

2019 Current Tobacco Use Among High School Students



About 1 in 4 or **27.8%** of Connecticut High School Students Currently **USED TOBACCO**



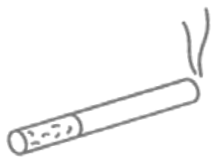
Tobacco Use by **RACE/ETHNICITY**
31.0% among **WHITE**
26.8% among **HISPANIC**
19.7% among **BLACK**



Tobacco Use by **GENDER**
31.2% among **FEMALE**
24.6% among **MALE**



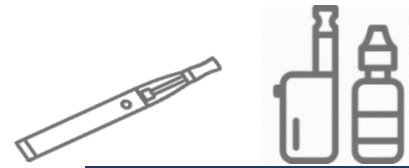
35.8% of **12th GRADE** Students Used Tobacco—Higher Than All Other Grades



3.7% Smoked Cigarettes



6.3% Used Other Forms of Tobacco, such as Hookahs and Smokeless



27.0% Used E-Cigarettes or Other Electronic Vaping Devices

KEY FACTS

- Results from the 2019 Connecticut Youth Risk Behavior Survey estimated, that on 1 or more of the past 30 days, approximately 44,300 or 27.8% of high school students had used some form of tobacco, including cigarettes, cigars, e-cigarettes and other electronic vaping devices, hookahs (waterpipes), chewing tobacco, snuff, snus, dip, dissolvable tobacco and traditional tobacco pipes (i.e., current tobacco use)
- Approximately one-third (31.2%) of female high school students were current tobacco users, significantly more than their male counterparts (24.6%)
- E-cigarettes and other electronic vaping devices (27.0%) were the most commonly used tobacco products, while traditional cigarettes (3.7%) have become one of the least used products
- White (31.0%) and Hispanic (26.8%) students were significantly more likely than Black (19.7%) students to have currently used tobacco
- An estimated 6,100 students or 3.9% were current cigar smokers
- High school students who identified as gay, lesbian or bisexual (40.1%) were significantly more likely than heterosexual (26.5%) students to have reported current tobacco use
- Students in grade 12 (35.8%) were significantly more likely than students in grades 9 (21.4%), 10 (24.2%) and 11 (30.3%) to have used tobacco during the 30 days before the survey
- High school students who reported poor mental health during the past 30 days, including stress, depression and problems with emotions, were about twice as likely (32.6%) as their peers without mental health difficulties (16.8%) to have used tobacco
- Nearly 10,000 high school students or 6.3% were current users of other forms of tobacco, including hookahs, chewing tobacco, snuff, snus, dip, dissolvable tobacco and traditional tobacco pipes

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