

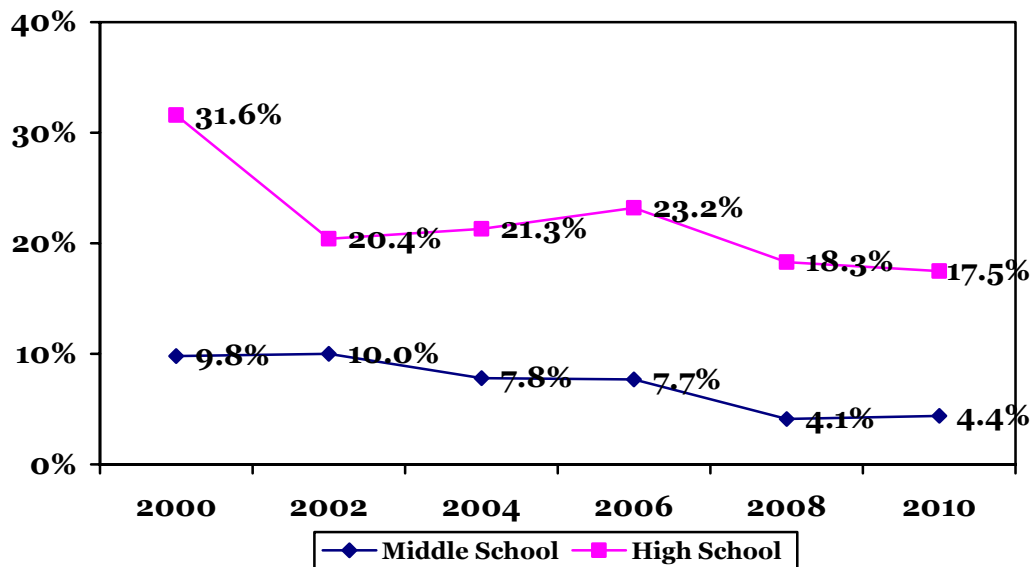
Indiana Youth Smoking

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 Youth in Indiana

- Smoking among High School youth is at 18% a **45% decline** from 2000- 2010.
- Smoking among Middle School youth is at 4%, a **56% decline** from 2000- 2010.
- Dramatic gains have been made among “frequent” smokers or youth smoking 20 out of the last 30 days. An estimated 7.2% of high school youth and 0.9% of middle school youth are established smokers that will likely become addicted adult smokers. This is a significant decline since 2000.

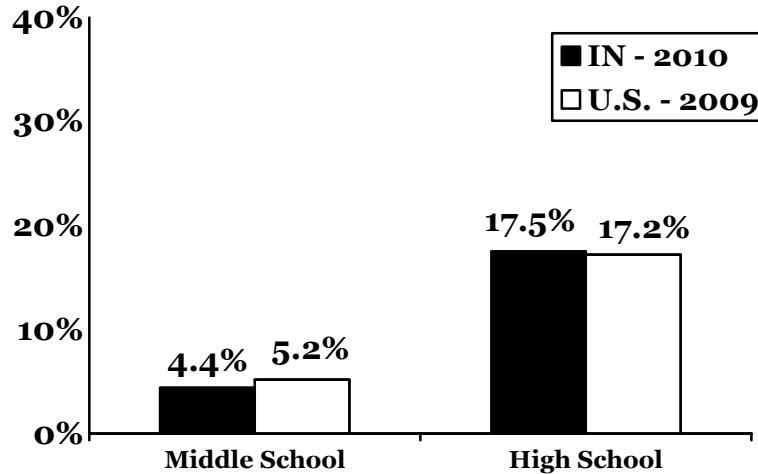
Indiana Youth Smoking Prevalence Rates, 2000-2010
Indiana Youth Tobacco Survey



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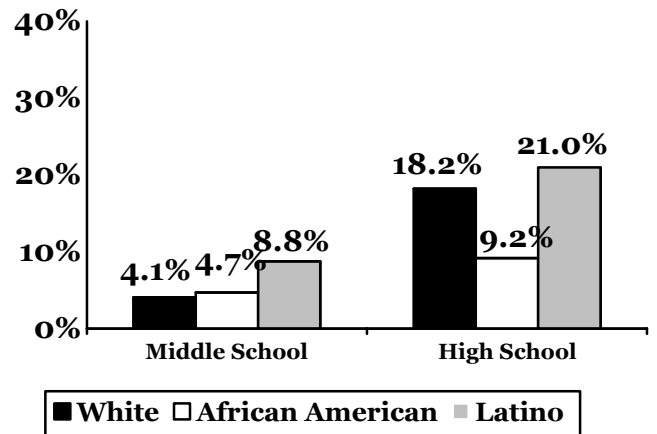
- The smoking rate for middle school girls (3.5%) is lower than that for boys (5.2%). The smoking rate for high school girls (15.8%) is also lower than for boys (18.8%).
- Smoking rates tend to increase with grade levels. Approximately 2% of 6th grade students are current smokers increasing to 8% by the time students are in the 8th grade. The smoking rate jumps to 13% for youth in 9th grade, and increases to approximately 22% for youth in the 12th grade.

Youth Smoking, Indiana & U.S. – 2009 National Youth Tobacco Survey & 2010 Indiana Youth Tobacco Survey



Youth Smoking by Race/Ethnicity, 2010 Indiana Youth Tobacco Survey

- Smoking rates among race/ethnic groups at the middle school level are similar among Whites (4%) and African Americans (5%), but higher among Latinos (9%).
- The smoking rate among African American high school students (9%) is significantly lower than that of White (18%) and Latino (21%) high school students.



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