

Cancer Trends Progress Report

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The Cancer Trends Progress Report, first issued in 2001, summarizes our nation's advances against cancer in relation to Healthy People targets set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services. The report, intended for policy makers, researchers, and public health professionals, includes key measures of progress along the cancer control continuum and uses national trend data to illustrate where improvements have been made.

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About the Report

This section of the report provides an overview of the Cancer Trends Progress Report, a message from NCI's Director of its Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences, frequently asked questions and answers, acknowledgements, and a downloadable PDF fact sheet.

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Introduction

The nation's investment in cancer research is making a difference. The rate of death from cancer continues to decline among both men and women, among all major racial and ethnic groups, and for the most common types of cancer, including lung, colon, breast, and prostate cancers. The death rate from all cancers combined continues to decline, as it has since the early 1990s. Many people who have had cancer live longer and enjoy a better quality of life than was possible years ago. This steady improvement in survival reflects progress in diagnosing certain cancers at an earlier stage, improvements in treatment, and the results of public health initiatives encouraging preventative measures and screening. Still, cancer remains a major public health problem that profoundly affects the more than 1.6 million people diagnosed each year, as well as their families and friends.

- Cancer remains the second most common cause of death in the United States, exceeded only by heart disease, accounting for nearly one in every four deaths.
- The incidence of some cancers, including kidney, thyroid, pancreas, liver, uterus, melanoma of the skin, myeloma (cancer of plasma cells), and non-Hodgkin lymphoma, is rising.
- The burden of some types of cancer weighs more heavily on some groups than on others. The rates of both new cases and deaths from cancer vary by socioeconomic status, sex, and racial and ethnic group.
- The economic burden of cancer also is taking its toll. As the U.S. population ages and newer technologies and treatments become available, national expenditures for cancer continue to rise and could potentially exceed overall medical care expenditures combined.

Why a Progress Report Is Needed

Since the signing of the National Cancer Act in 1971, our country has vigorously fought the devastating effects of cancer. Now it is time to see how far we have come. The *Cancer Trends Progress Report* is in its seventh iteration in a series of reports that describe the nation's progress against cancer through research and related efforts. The report is based on the most recent data at the time of analysis from the National Cancer Institute, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, other federal agencies, professional groups, and cancer researchers.

The *Cancer Trends Progress Report* was designed to help the nation review past efforts and plan future ones. The public can use the report to better understand the nature and results of strategies to fight cancer. Researchers, clinicians, and public health providers can focus on the gaps and opportunities identified in the report, paving the way for future progress against cancer. Policymakers can use the report to evaluate our progress relative to our investment in cancer research discovery, program development, and service delivery.

What's in the Report

The *Cancer Trends Progress Report* includes key measures of progress along the cancer control continuum.

- **Prevention.** The measures in this section cover behaviors that can help people prevent cancer, the most important of which is avoiding tobacco use and secondhand smoke exposure. This section also addresses physical activity, dietary choices and alcohol consumption, and exposure to sun and chemicals in the environment.
- **Early Detection.** Screening tests provide ways to find cancers early, when there is the best chance for cure. This section describes the extent to which people are following recommended screening guidelines to detect breast, cervical, and colorectal cancers.
- **Diagnosis.** We can learn much about our progress against cancer by looking at the rates of new cancer cases (incidence) and cancers diagnosed at late stages. This section reviews both these areas.
- **Treatment.** This section describes common treatment options and measures the rates at which people are undergoing those treatments. It also describes new treatment options emerging from ongoing research and monitoring activities.
- **Life After Cancer.** This section addresses trends in the proportion of cancer patients who are alive 5 years after their diagnosis, the costs of cancer care, and the health behaviors among survivors.
- **End of Life.** This section includes the rate of deaths (mortality) from cancer and the estimated number of years of life lost (person-years of life lost) as a result of cancer.

Where possible, the *Cancer Trends Progress Report* shows changes in these data over time (trends). This report shows whether the trends are "rising" or "falling" using standard definitions and tests of the statistical significance of the trends (see [Methodology for Categorizing Trends](#)). For some measures, differences in the cancer burden among various U.S. racial and ethnic groups, income groups, and groups by level of educational attainment, are also presented.

Most of the measures for age-adjusted cancer death rates in this report are identical to those presented in Healthy People 2020, a comprehensive set of 10-year health objectives for the nation sponsored by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. This enabled us to show the nation's progress relative to cancer-related targets for Healthy People 2020.

How Data Were Selected

In selecting measures that would be meaningful to readers of this report, we relied largely on long-term national - rather than state or local - data collection efforts. (State and local data are available online at [State Cancer Profiles](http://statecancerprofiles.cancer.gov/) (<http://statecancerprofiles.cancer.gov/>)). The report includes more measures for prevention than for other segments of the continuum, because preventive measures hold so much potential in positively impacting national progress to reduce the burden of cancer. A substantial proportion of cancers could be prevented by behavioral choices, making prevention a key focus of the report. Most recent additions to the report include new measures of cancer survivors' physical activity and excess body weight and obesity, in addition to its examination of cancer survivors' smoking status. As the number of cancer survivors grows and expected survival time increases, the health behaviors of these individuals is becoming an important focus of attention. Adoption or maintenance of healthy lifestyles after cancer has the potential to reduce both cancer- and non-cancer related morbidity. Tracking these behaviors permits evaluation of how well cancer control efforts are working to reduce unnecessary disability and death among those with a history of cancer.

Additionally, HPV immunization trends are being tracked in this report for the first time. Like most other measures in the report, HPV has a Healthy People target for its measure as well as national trend data to track progress over time.

Four environmental measures were also added this report cycle, and specific criteria for their inclusion is cited within the chapters.

The data in the *Cancer Trends Progress Report* come from a variety of systems and surveys with different collection techniques and reporting times, so time periods may vary. The starting point or baseline year against which to measure how well the nation is progressing toward the Healthy People 2020 targets depends on the data available. For example, data for most Diagnosis, Life After Cancer, and End of Life measures are available starting in 1975, while data for most Prevention, Early Detection, and Treatment measures are available beginning in the late 1980s or early 1990s.

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Director's Message

One of the important responsibilities of the National Cancer Institute is communicating our nation's progress against cancer to the public. This update to the *Cancer Trends Progress Report* is a significant part of that dissemination process. The Web site provides up-to-date information on a range of cancer control topics—from disease prevention to the impact of deaths from cancer—and data that track the successful application of selected areas of cancer research into practice.

The *Cancer Trends Progress Report* draws on data from numerous federal departments and agencies, including the Environmental Protection Agency, the Department of Agriculture, and several offices and agencies within the Department of Health and Human Services, including the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, the Office of Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Administration, and the National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. The content, design, and production of this report are the results of a collaboration among federal and state agency partners, consumer advocates, the American Cancer Society, and others.

As the report details, the nation is making progress toward major cancer-related targets. The rate of death from cancer continues to decline among both men and women, among all major racial and ethnic groups, and for the most common types of cancers, including lung, colon, breast, and prostate cancers. The death rate from all cancers combined also continues to decline, as it has since the early 1990s. This steady improvement in survival reflects progress in diagnosing certain cancers at an earlier stage through screening, improvements in treatment, and the results of public health initiatives in tobacco control. Still, cancer remains the second most common cause of death in the United States, exceeded only by heart disease, accounting for nearly one of every four deaths.

