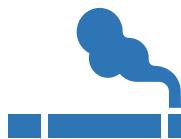


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2019 Current Cigarette Smoking Among High School Students



About 1 in 25 or  
**3.7%**  
of Connecticut  
High School Students  
Currently  
**SMOKED**  
**CIGARETTES**



Cigarette Smoking by  
**SEXUAL ORIENTATION**  
9.2% among **GAY, LESBIAN,**  
**BISEXUAL**  
2.3% among **HETEROSEXUAL**



Cigarette Smoking by  
**SENSE OF FAMILY  
LOVE & SUPPORT**  
16.8% among **NO**  
1.9% among **YES**



**CIGARETTE SMOKING**  
among  
high school students  
**DECREASED**  
**86%**  
between  
2000 and 2019

## KEY FACTS

- Results from the 2019 Youth Risk Behavior Survey estimate, that on 1 or more of the past 30 days, approximately 5,900 or 3.7% of Connecticut high school students smoked cigarettes (i.e., current cigarette smoking)—See *Chart below*
- Cigarettes were one of the least used tobacco products among Connecticut high school students
- Males and females had the same prevalence of cigarette smoking (3.7%)—See *Chart below*
- Students who disagreed or strongly disagreed that their family gives them love and support when they need it were significantly more likely to have smoked cigarettes (16.8%) than were their counterparts who agreed or strongly agreed (1.9%)
- High school students who identified as gay, lesbian or bisexual (9.2%) were significantly more likely than heterosexual (2.3%) students to have reported current cigarette smoking
- Current cigarette smoking decreased nearly 86% between 2000 (25.6%) and 2019 (3.7%)

Percentage of Connecticut High School Students Who Currently Smoked Cigarettes,  
by Sex, Grade and Race/Ethnicity, 2019



Missing bar indicates fewer than 50 students or relative standard error >30%; data are suppressed due to poor validity.  
Notes: This graph contains weighted results; white and black students are non-Hispanic.

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Data Sources: 2019 Youth Risk Behavior Survey; 2000 Youth Tobacco Survey.

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