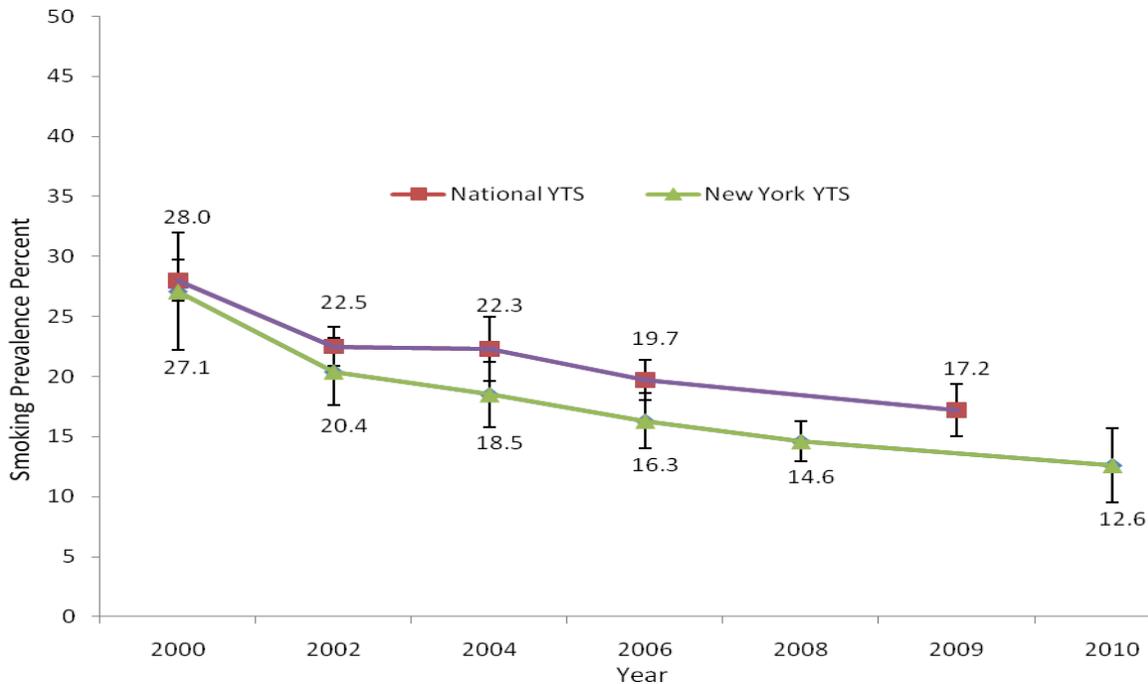


Smoking Among New York High School Students Continues to Decline

Smoking rates of high school students are monitored using the New York Youth Tobacco Survey (NY YTS) and the National Youth Tobacco Survey (NYTS). The standard definition of current smoking for school age youth is “having smoked on one or more of the past 30 days.”

- Cigarette smoking by high school students has declined steadily since 2000. Current smoking among New York high school students has decreased by 53% from a high of 27.1% in 2000 to its current 12.6% in 2010.
- The 2010 prevalence of current smoking among high school students in New York is 12.6% approaching the Department of Health’s Prevention Agenda Goal of 10% by 2013.
- The rate of smoking among New York high school students has shown a steady decline since 2000, decreasing faster than the national average. Likely contributors include New York’s cigarette excise tax, (currently the highest in the nation), strong clean indoor air laws, and a comprehensive tobacco control program.

Smoking Prevalence among High School Students, New York State Youth Tobacco Survey 2000-2010 and National Youth Tobacco Survey 2000-2009



Source: New York State Youth Tobacco Survey, 2000-2010 and National Youth Tobacco Survey, 2000-2009. The New York Youth Tobacco Survey is conducted on a biennial basis in even numbered years. The National Youth Tobacco Survey was conducted biennially in even numbered years from 2000 to 2006. It is now conducted in odd numbered years beginning 2009. 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.