

Youth Exposure to Secondhand Smoke Declines in New York

Exposure to secondhand smoke (SHS) is a significant health hazard for both adults and youth. Vigorous efforts have been made to reduce secondhand smoke exposure through legislation and education and much progress has been made. Students were asked if they spent any time in a room in the past week with someone who was smoking cigarettes.

- Between 2000 and 2008, there was a 40% reduction in SHS exposure of middle school age youth in New York.
- Between 2000 and 2008, there was a 38% reduction in SHS exposure of high school age youth in New York.
- High school youth (45% in 2008) are significantly more likely to be exposed to SHS than middle school youth (35% in 2008).

Percentage of Students Who Were in a Room with Someone Who Was Smoking Cigarettes At Least One Day in the Past Week

