Trends in Youth Cigarette Smoking
Connecticut Tobacco Use Prevention and Control Program — September 2014

## Estimates from the 2002-2013 Connecticut Youth Tobacco Surveys

The percentage of Connecticut middle school students who currently smoked cigarettes decreased during 2000 and 2013 from $9.8 \%$ to $1.4 \%$; and among high school students, it decreased from $25.6 \%$ to $8.9 \%$. [Figure 1]

Between 2000 and 2013, decreases occurred in the prevalence of cigarette smoking in middle school among nonHispanic whites ( $8.6 \%$ to $1.1 \%$ ), non-Hispanic blacks ( $11.5 \%$ to $2.3 \%$ ), and Hispanics ( $12.5 \%$ to $2.1 \%$ ); and in high school among non-Hispanic whites ( $27.6 \%$ to $9.3 \%$ ), non-Hispanic blacks ( $13.2 \%$ to $4.5 \%$ ), and Hispanics ( $25.7 \%$ to $11.4 \%$ ).

The rate of cigarette smoking decreased during 2000 and 2013 among middle school males ( $9.7 \%$ to $1.8 \%$ ) and females ( $9.8 \%$ to $1.0 \%$ ); and, in that same period, also decreased among high school males ( $24.9 \%$ to $10.4 \%$ ) and females ( $26.0 \%$ to $7.3 \%$ ). [Figure 2]

Figure 1
Percentage of Connecticut Youth Currently Smoking Cigarettes by year and school level


Data Source: Connecticut Youth Tobacco Survey (YTS); 2002-2013.

Figure 2
Percentage of Connecticut Youth Currently Smoking Cigarettes
by year, school level, and sex


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## For Further Information

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Note: Youth current cigarette smokers are defined as students who reported smoking cigarettes on one or more of the seven days before the survey.