As the number of cancer survivors grows and expected survival time increases, the health behaviors of these individuals are becoming an important focus of attention. Adoption or maintenance of healthy lifestyles after cancer diagnosis has the potential to reduce both cancer- and non-cancer-related morbidity. This update includes new topics examining cancer survivors' physical activity, efforts in preventing excess body weight and obesity, and an examination of smoking prevalence among cancer survivors. Despite their increased risk for chronic health conditions and premature death, many cancer survivors—particularly survivors under the age of 40—continue to smoke.


A substantial proportion of cancers could be prevented by behavioral choices, making prevention a key focus of the report. Up to one third of cancer cases in the United States are related to excess weight or obesity, physical inactivity, and/or poor nutrition, and thus could be prevented. All cancers caused by cigarette smoking and heavy use of alcohol could be prevented completely. The prevalence of adult cigarette smoking in the United States has slowly fallen since 1991, though declines have not been consistent from year to year. While the percentage of smokers attempting to quit smoking each year has risen to 55 percent, quitting success rates have been low and have recently shown only a slight improvement. Effective cessation treatments can double or triple a smoker's chances of long-term abstinence, but more work is needed to ensure that evidence-based cessation services are available to all population subgroups.

Many of the more than three million skin cancer cases that are diagnosed annually could be prevented by protecting skin from excessive sun exposure and avoiding indoor tanning. Certain cancers related to infectious agents, such as human papillomavirus (HPV), hepatitis B and C viruses, and human immunodeficiency virus, could be prevented through behavioral changes or the use of protective vaccinations or antibiotic treatments. For example, HPV vaccines (examined in this report for the first time) prevent the most common types of HPV infection that cause cancer.

Although it is not a leading cause of cancer, exposure to carcinogens that exist as pollutants in our air, food, water, and soil, also influence the incidence of cancer, and we must work to reduce exposure to toxic substances and hazardous wastes. This update includes four new chemical exposures: arsenic, benzene, cadmium, and nitrate, which occur naturally in the environment. Most exposure to these compounds results from human activities, particularly through agricultural and industrial production. Exposure to carcinogens in occupational, community, and other settings is thought to account for a relatively small percentage of cancer deaths, but the burden of exposure is borne disproportionately by lower-income workers and communities, contributing to disparities in the cancer burden across the US population.

Finally, the economic burden of cancer is considerable and important to monitor. As the U.S. population ages and newer technologies and treatments become available, national expenditures for cancer continue to rise. National and state cancer control strategies should be informed by evidence concerning economic burden and statistical models of the impact of interventions.

We at NCI, along with our *Cancer Trends Progress Report* partners, hope that you will find this report to be a valuable reference tool and a stimulus for action. We must not forget that the numbers in this report reflect the lives and struggles of millions of our fellow citizens. NCI remains committed to advancing scientific progress and facilitating its application on behalf of each of them.

 Robert Croyle, Ph.D.
Director, Division of Cancer Control and Population Sciences

National Cancer Institute

What is the *Cancer Trends Progress Report*?

The National Cancer Institute's *Cancer Trends Progress Report* is an online report that tracks the nation's progress against cancer across the full cancer continuum - from prevention through the impact of deaths from cancer - and compares that progress to Healthy People 2020 goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Why is the report important?

It is the only report of its kind to present - all in one place - the most up-to-date information on trends in the nation's progress against cancer, gathered through a collaborative effort with other key cancer agencies and groups, including the National Cancer Institute, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, other federal agencies, professional groups, and cancer researchers.

What is the main message of the report?

The nation has met or is making progress toward a number of major cancer-related Healthy People 2020 targets. However, we are losing ground in other important areas that demand attention. For more information, visit [Report Highlights](#).

What is in the report?

The report includes key measures in the areas of prevention, diagnosis, screening, treatment, end of life, and life after cancer. Progress is tracked over time and determined by the availability of the data. This progress is measured against certain cancer-related targets of [Healthy People 2020](http://www.healthypeople.gov/2020/default.aspx) (<http://www.healthypeople.gov/2020/default.aspx>).

The body of the report includes standardized information for each measure, including background, definition of measure, data source, Healthy People targets, trends and most recent estimates, related cancers, and additional references for each topic area. This information is summarized in chart form in the Summary Tables section of the report. Special color-coded graphics in this section show whether the trend is going in the desired direction and how the nation's progress compares to the Healthy People targets.

How is the information displayed and explained?

Most of the trend graphs were made using a statistical method ([Joinpoint regression analysis](#)) that illustrates real changes in direction instead of merely connecting one dot to another. The report shows whether trends are rising or falling, and it explains why changes might have occurred. Where data are available, differences in the cancer burden are also illustrated by race and ethnicity, educational attainment, and socioeconomic status. A summary of trends is summarized in bullet form in the [Highlights](#) section of the report. Data are downloadable as Excel spreadsheets, and graphs within the report are downloadable as JPEG files which can be used in PowerPoint slides.

Where did the data come from?

The data in the *Cancer Trends Progress Report* come from a variety of systems and surveys with different collection techniques and reporting times, so time periods may vary. Data were sponsored by the National Cancer Institute, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, other federal agencies, professional groups, and cancer researchers.

How were data selected?

Measures were selected based on scientific evidence and the availability of periodic or longitudinal national - rather than state or local - data collection and analysis efforts. Criteria for selecting measures included the relevance of what was being measured (e.g., impact on cancer, national policy implications); the scientific rigor underlying the measure (e.g., validity, reliability, and explicitness of evidence base); the feasibility of using the measure (e.g., availability of long-term data); and usability by target audiences (e.g., ease of understanding and applicability). The report includes more measures for prevention because more data on trends are available in that area. Where possible, 1990 was used as the starting point or baseline against which to measure how well the nation is progressing toward the [Healthy People 2020](http://www.healthypeople.gov/2020/default.aspx) (<http://www.healthypeople.gov/2020/default.aspx>) targets.

What data are not in the report?

Not all measures for all relevant areas of cancer progress could be included in this report. In some cases, trend information on a national level is not available. In other cases, there is no reliable information at this time. Although dramatic advances have been made in the treatment of many cancers and the report cites progress made in the treatment of breast and colorectal cancers, a national data system for tracking and assessing progress over time is not yet in place. Some measures such as quality of life, while important in assessing the cancer burden, were not included because there simply is no consensus on how best to track those measures in a population at this time. Future editions of the report will include these as well as population-level measures like the one in this edition describing state laws on smoke-free air.

Where can I find state- and county-level cancer data?

This report cites data at the national level. For cancer data at the state or county level or behavioral risk factor data at the state level, go to NCI's [State Cancer Profiles Web site](http://statecancerprofiles.cancer.gov) (<http://statecancerprofiles.cancer.gov>).

Who can use the report?

The report can be used to better understand the nature of cancer and the results of work being done to fight it. Researchers, clinicians, and public health providers can focus on the gaps and opportunities identified, and work to make future progress against cancer. Policymakers can use the report to evaluate our progress relative to our investment in cancer research discovery, program development, and service delivery.

How often will the report be updated?

The online report is updated annually, where data are available. Page notes will display the date of last update.

What is the rationale for the report?

The *Cancer Trends Progress Report* resulted from recommendations in the late 1990s by NCI's Cancer Control Program Review Group (CCPRG) and Surveillance Implementation Group (SIG) to develop a national progress report on the cancer burden. The CCPRG was convened in 1996 by the NCI Director and the NCI Board of Scientific Advisors to evaluate the full scope of the institute's cancer control research program. The SIG was established by the NCI Director to provide advice and recommendations for expanding and enhancing NCI's cancer surveillance research program.

