

New York High School Students in Every Grade Show Significant Declines in Cigarette Smoking

Smoking rates of high school students are monitored using the New York Youth Tobacco Survey (NY YTS). This school-based survey is conducted in public and private schools in New York every other year, in even-numbered years. The standard definition of current smoking among youth is “having smoked on one or more of the past 30 days.”

- Current smoking rates among 9th, 10th, 11th, and 12th grade high school students in New York exhibited a strong downward trend between 2000 and 2010. All declines are statistically significant.
- Percentage declines in current cigarette smoking between 2000 and 2010 were 58%, 50%, 57%, and 54% for grades 9 through 12, respectively.
- Significant reductions in youth smoking support New York’s approach of graphic and emotionally evocative media, high excise taxes, and a well-funded tobacco control program.

**Percentage of Current Smoking among High School Students by Grade Level,
New York State Youth Tobacco Survey 2000-2010**

