

## Trends in the Use of Smokeless and Cigar-related Tobacco Products in New York

It is important to track the use of tobacco products other than cigarettes, especially as cigarette use declines. The use of smokeless tobacco products by adults (chewing tobacco, snuff and dip) and cigars (including small cigars) is monitored by the New York Adult Tobacco Survey.

- In 2009, the percentage of adults in New York who currently use smokeless tobacco products was less than 1%. This is significantly lower than the national rate of 3%.
- The most commonly used tobacco product after cigarettes is cigars. In 2009, the percentage of New York adults who reported currently smoking cigars and small cigars was 4.4%. This figure is not statistically different from the national rate (5.0%).
- Neither smokeless tobacco nor cigar use has changed significantly since 2003 despite significant reductions in cigarette use. There is no indication that smokers in New York are switching to other forms of tobacco in any measurable numbers.

Percentage of Adults Who Currently Use Smokeless Tobacco Products or Cigar and Cigar-related Products in New York and the Nation