How can I get a copy of the report?

The *Cancer Trends Progress Report* is available online only however portions of the report or the entire report may be downloaded and printed using the 'Generate Custom Report' feature. Reports from years 2001, 2003, 2005, 2007, 2009/ 2010, and 2011/ 2012 are [archived online](#).

Where can more information on cancer be found?

- <http://www.cancer.gov>(<http://www.cancer.gov>)
- 1-800-4-CANCER (1-800-422-6237)

Where should I direct my questions or comments about the *Cancer Trends Progress Report*?

Send questions to [Progress Report Help](#).

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Data Resources

Included in this section is an explanation of the statistical methodology used in this report, the sources of National data used to inform trends presented, and the incidence and US death rates from NCI's Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results (SEER) Program for the cancers presented in this report.

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Methodology for Characterizing Trends

In order to obtain a consistent characterization of population trends in factors related to the prevention, early detection, or treatment of cancer, the [joinpoint statistical methodology](http://surveillance.cancer.gov/joinpoint/) (<http://surveillance.cancer.gov/joinpoint/>) was used in this report. This methodology characterizes a trend using joined linear segments on a logarithmic scale; the point where two segments meet is called a "joinpoint." The methodology is used to characterize trends in cancer incidence and mortality rates (e.g., in the [SEER Cancer Statistics Review](http://seer.cancer.gov/csr/) (<http://seer.cancer.gov/csr/>)).

The Joinpoint software uses statistical criteria to determine:

- The fewest number of segments necessary to characterize a trend
- Where the segments begin and end
- The annual percent change (APC) for each segment. (A linear trend on a log scale implies a constant annual percent change.)

In addition, a 95-percent confidence interval around the APC was used to determine if the APC for each segment differed significantly from zero. Whenever possible, weighted regression lines (utilizing standard errors) were calculated using the Joinpoint software. Using a log response variable, the weight (motivated by the delta method) equals the square of the response variable divided by the square of the standard error. If the standard errors were unavailable, an unweighted regression was used.

Using the results of these analyses, we characterize trends in this report with respect to both their public health importance and statistical significance. If a trend was:

- Changing less than or equal to 0.5% per year ($-0.5 \leq \text{APC} \leq 0.5$), and the APC was not statistically significant, we characterized it as **STABLE**
- Changing more than 0.5% per year ($\text{APC} < -0.5$ or $\text{APC} > 0.5$), and the APC was not statistically significant, we characterized it as **NON-SIGNIFICANT CHANGE**
- Changing with a statistically significant $\text{APC} > 0$, we characterized it as **RISING**
- Changing with a statistically significant $\text{APC} < 0$, we characterized it as **FALLING**

While these categorizations are somewhat arbitrary, they do provide a consistent method to characterize the trends across disparate measures. However, statistical significance in addition to the absolute value of change for incidence and mortality trends were used to ensure consistency with all major publications on national cancer trends.

To avoid statistical anomalies, a joinpoint segment must contain at least 3 observed data points, and no joinpoint segment can begin or end closer than 3 data points from the beginning or end of the data series. Due to these constraints on the joinpoint models, data series with a smaller set of data points are limited as to where a joinpoint can occur and how many joinpoints can be fit into the series. For example, if there are 4 data points or fewer, only 1 segment and no joinpoints can be fit to the series. For 5 to 7 data points, up to 2 segments and 1 joinpoint can be fit to the series. For 8 to 10 data points, up to 3 segments and 2 joinpoints can be fit. To avoid some of these limitations and allow a degree of flexibility as to where a joinpoint can be placed in a series, we established a set of guidelines on what method to use for calculating the APC of a data series based on the number of estimates that make up the data series:

- 2-6 data points: because of the limited number of data points, Joinpoint was not used. Instead, an APC was calculated between each consecutive data point, and the statistical significance of the APC was calculated using a two-sample test based on the standard errors derived from the survey/data source.
- 7-11 data points: a joinpoint analysis with a maximum of 1 joinpoint.
- 12-16 data points: a joinpoint analysis with a maximum of 2 joinpoints.
- 17-21 data points: a joinpoint analysis with a maximum of 3 joinpoints.
- 22-26 data points: a joinpoint analysis with a maximum of 4 joinpoints.
- 27 or more data points: a joinpoint analysis with a maximum of 5 joinpoints.

In addition to the annual percent change (APC) estimates, this report also presents the [average annual percent change](http://surveillance.cancer.gov/joinpoint/webhelp/Joinpoint.htm#Executing_the_Joinpoint_Parameters/Statistical_Notes/Statistics_Related_to_the_k-joinpoint_Model/Average_Annual_Percent_Change.htm) (http://surveillance.cancer.gov/joinpoint/webhelp/Joinpoint.htm#Executing_the_Joinpoint_Parameters/Statistical_Notes/Statistics_Related_to_the_k-joinpoint_Model/Average_Annual_Percent_Change.htm) (AAPC), a measure which uses the underlying joinpoint model to compute a summary measure of the trend over a fixed pre-specified interval. The AAPC is useful for comparing the most recent trend across different groups (e.g., racial groups or gender) when the final joinpoint segments are not directly comparable because they are of different lengths. Regardless of where the joinpoints occur for the different series, the AAPC can be computed over the same fixed interval for all the series (e.g., 2007–2011 to characterize the most recent trend). The AAPC is computed as a weighted average of the APC's from the joinpoint model, with the weights equal to the length of the APC intervals included. When there are seven or fewer data points, the AAPC was computed based on the connected data points, rather than an underlying joinpoint model. The derivation of the AAPC and its standard error based on a series of connected points is presented in a [technical report](http://surveillance.cancer.gov/reports/tech2009.02.pdf) (<http://surveillance.cancer.gov/reports/tech2009.02.pdf>) from the [Surveillance Research Program](http://surveillance.cancer.gov/) (<http://surveillance.cancer.gov/>).

Measures were age-adjusted to the 2000 U.S. standard population using the direct method of standardization (see the tutorial on [Calculating Age-adjusted Rates](http://seer.cancer.gov/seerstat/tutorials/aarates/definition.html)) (<http://seer.cancer.gov/seerstat/tutorials/aarates/definition.html>). Whenever possible, age-adjustment for measures was done using the age-adjustment groups specified for the [Healthy People objective](http://www.healthypeople.gov/2020/topicsobjectives2020/default) (<http://www.healthypeople.gov/2020/topicsobjectives2020/default>) that corresponds to the data series.

Data Sources

Alcohol Epidemiologic Data System(http://www.pharmacy.umaryland.edu/programs/seow/PDF_2013/DS_AEDS_20121221.pdf)

The Alcohol Epidemiologic Data Directory is a current listing of surveys and other relevant data suitable for epidemiologic research on alcohol.

Measures: Alcohol consumption.

Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights Foundation(<http://www.no-smoke.org/>)

Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights is the leading national lobbying organization (501 (c) 4), dedicated to nonsmokers' rights, taking on the tobacco industry at all levels of government, protecting nonsmokers from exposure to secondhand smoke, and preventing tobacco addiction among youth. ANR pursues an action-oriented program of policy and legislation.

Measures: Secondhand smoke.

Berkeley Mortality Database(<http://www.demog.berkeley.edu>)

This database contains life tables for national populations and, whenever available, the raw data used in constructing these tables. The raw data generally consist of birth and death counts from vital statistics, plus population counts from periodic censuses.

