Fewer Students in New York are Smoking Cigarettes on School Property While Use of Smokeless Tobacco Remains Level

The New York Tobacco Control Program has worked to change social norms regarding tobacco use across New York communities. Use of cigarettes and smokeless tobacco on school property by high school youth may reflect current social norms. The New York Youth Tobacco Survey collects information on students’ cigarette smoking and use of other tobacco products on school property.

- In 2010, 4.1% of high school students in New York reported smoking cigarettes on school property on one or more of the past 30 days, a 61% reduction from 10.5% in 2000.

- The use of other tobacco products (chew tobacco, snuff and/or dip) by high school students on school property in New York has remained essentially unchanged during the last decade.

- Nationally, no significant trends were noted for use of either cigarettes or chewing tobacco on school property (data not shown).


Source: New York State Youth Tobacco Survey, 2000-2010. 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.