

Trends in Youth Cigarette Smoking in Connecticut

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Estimates from the 2000-2015 Connecticut Youth Tobacco Surveys

- Since 2000, the rate of current cigarette smoking (use on 1 or more days of the past 30 days) among Connecticut middle and high school students has declined rapidly. [Figure 1]
- Between 2011 and 2015, significant decreases occurred in the percentage of middle (2.9% to 0.8%) and high (14.0% to 5.6%) school students who currently smoked cigarettes. [Figure 1; Table 1]
- The rate of cigarette smoking decreased significantly between 2011 and 2015 among high school males (16.1% to 5.6%) and females (11.8%-5.6%). [Figure 2; Table 1]

Figure 1—Current Cigarette Smoking Among CT Middle and High School Students by Year

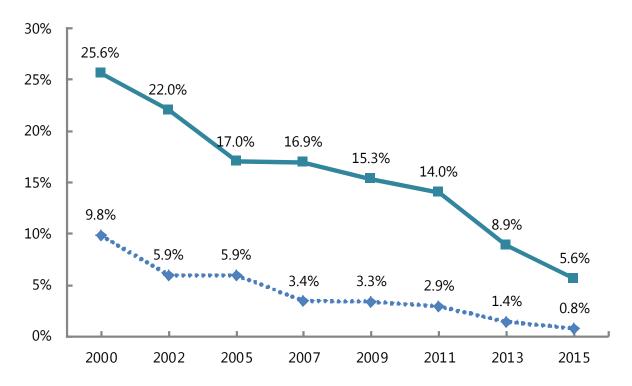


Table 1

	Current Cigarette Smoking Among CT Middle and High School Students—2011 and 2015							
	Middle School				High School			
Demographic Characteristics	2011		2015		2011		2015	
	%	95% CI	%	95% CI	%	95% CI	%	95% CI
Overall	2.9	(1.7-4.2)	0.8	(0.4-1.2)	14.0	(11.8-16.2)	5.6	(3.5-7.8)
Sex								
Male	3.1	(1.4-4.7)	**	_	16.1	(12.8-19.5)	5.6	(3.3-7.8)
Female	2.7	(1.5-3.9)	1.0	(0.4-1.5)	11.8	(9.1-14.4)	5.6	(2.8-8.4)

^{**}These estimates are suppressed because the data are statistically unreliable.

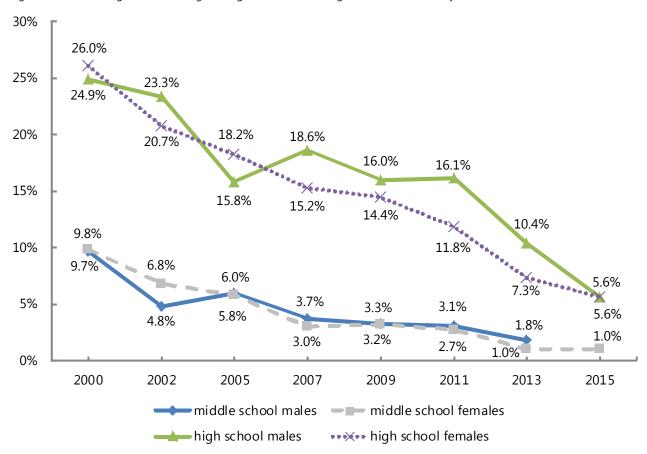


Figure 2—Current Cigarette Smoking Among CT Middle and High School Students by Year and Sex

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