Measures: Financial burden of cancer care.

Continuing Survey of Food Intakes by Individuals(<http://www.ars.usda.gov/Services/docs.htm?docid=14392>)

A part of the National Nutrition Monitoring System which was the first nationwide dietary intake survey designed to be conducted annually.

Measures: Fruit and vegetable consumption, Red meat consumption, Fat consumption.

Federal Trade Commission Cigarette Report for 2011

This report is the latest in a series on cigarette sales, advertising, and promotion that the Federal Trade Commission has prepared since 1967.

Measures: Tobacco company marketing expenditures.

Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report 2008; 57(5): 117-122(<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/>)

Often called "the voice of CDC," the MMWR series is the agency's primary vehicle for scientific publication of timely, reliable, authoritative, accurate, objective, and useful public health information and recommendations./p>

Measures: Medicaid coverage of tobacco dependence treatments.

National Center for Health Statistics (NCHS) Life-Tables(http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr47/nvs47_28.pdf)

The life tables in this report are current life tables for the United States based on age-specific death rates in 1997.

Measures: Person-years of life lost (PYLL).

National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey(<http://appliedresearch.cancer.gov/nhanes/>)

The National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES) is a program of studies designed to assess the health and nutritional status of adults and children in the United States. The survey is unique in that it combines interviews and physical examinations.

Measures: Fruit and vegetable consumption, Red meat consumption, Fat consumption, Weight, Secondhand smoke.

National Health Interview Survey Cancer Control Topical Module(<http://healthcaredelivery.cancer.gov/nhis/>)

The National Health Interview Survey (NHIS) is an annual nationwide survey of 36,000 households conducted by the National Center for Health Statistics and administered by the U.S. Census Bureau.

Measures: Adult smoking, Quitting smoking, Physical activity, Sun protection, Breast cancer screening, Cervical cancer screening, Colorectal cancer screening, Cancer survivors and smoking.

National Report on Human Exposure to Environmental Chemicals(http://www.cdc.gov/exposurereport/pdf/FourthReport_ExecutiveSummary.pdf)

The National Report on Human Exposure to Environmental Chemicals (National Exposure Report) is a series of ongoing assessments of the U.S. population's exposure to environmental chemicals.

Measures: Arsenic, Benzene, Cadmium, Nitrate.

National Survey on Drug Use and Health

The National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH), formerly called the National Household Survey on Drug Abuse (NHSDA), is an annual survey sponsored by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). The survey is the primary source of information on the use of illicit drugs, alcohol, and tobacco in the civilian, non-institutionalized population of the United States aged 12 years old or older.

Measures: Age at smoking initiation.

National Vital Statistics System(<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nvss.htm>)

These data are provided through contracts between NCHS and vital registration systems operated in the various jurisdictions legally responsible for the registration of vital events – births, deaths, marriages, divorces, and fetal deaths.

Measures: Financial burden of cancer care.

Surveillance, Epidemiology, and End Results (SEER)(<http://seer.cancer.gov/>)

The Surveillance, Epidemiology and End Results (SEER) Program collects information on incidence, prevalence and survival from specific geographic areas representing 26 percent of the US population and compile reports on all of these plus cancer mortality for the entire country.

Measures: Incidence, Stage at diagnosis, Breast cancer treatment, Kidney cancer treatment, Survival.

SEER-Medicare Linked Database(<http://healthcaredelivery.cancer.gov/seermedicare/>)

The SEER-Medicare data reflect the linkage of two large population-based sources of data that provide detailed information about Medicare beneficiaries with cancer. The data come from the SEER program of cancer registries that collect clinical, demographic and cause of death information for persons with cancer and the Medicare claims for covered health care services from the time of a person's Medicare eligibility until death.

Measures: Financial burden of cancer care.

SEER Patterns of Care(<http://seer.cancer.gov/archive/studies/endresults/study23.html>)

The SEER Patterns of Care (POC) studies provide important information on cancer treatments as documented in hospital records.

Measures: Bladder cancer treatment, Breast cancer treatment, Colorectal cancer treatment, Lung cancer treatment, Ovarian cancer treatment, Prostate cancer treatment.

Tobacco Use Supplement to the Current Population Survey(<http://appliedresearch.cancer.gov/tus-cps/>)

The Tobacco Use Supplement to the Current Population Survey (TUS-CPS) is an NCI-sponsored survey of tobacco use that has been administered as part of the U.S. Census Bureau's Current Population Survey. The TUS-CPS is a key source of national and state level data on smoking and other tobacco use in the U.S. household population. These data can be used by researchers to monitor progress in the control of tobacco use, conduct tobacco-related research, and evaluate tobacco control programs.

Measures: Clinician's advice to quit smoking, Secondhand smoke.

U.S. Census Bureau Population Projections(<http://www.census.gov/population/projections/>)

The population projections associated with this release were produced by the Population Division as an interim product to meet the immediate needs of our user community for national projections that incorporate the results of Census 2000. The population projections associated with this release were produced by the Population Division as an interim product to meet the immediate needs of our user community for national projections that incorporate the results of Census 2000.

Measures: Financial burden of cancer care.

U.S. EPA. An Inventory of Sources and Environmental Releases of Dioxin-Like Compounds in the

U.S.([http://cfpub.epa.gov/si/si_public_record_Report.cfm?](http://cfpub.epa.gov/si/si_public_record_Report.cfm?dirEntryId=159286&CFID=14067860&CFTOKEN=55461248&jsessionid=5a309e440d23f96f9f41265a291d31655465)

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In November 2006, EPA released the report: An inventory of sources and environmental releases of dioxin-like compounds in the United States for the years 1987, 1995 and 2000. The report presented an evaluation of sources and emissions of dioxins (CDDs), dibenzofurans (CDFs) and coplanar PCBs to the air, land and water of the U.S.

Measures: Information to come.

Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System(<http://www.cdc.gov/healthyyouth/data/yrebs/index.htm>)

The Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBSS) monitors priority health-risk behaviors and the prevalence of obesity and asthma among youth and young adults.

Measures: Youth smoking.

Incidence and Mortality Tables

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The following tables depict the 2008-2012 SEER incidence and U.S. death rates for the cancers included in the Cancer Trends Progress Report. Click on the cancer name to view more detailed data for that particular cancer. For cancers not included in the tables, please visit the [SEER Cancer Statistics Review, 1975-2012](http://seer.cancer.gov/csr/1975_2012/) (http://seer.cancer.gov/csr/1975_2012/) .

