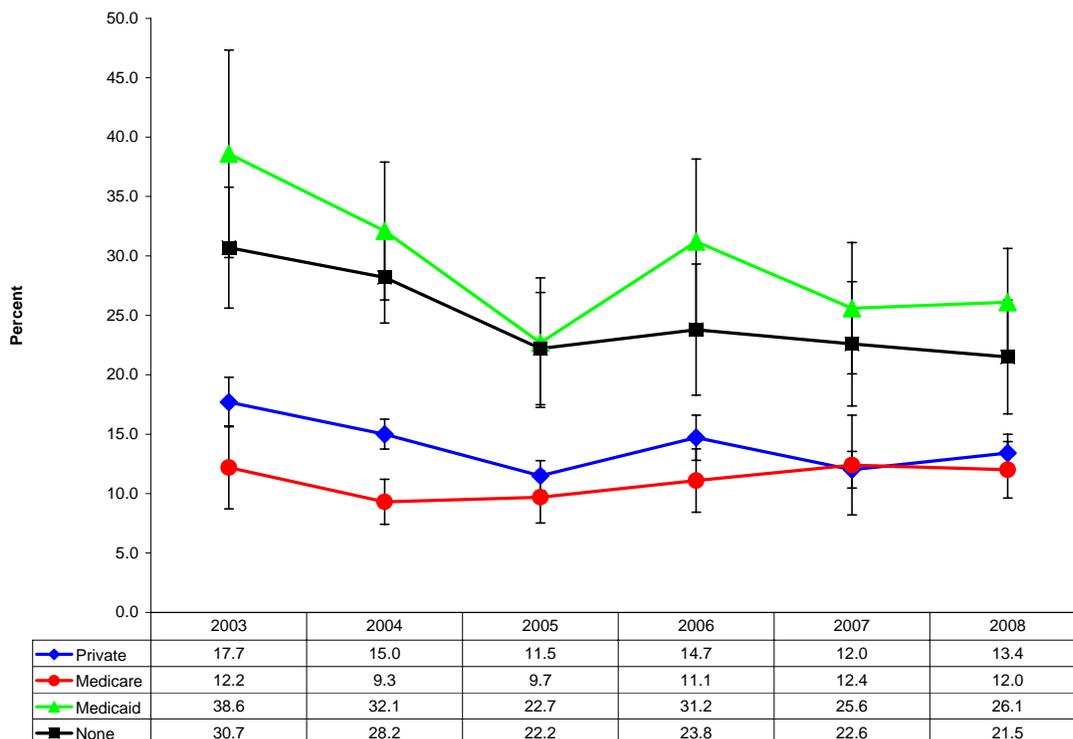


Smoking Rates among Adults in New York with Private Health Insurance, Medicaid or No Health Insurance Have Significantly Decreased

In New York, smoking is significantly higher among adults on Medicaid or without health insurance when compared with adults on Medicare or with private health insurance. Rates of smoking among adults with private health insurance, Medicaid or no health insurance have significantly decreased from 2003 to 2008.

- Prevalence of smoking among New York adults with private health insurance decreased 32% from 18% in 2003 to 13% in 2008.
- In New York, prevalence of smoking among adults enrolled in Medicaid decreased 34% from 39% in 2003 to 26% in 2008.
- Prevalence of smoking among New York adults with no health insurance decreased 26% from 31% in 2003 to 22% in 2008.
- Prevalence of smoking among adults in New York with Medicare did not significantly change from 2003 to 2008. In 2008, adults with Medicare had the lowest smoking prevalence at 12%.

Percentage of Adult Current Smokers by Health Insurance Type in New York



Source: New York State Adult Tobacco Survey, 2003-2008

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