

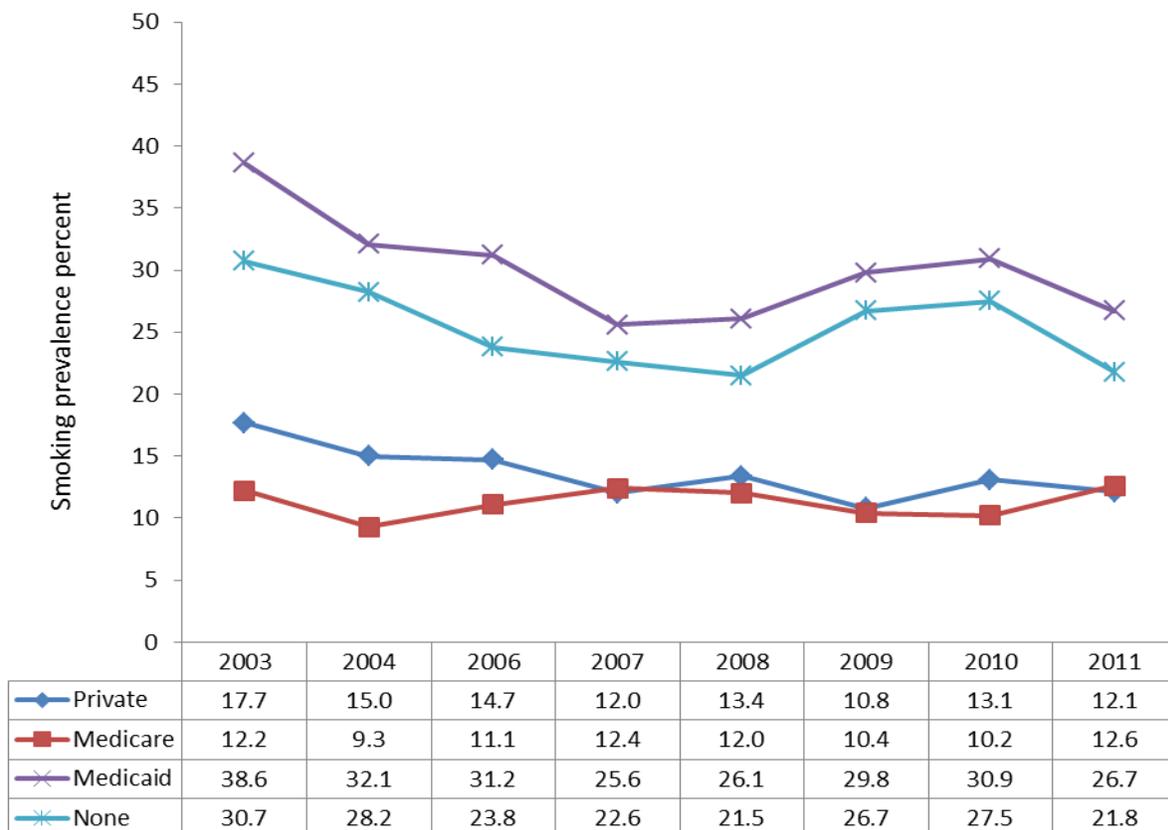


No Change in Smoking Rates Among Adults in New York with Medicare

In New York, smoking rates are significantly higher among adults on Medicaid or without health insurance when compared with adults on Medicare or with private health insurance. Rates of smoking among adults with private health insurance, Medicaid or no health insurance have significantly decreased between 2003 and 2011. However, 2.7 million adults in New York continue to smoke.

- Prevalence of smoking among New York adults with private health insurance decreased 33% from 18% in 2003 to 12% in 2011.
- In New York, prevalence of smoking among adults enrolled in Medicaid decreased 31% from 39% in 2003 to 27% in 2011.
- Prevalence of smoking among New York adults with no health insurance decreased 29% from 31% in 2003 to 22% in 2011.
- Prevalence of smoking among adults in New York with Medicare did not significantly change from 2003 to 2011. In 2011, smoking prevalence among adults with Medicare was 13%.

Percentage of Adult Current Smokers by Health Insurance Type in New York



Source: New York State Adult Tobacco Survey, 2003-2011. Data not available for 2005.
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