Delay-adjusted incidence rates, 2008-2012

Cancer Site	All Races			White			Black		
	Both Sexes	Male	Female	Both Sexes	Male	Female	Both Sexes	Male	Female
All sites	469.1	551.6	412.7	479.7	558.1	426.9	518.6	676.6	412.4
Brain and other nervous system	6.5	7.7	5.5	7.2	8.5	6.1	4.2	4.8	3.7
Female breast	129.4	-	129.4	134.5	-	134.5	124.9	-	124.9
Cervix uteri	8.6	-	8.6	8.4	-	8.4	10.7	-	10.7
Colon and rectum	49.1	57.4	42.7	48.5	56.7	42.0	59.5	69.0	53.2
Corpus and uterus, NOS	25.0	-	25.0	26.3	-	26.3	21.3	-	21.3
Esophagus	4.4	7.5	2.0	4.5	7.7	1.9	6.1	9.8	3.4
Hodgkin lymphoma	2.7	3.1	2.4	3.0	3.3	2.7	2.7	3.1	2.3
Kidney and renal pelvis	12.9	17.8	8.9	13.2	18.2	9.1	15.4	22.1	10.6
Larynx	3.5	6.3	1.3	3.5	6.3	1.3	5.7	10.7	2.1
Leukemia	13.6	17.8	10.5	14.5	19.0	11.1	11.2	14.5	8.9
Liver and bile duct	7.1	10.9	3.9	5.8	8.9	3.1	8.9	14.6	4.5
Lung and bronchus	59.6	74.8	48.5	60.3	73.9	50.6	75.9	107.6	54.5
Melanoma of the skin	18.5	23.7	14.8	22.7	28.7	18.5	1.0	1.3	0.9
Myeloma	6.1	7.6	5.0	5.7	7.3	4.5	12.7	15.2	11.1
Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	20.0	24.5	16.3	21.1	25.8	17.2	15.5	19.5	12.3
Oral cavity and pharynx	10.8	16.1	6.4	11.0	16.3	6.5	11.2	17.9	6.1
Ovary	13.6	-	13.6	14.5	-	14.5	10.5	-	10.5
Pancreas	11.8	13.4	10.5	11.6	13.2	10.2	16.3	17.8	15.0
Prostate	166.5	166.5	-	163.1	163.1	-	262.6	262.6	-
Stomach	8.6	12.1	6.0	7.3	10.4	5.0	12.6	17.7	9.1
Testis	5.4	5.4	-	6.4	6.4	-	1.4	1.4	-
Thyroid	9.6	5.0	14.1	10.0	5.3	14.8	5.9	2.9	8.5
Urinary bladder	20.4	36.3	9.0	22.6	40.1	9.8	13.1	21.7	7.5

Source: SEER Program, National Cancer Institute. Incidence data are from the [SEER 13 areas](http://seer.cancer.gov/registries/terms.html) (<http://seer.cancer.gov/registries/terms.html>) . Rates are per 100,000 and are age-adjusted to the 2000 US Std Population (19 age groups - Census P25-1130).

- Statistic not available for sex-specific cancer sites. Delay-adjusted incidence not calculated for Blacks due to low annual case counts.

U.S. death rates, 2008-2012

Cancer Site	All Races			White			Black		
	Both Sexes	Male	Female	Both Sexes	Male	Female	Both Sexes	Male	Female
All sites	171.2	207.9	145.4	170.9	206.4	145.6	202.0	261.5	166.3
Brain and other nervous system	4.3	5.3	3.5	4.7	5.7	3.8	2.5	3.1	2.1
Female breast	12.2	0.3	21.9	11.8	0.3	21.3	17.8	0.5	30.2
Cervix uteri	1.2	-	2.3	1.1	-	2.1	2.2	-	4.0
Colon and rectum	15.5	18.6	13.1	15.0	18.0	12.7	21.4	26.9	17.8
Corpus and uterus, NOS	2.4	-	4.4	2.2	-	4.1	4.5	-	7.7
Esophagus	4.2	7.5	1.5	4.3	7.7	1.5	4.0	7.0	2.0

<u>Hodgkin lymphoma</u> (http://seer.cancer.gov/csr/1975_2012/results_merged/sect_09_hodgkins.pdf)	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.4	0.5	0.3	0.3	0.4	0.3
<u>Kidney and renal pelvis</u> (http://seer.cancer.gov/csr/1975_2012/results_merged/sect_11_kidney_pelvis.pdf)	3.9	5.7	2.5	4.0	5.9	2.6	3.8	5.6	2.5
<u>Larynx</u> (http://seer.cancer.gov/csr/1975_2012/results_merged/sect_12_larynx.pdf)	1.1	1.9	0.4	1.0	1.8	0.4	1.8	3.6	0.6
<u>Leukemia</u> (http://seer.cancer.gov/csr/1975_2012/results_merged/sect_13_leukemia.pdf)	7.0	9.4	5.2	7.2	9.7	5.4	6.0	7.9	4.7
<u>Liver and bile duct</u> (http://seer.cancer.gov/csr/1975_2012/results_merged/sect_14_liver_bile.pdf)	6.0	8.8	3.5	5.5	8.1	3.3	7.9	12.5	4.3
<u>Lung and bronchus</u> (http://seer.cancer.gov/csr/1975_2012/results_merged/sect_15_lung_bronchus.pdf)	47.2	59.8	37.8	47.9	59.7	39.1	50.6	73.1	35.8
<u>Melanoma of the skin</u> (http://seer.cancer.gov/csr/1975_2012/results_merged/sect_16_melanoma_skin.pdf)	2.7	4.1	1.7	3.1	4.6	2.0	0.4	0.5	0.4
<u>Myeloma</u> (http://seer.cancer.gov/csr/1975_2012/results_merged/sect_18_myeloma.pdf)	3.3	4.2	2.7	3.1	4.0	2.4	6.2	7.6	5.3
<u>Non-Hodgkin lymphoma</u> (http://seer.cancer.gov/csr/1975_2012/results_merged/sect_19_nhl.pdf)	6.2	7.9	4.8	6.4	8.2	5.0	4.4	5.7	3.5
<u>Oral cavity and pharynx</u> (http://seer.cancer.gov/csr/1975_2012/results_merged/sect_20_oral_cavity_pharynx.pdf)	2.5	3.8	1.4	2.4	3.7	1.3	2.9	5.0	1.3
<u>Ovary</u> (http://seer.cancer.gov/csr/1975_2012/results_merged/sect_21_ovary.pdf)	4.3	-	7.7	4.4	-	8.0	3.9	-	6.7
<u>Pancreas</u> (http://seer.cancer.gov/csr/1975_2012/results_merged/sect_22_pancreas.pdf)	10.9	12.6	9.6	10.8	12.5	9.4	13.5	15.0	12.3
<u>Prostate</u> (http://seer.cancer.gov/csr/1975_2012/results_merged/sect_23_prostate.pdf)	8.5	21.4	-	7.9	19.8	-	16.6	46.3	-
<u>Stomach</u> (http://seer.cancer.gov/csr/1975_2012/results_merged/sect_24_stomach.pdf)	3.4	4.6	2.4	2.9	4.0	2.1	6.3	9.2	4.4
<u>Testis</u> (http://seer.cancer.gov/csr/1975_2012/results_merged/sect_25_testis.pdf)	0.1	0.3	-	0.1	0.3	-	0.1	0.1	-
<u>Thyroid</u> (http://seer.cancer.gov/csr/1975_2012/results_merged/sect_26_thyroid.pdf)	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.5	0.4	0.6
<u>Urinary bladder</u> (http://seer.cancer.gov/csr/1975_2012/results_merged/sect_27_urinary_bladder.pdf)	4.4	7.7	2.2	4.6	8.1	2.2	3.5	5.3	2.5

Source: US Mortality Files, National Center for Health Statistics, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. Rates are per 100,000 and are age-adjusted to the 2000 US Std Population (19 age groups - Census P25-1130).

- Statistic not available for sex-specific cancer sites.

