

North Carolina  
2005 Youth Tobacco Survey (YTS)  
**HIGH SCHOOL FACT SHEET**



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The North Carolina YTS was a public school-based survey of students in grades 6-12, conducted in 1999<sup>1</sup>, 2001, 2003 and 2005. A multi-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for middle and high school students for all of North Carolina. Schools were selected with the probability proportional to enrollment size. Classes were randomly selected and all students in selected classes were eligible to participate. The 2005 YTS school district response rate was 98.9%, the student response rate was 79.6% and the overall response rate was 78.7%. A total of 3140 high school students participated and completed the North Carolina YTS in 2005.

**Prevalence**

58.7% of students had ever used any tobacco product (Male = 61.4%, Female = 56.2%)  
54.3% of students had ever smoked cigarettes (White = 51.3%, Black = 60.3%, Hispanic = 52.7%)  
28.5% of students currently use any tobacco product (Male = 33.9%, Female = 22.8%)  
20.3% currently smoke cigarettes (White = 23.8%, Black = 12.8%, Hispanic = 19.9%)  
9.2% currently use smokeless tobacco (Male = 15.9, Female = 2.3)

**Secondhand Smoke (SHS)**

42.6% live in homes where others smoke  
66.3% are in the same room as others who smoke during the week  
91.6% think smoke from others is harmful to them

**Cessation – Current Smokers**

46.8 want to quit smoking  
55.5% attempted to quit smoking in the past year

**Pro-health Media vs Tobacco Advertising**

79.4% saw or heard anti-smoking media messages in the past month  
22.4% have an object with a tobacco brand logo

**School**

35.8% were taught the dangers of tobacco in the past year  
8.9% smoked on school property in the past month

**Community**

5.1% attended a tobacco use prevention training

**Access and Availability- Current Smokers < 18 years old**

15.4% buy cigarettes in stores  
67.9% who bought cigarettes in a store were NOT refused purchase because of their age

**High School Highlights**

6 in 10 students have used tobacco;  
29% currently use some form of tobacco; 20% currently smoke cigarettes; 9% currently use smokeless tobacco (spit, chew or dip)

SHS exposure is very high – nearly 7 in 10 students were in the same room with smokers during the week

9 in 10 students think smoke from others is harmful to them

Nearly half of current smokers want to quit smoking

Almost 8 in 10 students saw or heard anti-smoking media messages in the past month

More than 3 in 10 were taught the dangers of tobacco in past year

1 in 10 smoked on school property

More than 1 in 20 attended a tobacco use prevention training in the past year

7 in 10 currently smoking students were not refused the purchase of cigarettes due to their age

<sup>1</sup> 1999, 2001, 2003 YTS results at <http://www.communityhealth.dhhs.state.nc.us/tobacco/Survey/survey.htm>

<sup>2</sup> Detailed 2005 YTS tables including 95% confidence intervals are available upon request.

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**Prevalence**

32.8% of students had ever used any tobacco product (White = 31.1%, Black = 35.4%, Hispanic = 36.9%)<sup>2</sup>  
25.8% of students had ever smoked cigarettes (Male = 27.7%, Female = 23.9%)  
10.5% currently use any tobacco product (White = 9.5%, Black = 11.6%, Hispanic = 12.8%)  
5.8% currently smoke cigarettes (Male = 7.1%, Female = 4.4%)  
2.7% currently use smokeless tobacco (Male = 4.1%, Female = 1.3%)

**Secondhand Smoke (SHS)**

40.5% live in homes where others smoke  
50.0% are in the same room as others who smoke during the week  
89.5% think smoke from others is harmful to them

**Cessation – Current Smokers**

56.5% want to quit smoking  
69.5% attempted to stop smoking in the past year

**Pro-health Media vs Tobacco Advertising**

70.4% saw or heard anti-smoking media messages in the past month  
14.2% have an object with a tobacco brand logo

**School**

46.3% were taught the dangers of tobacco  
2.1% smoked on school property in the past month

**Community**

7.9% attended a tobacco use prevention training

**Access and Availability- Current Smokers < 18 years old**

4.7% buy cigarettes in stores  
50.7% who bought cigarettes in a store were NOT refused purchase because of their age

**Middle School Highlights**

More than 3 in 10 students have used tobacco; 11% currently use some form of tobacco; 6% currently smoke cigarettes; 3% currently use smokeless tobacco (spit, dip or chew)

SHS exposure is high – 5 in 10 students were in the same room with smokers during the past week

9 in 10 students think smoke from others is harmful to them

More than half of current smokers want to quit smoking

7 in 10 students saw anti-smoking media messages in the past month

Nearly half of students were taught the dangers of tobacco in the past year

Nearly 1 in 12 attended a tobacco use prevention training in the past year

More than 5 in 10 students were not refused the purchase of cigarettes due to age

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