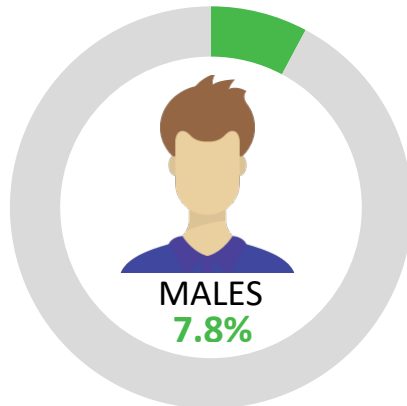
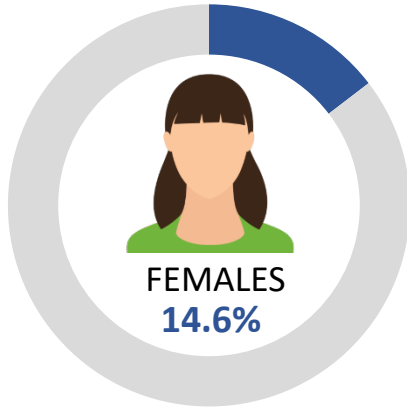


# Connecticut Department of Public Health Fact Sheet

## Tobacco Control Program | January 2023

### 2021 Current Tobacco Use Among High School Youth

By Gender



### ANY TOBACCO

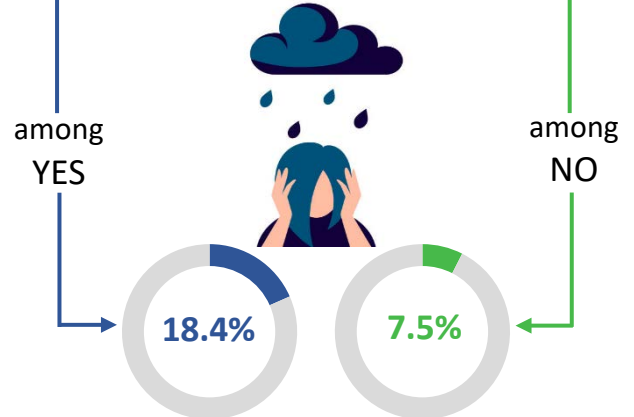
LAST 30-DAY USE RATE

**11.2%**

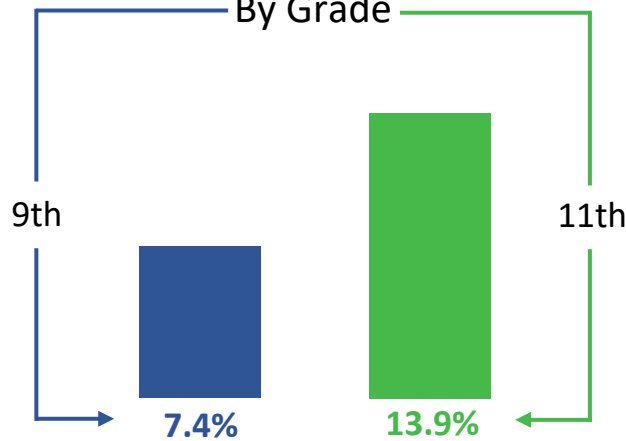
use cigarettes, cigars, e-cigarettes, hookahs, smokeless tobacco or pipes



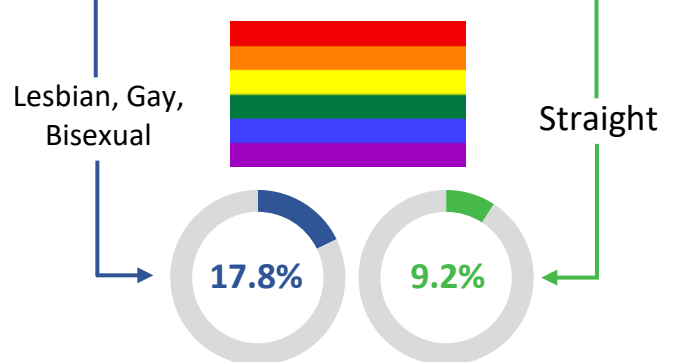
By Poor Mental Health



By Grade



By Sexual Orientation



## Key Facts

- Results from the 2021 Youth Risk Behavior Survey estimate that approximately 17,600 or 11.2% of Connecticut high school students reported using one or more of cigarettes, cigars, e-cigarettes (or other electronic vapor products), hookahs (waterpipes), smokeless tobacco or traditional pipe tobacco on 1 or more of the last 30 days (i.e., current tobacco use)
- Females (14.6%) were significantly more likely than males (7.8%) to have currently used tobacco
- The rate of current tobacco use was higher among Hispanic (13.2%) high school students than it was among their White\* (11.0%) and Black\* (10.7%) counterparts; although, none of the differences between groups varied significantly
- Students in grade 11 (13.9%) were significantly more likely than students in grade 9 (7.4%) to use tobacco; the prevalence of use increased as grade increased
- The prevalence of tobacco use among high school students who reported their mental health was most of the time or always not good, including stress, anxiety, and depression, during the 30 days before the survey (18.4%) was nearly 2.5 times higher than it was among those who did not suffer from mental health problems (7.5%)
- Tobacco use was significantly higher among students who identify as lesbian, gay or bisexual (17.8%) than it was among heterosexual (straight) students (9.2%)

\*non-Hispanic

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