Report Highlights

Making Progress

The nation is making progress toward major cancer-related targets for Healthy People 2020, a comprehensive set of 10-year health objectives sponsored by the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Prevention

- Adult cigarette smoking prevalence has been slowly declining since 1991, while smoking prevalence among adolescents has declined since the late 1990s.
- Substantial decreases in secondhand smoke exposure have been realized since the beginning of the 1990s for all subgroups and across a variety of measures. This includes biological measures, as well as workplace policies, rules about smoking in the home, and, more recently, through state and local smoke-free indoor air legislation.
- More adults are focusing on physical fitness, which has the potential to reduce both cancer- and non-cancer-related morbidity. Studies have shown that the percentage of adults who are meeting federal guidelines for aerobic and muscle-strengthening activity has risen consistently since the late 1990s.
- Adult sun protective behaviors (e.g., using sunscreen, wearing protective clothing, seeking shade) have risen slightly since 2005, though young adults, especially young men, show much lower levels of this behavior.
- Teen indoor tanning has decreased since 2005, and has decreased significantly among female high school students since 2009. Many states have enacted policies to control the indoor tanning industry, and some are restricting minors' access to indoor tanning facilities. Still, more than one in five young women have engaged in indoor tanning within the past 12 months.

Diagnosis

- Estimates of cancer incidence for 2010 show that Healthy People 2020 targets were reached in 15 states for reduced colorectal cancer incidence, and in 24 states for reduced cervical cancer incidence.
- Overall breast cancer incidence rates have remained relatively stable since 2004, and improvements in breast cancer treatment and early detection have helped lower death rates substantially since 1990.
- Colorectal cancer incidence rates have decreased steadily, with slight exceptions, since the mid-1980s, and declines have accelerated in recent years. These declines have largely been attributed to increased colorectal cancer screening, which not only reduces incidence rates, but also increases the likelihood of survival.

Life after Cancer

- The majority of cancer survivors (64 percent) were diagnosed 5 or more years ago, and 15 percent were diagnosed 20 or more years ago.

End of Life

- The rate of death from cancer continues to decline among both men and women, among all major racial and ethnic groups, and for the most common types of cancer, including lung, colon, breast, and prostate cancers.
- The death rate from all cancers combined continues to decline, as it has since the early 1990s.
- Length of cancer survival has increased for all cancers combined. The 5-year relative survival rate for all cancers diagnosed between 2003 and 2009 is 68.0 percent, up from 66.7 percent in 2003. Improvement in survival must continue to meet the Healthy People 2020 objective for 5-year survival of 72.8 percent.

Areas of Concern

The nation is losing ground in other important areas that demand attention.

Prevention

- While smoking initiation rates have declined among adolescents aged 12–17 years, initiation rates among those aged 18–25 years have risen.
- While the percentage of smokers attempting to quit smoking each year has recently risen and is now at 55 percent, successful quitting percentages have been low and recently have shown only slight improvement. In addition, Hispanics and non-Hispanic African Americans and those with low socioeconomic status are significantly less likely to receive cessation services.
- Although progress has been made in reducing exposure to secondhand smoke among all populations, children living below the poverty level and Black, non-Hispanic children were more likely than their peers to be living in homes where someone smoked regularly.
- Up to one-third of cancer cases in the United States are related to excess weight or obesity, physical inactivity, and/or poor nutrition, and thus could be prevented.
- Alcohol consumption, which can increase the risk of some cancers, has risen slightly since the mid 1990s. More progress is needed to reach Healthy People 2020 targets for cancer screening tests that can identify breast, cervical, and colorectal cancer in early stages. In 2010, the breast cancer screening rate was 72.4 percent (below the Healthy People 2020 target of 81.1 percent); cervical cancer screening was 83.0 percent (below the target of 93.0 percent); and colorectal cancer screening was 58.6 percent (below the target of 70.5 percent).
- Not enough children in the U.S. are being properly vaccinated against the cancer causing human papillomavirus, or HPV. Although most cervical cancers could be prevented through HPV vaccination and effective screening, only 33 percent of girls aged 13–17 years received the recommended three-dose HPV vaccine series in 2012.

Diagnosis

- Unexplained cancer-related health disparities remain among population subgroups. For example, the incidence of late-stage breast cancer is highest among Black women, who are less likely than White women to be diagnosed with local-stage breast cancer and generally have lower survival rates than White women within each stage.
- The incidence of some cancers, including kidney, thyroid, pancreas, liver, uterus, melanoma of the skin, myeloma (cancer of plasma cells), and non-Hodgkin lymphoma, is rising.
- Lung cancer incidence rates in women continue to rise but not as rapidly as was seen from about 1975 to 1990.

Life after Cancer

- Even for patients with health insurance, out-of-pocket costs for cancer care often pose a significant financial burden. As the U.S. population ages and newer technologies and treatments become available, national expenditures for cancer continue to rise, potentially exceeding overall medical care expenditures combined.

Trends at a Glance

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The Trends-at-a-Glance offers an overview of trend direction measure by measure. Trends noted as stable or NSC (non-significant change) are not changing significantly. The difference between "stable" and "NSC" is based on statistical computations described in the [Methodology for Characterizing Trends](#) appendix.

The table below provides a snapshot of recent national trends (as characterized by the Average Annual Percent Change (AAPC)) for measures included in this report. A light green background indicates that the recent trend is moving in the desired direction. A light red background indicates that the recent trend is not moving in the desired direction. There is no background color for trends that are stable or show a non-significant change in direction. The column labeled "Recent trend time period" shows the dates associated with each trend. These dates depend upon the recency of available data.

Click on any Trend in the "Recent Trend" column to read more about the measure. For a more complete summary of the measures, including their progress compared with the Healthy People 2020 target (where one exists), see the [Summary Tables](#) by topic.

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Measure	Desired Direction	Recent Trend	Recent Trend Time Period
<u>Prevention</u>			
<u>Tobacco Use Initiation (Ages 12-17)</u>			
All tobacco products	Falling	Falling	2008-2011
Cigarettes	Falling	Falling	2007-2011
Smokeless tobacco	Falling	Falling	2008-2011
Cigars	Falling	Falling	2008-2011
<u>Youth Tobacco Use</u>			
All tobacco products	Falling	Non-Significant Change	2007-2011
Cigarettes	Falling	Falling	2007-2011
Smokeless tobacco	Falling	Stable	2007-2011
Cigars	Falling	Falling	2007-2011
<u>Adult Tobacco Use</u>			
Cigarettes	Falling	Falling	2008-2012
Smokeless Tobacco	Falling	Rising	2005-2012
Cigars	Falling	Rising	2005-2010
<u>Quitting Smoking</u>			
Attempted to quit smoking	Rising	Rising	2008-2012
Successfully quit smoking	Rising	Rising	2008-2012
<u>Clinicians' Advice to Quit Smoking</u>			
Physicians' advice to quit smoking	Rising	Stable	2006-2011
Dentists' advice to quit smoking	Rising	Falling	2006-2011
Medicaid Coverage of Tobacco Dependency Treatments	Rising	Rising	2006-2010
<u>Fruit and Vegetable Consumption</u>			
Fruit and Vegetables	Rising	Non-Significant Change	2003-2010
Fruit	Rising	Non-Significant Change	2003-2010
Vegetables	Rising	Stable	2003-2010
Red Meat Consumption	Falling	Stable	2003-2010
<u>Fat Consumption</u> (Saturated fat)	Falling	Stable	2005-2010
Alcohol Consumption	Falling	Rising	2009-2013
Physical Activity	Falling	Falling	2008-2012
<u>Weight</u>			
Healthy Weight	Rising	Falling	2007-2012
Overweight	Falling	Stable	2007-2012
Obese	Falling	Rising	2007-2012
<u>UV Exposure and Sun Protective Practices</u>			
Use sun protective measures	Rising	Rising	2005-2010
Use sunscreen (SPF 15+)	Rising	Rising	2005-2010
Wear protective clothing	Rising	Rising	2005-2010

