

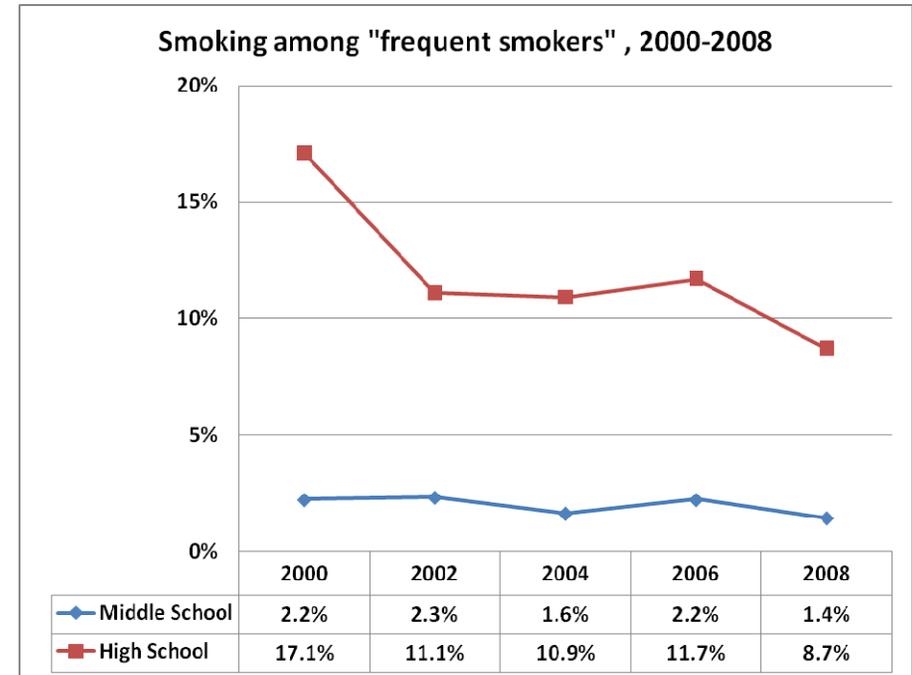
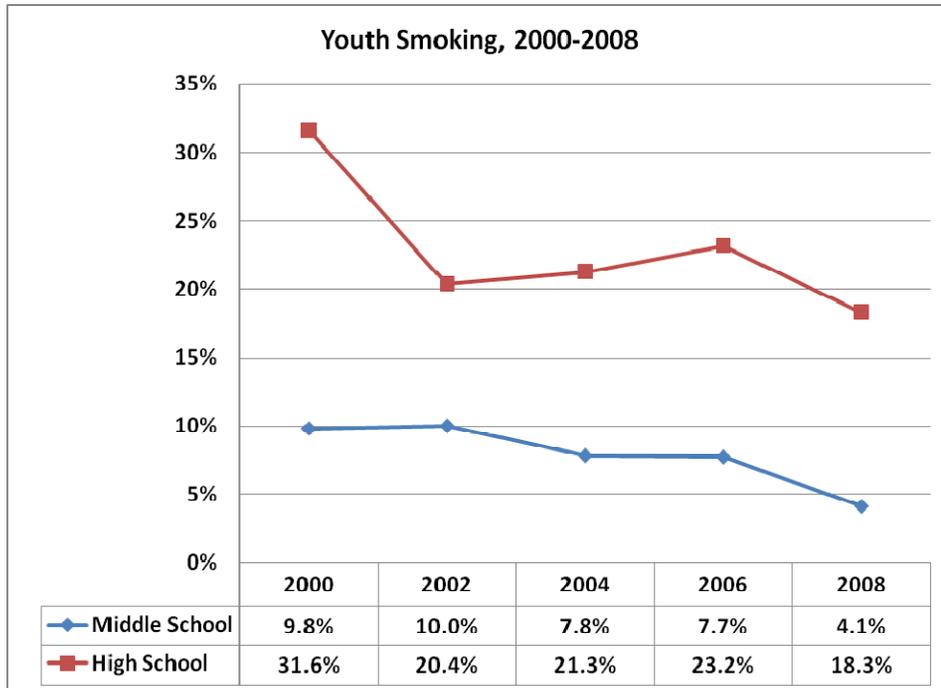
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Tobacco use is the single most preventable cause of death and disease in the United States. More than 9,800 Indiana youth become new daily smokers each year. Indiana’s tobacco control program includes strategies to reduce youth initiation and access to tobacco. These strategies of increasing the price of tobacco, public education campaigns and the voice movement, as well as increasing smoke-free air policies, are showing progress in reducing youth smoking in Indiana.

- Smoking among High School youth is at 18% a **21% decline** from 2006-2008 and **42% decline** from 2000- 2008
- Smoking among Middle School youth is at 4%, a **47% decline** from 2006-2008 and a **58% decline** from 2000- 2008
- Dramatic gains have been made among “frequent” smokers or youth smoking 20 out of the last 30 days. An estimated 8.7% of high school youth and 1.4% of middle school are established smokers that will likely become addicted adult smokers. This is a significant decline from 2006 and since 2000.

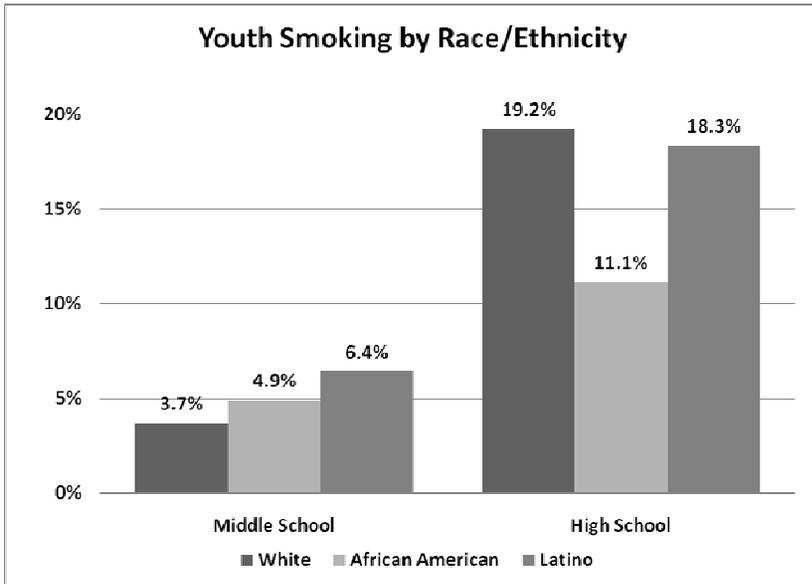


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**Youth Smoking by Race/Ethnicity**



- Smoking rates among race/ethnic groups at the middle school level are similar for Whites (4%), African Americans (4.9%) and Latinos (6%). However, the rate for African American (11%) high school students is lower than rates for White (19%) and Latino (18%) students.

- The smoking rate for middle school girls (4%) is lower than that for boys (4.5%). The smoking rate for high school girls (17.5%) is also lower than for boys (19%).
- Smoking rates tend to increase with grade levels. Approximately 1% of 6<sup>th</sup> grade students are current smokers increasing to 7% by the time students are in the 8<sup>th</sup> grade. The smoking rates jump to 11.5% for youth in 9<sup>th</sup> grade, and increases to approximately 23% for youth in the 12<sup>th</sup> grade.

**Youth Smoking, IN vs US**

