
The Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) is an annual statewide telephone survey of adults developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention and administered by the New York State Department of Health. The BRFSS is designed to provide information on behaviors, risk factors, and utilization of preventive services related to the leading causes of chronic and infectious diseases, disability, injury, and death among the noninstitutionalized, civilian population aged 18 years and older.

Cigarette Smoking New York State Adults 2006

Introduction

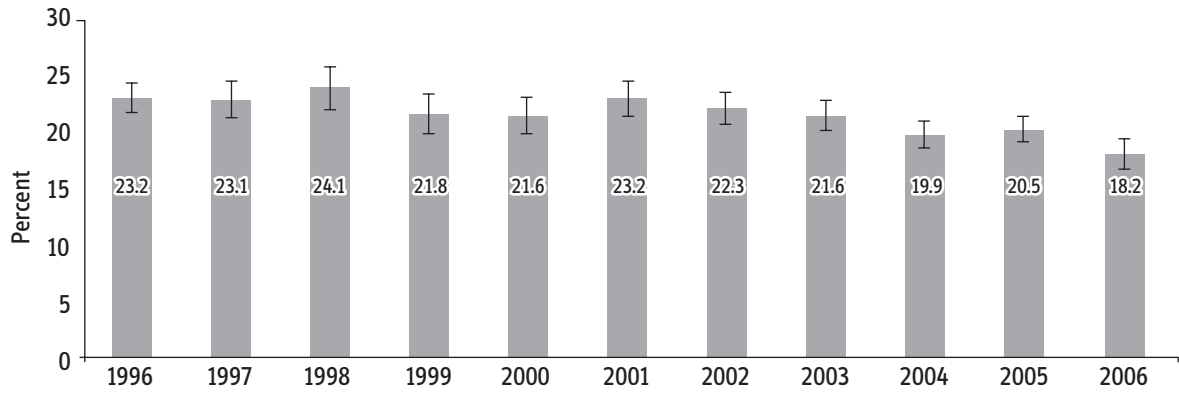
Tobacco use is the leading cause of preventable death and disease in the United States. Smoking is a major risk factor for heart disease, stroke, lung cancer, and chronic lung diseases--all leading causes of death. Smoking during pregnancy can result in miscarriages, premature delivery, and sudden infant death syndrome. Each year in New York State, 25,000 residents die as a result of cigarette use, losing an average of 14 years of life, and 570,000 residents suffer from serious tobacco-related diseases.¹

BRFSS Questions

- 1. Have you smoked at least 100 cigarettes in your entire life?*
[If "yes"]
- 2. Do you now smoke cigarettes every day, some days, or not at all?*

Current cigarette smoking was defined as having smoked at least 100 cigarettes in lifetime and now smoking every day or some days.

Current cigarette smoking* among New York State adults, by BRFSS survey year



* Smoked at least 100 cigarettes in lifetime, and currently smoke cigarettes everyday or some days.

Note: Error bars represent 95% confidence intervals.

Current cigarette smoking^a among New York State adults: 2006 BRFSS

	% ^b	95% CI ^b
New York State (NYS) [n=5,901]	18.2	16.9-19.6
Sex		
Male	18.9	16.7-21.1
Female	17.6	16.0-19.2
Age (years)		
18-24	22.5	16.6-28.3
25-34	24.1	20.2-28.0
35-44	19.8	16.7-22.8
45-54	19.7	17.1-22.3
55-64	14.4	11.9-16.8
≥ 65	9.1	7.4-10.8
Race/ethnicity		
White non-Hispanic	19.6	18.0-21.1
Black non-Hispanic	17.3	12.8-21.8
Hispanic	17.6	13.4-21.8
Other non-Hispanic	12.8	8.9-16.7
Annual household income		
< \$15,000	29.3	23.9-34.7
\$15,000-\$24,999	21.9	17.9-26.0
\$25,000-\$34,999	21.6	17.1-26.2
\$35,000-\$49,999	18.6	15.2-22.1
\$50,000-\$74,999	18.0	14.6-21.4
≥ \$75,000	10.7	8.8-12.6
Missing ^c	18.5	14.4-22.6
Educational attainment		
Less than high school	27.4	22.1-32.8
High school or GED	23.5	20.7-26.3
Some post-high school	19.4	16.7-22.1
College graduate	10.5	8.9-12.1
Disability^d		
Yes	23.0	20.0-26.0
No	17.1	15.6-18.6
Region		
New York City (NYC)	16.2	13.8-18.7
NYS exclusive of NYC	19.2	17.6-20.8

^a Smoked at least 100 cigarettes in lifetime, and currently smoke cigarettes everyday or some days.

^b % = weighted percentage; CI = confidence interval.

^c "Missing" category included because more than 10% of the sample did not report income.

^d All respondents who report activity limitations due to physical, mental, or emotional problems OR have health problems that require the use of special equipment.

References

1. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). Annual smoking-attributable mortality, years of potential life lost, and economic costs – United States, 1995-1999. *MMWR* 51(14):300-303.

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