Seek shade	Rising	Rising	2005-2010
Sunburn	Falling	Rising	2005-2010
Teen indoor tanning	Falling	Non-Significant Change	2009-2013
Adult indoor tanning	Falling	Falling	2010-2013
<u>Secondhand Smoke</u>			
Secondhand smoke exposure	Falling	Falling	2005-2010
Smoke-free workplace	Rising	Rising	2006-2011
Smoke-free home	Rising	Non-Significant Change	2006-2011
Indoor air laws for workplaces	Rising	Non-Significant Change	2010-2014
Indoor air laws for restaurants	Rising	Non-Significant Change	2010-2014
Indoor air laws for bars	Rising	Rising	2010-2014
<u>Tobacco Company Marketing Expenditures</u>			
Cigarettes	Falling	Falling	2007-2011
Smokeless tobacco	Falling	Non-Significant Change	2007-2011
<u>HPV Immunization (Have received all 3 doses of vaccination)</u>			
Ages 9-12	Rising	Non-Significant Change	2008-2010
Ages 13-17	Rising	Rising	2008-2010
Ages 18-26	Rising	Rising	2008-2010
<u>Arsenic Exposure</u>			
Both Sexes	Falling	Non-Significant Change	2007-2012
Male	Falling	Non-Significant Change	2007-2012
Female	Falling	Non-Significant Change	2007-2012
<u>Benzene Exposure</u>			
Both Sexes	Falling	Non-Significant Change	2001-2006
Male	Falling	Non-Significant Change	2001-2006
Female	Falling	Non-Significant Change	2001-2006
<u>Cadmium Exposure</u>			
Both Sexes	Falling	Non-Significant Change	2007-2012
Male	Falling	Stable	2007-2012
Female	Falling	Non-Significant Change	2007-2012
<u>Nitrate Exposure</u>			
Both Sexes	Falling	Non-Significant Change	2007-2012
Male	Falling	Stable	2007-2012
Female	Falling	Non-Significant Change	2007-2012
<u>Early Detection</u>			
Breast Cancer Screening	Rising	Stable	2008-2013
Cervical Cancer Screening	Rising	Falling	2008-2013
<u>Colorectal Cancer Screening</u>			
Guideline screening	Rising	Rising	2008-2013
Home FOBT	<u>Indeterminate</u> ¹	Falling	2008-2013
Sigmoidoscopy/colonoscopy	Rising	Rising	2008-2013
<u>Diagnosis</u>			
<u>Incidence</u>			
All cancer sites combined	Falling	Falling	2008-2012
Colon and rectum	Falling	Falling	2008-2012
Lung and bronchus	Falling	Falling	2008-2012
Female breast	<u>Indeterminate</u> ¹	Stable	2008-2012
Prostate	Falling	Falling	2008-2012
Cervix uteri	Falling	Falling	2008-2012
<u>Stage at Diagnosis</u>			

Late stage breast cancer	Falling	Stable	2008-2012
Distant stage colon cancer	Falling	Falling	2008-2012
Distant stage rectum cancer	Falling	Falling	2008-2012
Distant stage cervix cancer	Falling	Rising	2008-2012
Distant stage prostate cancer	Falling	Stable	2008-2012
<u>Treatment</u>			
Bladder Cancer Treatment (Intravesical therapy for disease Ta G1-2)	Rising	Non-Significant Change	2003-2009
Breast Cancer Treatment (Breast conserving surgery with radiation)	Rising	Falling	2007-2011
Colorectal Cancer Treatment (Guideline therapy)	Rising	Rising	2005-2010
Kidney Cancer Treatment (Partial nephrectomy)	Rising	Rising	2007-2011
Lung Cancer Treatment (Chemotherapy)	Rising	Stable	2005-2010
<u>Ovarian Cancer Treatment (Chemotherapy)</u>			
Stage I/II Diagnoses	Rising	Stable	1996-2002
Stage III/IV Diagnoses	Rising	Falling	1996-2002
Prostate Cancer Treatment (Hormonal therapy)	<u>Indeterminate</u> ¹	Falling	2002-2008
<u>Life After Cancer</u>			
<u>Survival</u>			
All cancer sites combined	Rising	Rising	2003-2007
Colon and rectum	Rising	Stable	2003-2007
Lung and bronchus	Rising	Rising	2003-2007
Female breast	Rising	Rising	2003-2007
Prostate	Rising	Stable	2003-2007
Cancer Survivors and Smoking	Falling	Falling	2008-2012
Cancer Survivors and Physical Activity	Falling	Falling	2008-2012
Cancer Survivors and Obesity	Falling	Rising	2008-2012
<u>End of Life</u>			
<u>Mortality</u>			
All cancer sites combined	Falling	Falling	2008-2012
Colon and rectum	Falling	Falling	2008-2012
Lung and bronchus	Falling	Falling	2008-2012
Female breast	Falling	Falling	2008-2012
Prostate	Falling	Falling	2008-2012
Cervix uteri	Falling	Falling	2008-2012
Oral cavity and pharynx	Falling	Non-Significant Change	2008-2012
Melanoma of the skin	Falling	Stable	2008-2012

¹ The desired direction of the recent trend is difficult to interpret due to outside factors which may be driving its direction (e.g., early detection driving breast cancer incidence rates upward temporarily, screening rates for older tests such as home FOBT going down as they are replaced by newer technologies such as colonoscopy).

Recent Updates and Archive

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Recent Updates

For each measure in the report, the table below highlights the most recent year of data available for the measure and the date which the measure page in this report was updated. For a summary of corrections that may have been made to the individual measure pages, please see the [Revision History](#).

Recent Updates to the Cancer Trends Progress Report

Measure	Year of Most Recent Estimate	Page Last Updated
<u>Prevention</u>		
Tobacco Use Initiation	2011	March 2015
Youth Tobacco Use	2011	March 2015
Adult Tobacco Use	2012	March 2015
Quitting Smoking	2012	March 2015
Clinicians' Advice to Quit Smoking	2011	March 2015
Medicaid Coverage of Tobacco Dependency Treatments	2010	March 2015
Fruit and Vegetable Consumption	2010	March 2015
Red Meat Consumption	2010	March 2015
Fat Consumption	2010	March 2015
Alcohol Consumption	2013	November 2015
Physical Activity	2012	March 2015
Weight	2012	March 2015
<u>UV Exposure and Sun Protective Practices</u>		
Sun Protective Practices	2010	March 2015
Sunburn	2010	March 2015
Indoor tanning	2013	March 2015
<u>Secondhand Smoke</u>		
Secondhand smoke exposure	2010	March 2015
Smoke-free home/workplace	2011	March 2015
Indoor air laws	2014	March 2015
Tobacco Company Marketing Expenditures	2011	March 2015
HPV Immunization	2010	March 2015
Arsenic Exposure	2012	November 2015
Benzene Exposure	2006	November 2015
Cadmium Exposure	2012	November 2015
Nitrate Exposure	2012	November 2015
<u>Early Detection</u>		
Breast Cancer Screening	2013	March 2015
Cervical Cancer Screening	2013	March 2015
Colorectal Cancer Screening	2013	March 2015
<u>Diagnosis</u>		
Incidence	2012	November 2015
Stage at Diagnosis	2012	November 2015
<u>Treatment</u>		
Bladder Cancer Treatment	2009	March 2015
Breast Cancer Treatment	2011	March 2015
Colorectal Cancer Treatment	2010	March 2015
Kidney Cancer Treatment	2011	March 2015
Lung Cancer Treatment	2010	March 2015
Ovarian Cancer Treatment	2002	March 2015

Prostate Cancer Treatment	2008	March 2015
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Life After Cancer		
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Financial Burden of Cancer Care	2015	November 2015
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Survival	2007	November 2015
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Cancer Survivors and Smoking	2012	March 2015
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Cancer Survivors and Physical Activity	2012	March 2015
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Cancer Survivors and Obesity	2012	March 2015
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End of Life		
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Mortality	2012	November 2015
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Person-Years of Life Lost	2012	November 2015

Revision History

The revision history provides a timeline of when measure pages were updated as well as any corrections that were made to the content of the measure pages.

Date	Revision
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|-----------|---|
| 11/4/2015 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> The Incidence, Stage at Diagnosis, and Survival measures were updated to include the SEER November 2014 release. The Mortality and Person-Years of Life Lost measures were updated to include U.S. mortality estimates through 2012. Graphs highlighting additional by-groups were added for the Arsenic, Benzene, Cadmium and Nitrate measures. The cost of cancer care graphs in the Financial Burden of Cancer Care measure were updated to 2015. The Alcohol Consumption measure was updated to include estimates through 2013. |
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11/4/2015	The desired direction for complete nephrectomy was switched from rising to falling in all Kidney Cancer Treatment graphs.
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3/18/2015	The Cancer Trends Progress Report was updated with a new website design and updated estimates for all measures.
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Previous Releases

The following PDFs are collected reports of previous Cancer Trends Progress Report releases.

- [Cancer Trends Progress Report - March 2015 Update \(PDF, 8.1MB\)](#)
- [Cancer Trends Progress Report - 2011/2012 Update \(PDF, 2.3MB\)](#)
- [Cancer Trends Progress Report - 2009/2010 Update \(PDF, 2.1MB\)](#)
- [Cancer Trends Progress Report - 2007 Update \(PDF, 2.2MB\)](#)
- [Cancer Trends Progress Report - 2005 Update \(PDF, 811KB\)](#)
- [Cancer Trends Progress Report - 2003 Update \(PDF, 10.6MB\)](#)
- [Cancer Trends Progress Report - 2001 Update \(PDF, 2.1 MB\)](#)

Prevention

Cancer can be caused by a variety of factors and may develop over a number of years. Some risk factors can be controlled. Choosing the right health behaviors and preventing exposure to certain environmental risk factors can help prevent the development of cancer. For this reason, it is important to follow national trends data to monitor the reduction of these risk factors. This section focuses on national trends data from three major groups of risk factors: behavioral, environmental, and policy/regulatory factors.

Behavioral Factors

Smoking, poor nutrition, and physical inactivity are just some of the human behaviors that have been linked to the development of many common cancers. This section describes trends in the following behaviors, which can influence the likelihood of getting cancer.

Tobacco Use

Smoking causes at least 30 percent of all cancer deaths in the United States. Avoiding tobacco use is the single most important step Americans can take to reduce the cancer burden in this country.

- [Tobacco Use Initiation](#)
- [Youth Tobacco Use](#)
- [Adult Tobacco Use](#)

Smoking Cessation

Tobacco use can lead to nicotine dependence and serious health problems. Quitting smoking greatly reduces the risk of developing smoking-related diseases, including cancer.

- [Quitting Smoking](#)
- [Clinicians' Advice to Quit Smoking](#)

Diet, Physical Activity, and Weight

Considerable evidence indicates that maintaining a healthy lifestyle has the potential to reduce cancer-related morbidity. Up to one-third of cancer cases in the United States are related to poor nutrition, physical inactivity, and/or excess body weight or obesity, and thus could be prevented.

- [Fruit and Vegetable Consumption](#)
- [Red Meat Consumption](#)
- [Fat Consumption](#)

- [Alcohol Consumption](#)
- [Physical Activity](#)
- [Weight](#)

UV Exposure and Sun Protective Practices

Reducing unprotected exposure to the sun and avoiding artificial ultraviolet (UV) light from indoor tanning beds, tanning booths, and sun lamps can lower the risk of skin cancer.

- [UV Exposure and Sun Protective Practices](#)

Tobacco Policy/Regulatory Factors

Effective policy and regulation are necessary to reduce the burden of cancer on the country. Federal law restricts the time, manner, and place of tobacco advertising and promotions because they are known to increase Americans' tobacco use. Federal law also requires state Medicaid programs to make tobacco cessation services available to pregnant women, but an expansion of coverage is needed to make these services available to more people.

- [Tobacco Company Marketing Expenditures](#)
- [Medicaid Coverage of Tobacco Dependence Treatments](#)

HPV Immunization

Most cervical cancers can be prevented through vaccination against human papillomavirus (HPV) and effective screening.

- [HPV Immunization](#)

Environmental Factors

Certain chemicals, biological agents, toxins, and other environmental factors are associated with the development of cancer. This section reports national trends data associated with environmental exposures and their relationship to cancer. The environmental measures highlighted here were chosen based on the availability of national trends data and, in some cases, the measures' inclusion in Healthy People 2020.

Secondhand Smoke

Secondhand smoke (also known as environmental tobacco smoke) continues to be a leading environmental hazard. Conclusive scientific evidence shows that secondhand smoke causes premature death and disease, including cancer, in children and adults who do not smoke.

- [Secondhand Smoke](#)

Chemical Exposures

Exposure to carcinogens that exist as pollutants in our air, food, water, and soil, also influence the incidence of cancer. Most exposure to toxic substances and hazardous wastes results from human activities, particularly through agricultural and industrial production. Chemicals were selected for inclusion in this report based on the following set of criteria: (1) likely or probable carcinogen as classified by IARC classification (Group 1 or 2A), (2) available biomarker data from the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES) since 2004, and (3) ubiquitous (i.e. >50% with detectable levels) in the U.S. general population (based on NHANES data).

- [Arsenic](#)
- [Benzene](#)
- [Cadmium](#)
- [Nitrate](#)

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Tobacco Use Initiation

Last Updated:

March 2015

Introduction

Tobacco smoking often starts during adolescence but can have detrimental health effects throughout life. Nearly 90 percent of adult daily smokers in the United States began smoking by age 18 and 98 percent first smoked by age 26. Initiation of smoking during adolescence is closely associated with persistent smoking in adulthood and with the many adverse health effects associated with chronic smoking.

While cigarettes represent the predominant form of tobacco, data for other tobacco products such as cigars and smokeless tobacco have recently been tracked as well. Understanding trends in the initiation of --cigarette and cigar smoking, and smokeless tobacco use, and their combined use -- among youth enables policy makers to target prevention resources more effectively. To decrease tobacco use and susceptibility to use among youth, restrictions on advertising, promotion, and availability of tobacco products to youth should be combined with full implementation of evidence-based, community-wide, comprehensive tobacco control policies. (See also Chapters on "Youth Tobacco Use.," and "Adult Tobacco Smoking and Smokeless Tobacco Use").

Measure

The percentage of individuals among those aged 12 to 17 years and 18 to 25 years who said they had initiated cigarette smoking during the past 12 months.

The percentage of individuals among those aged 12 to 17 years and 18 to 25 years who said they had initiated cigar smoking during the past 12 months.

The percentage of individuals among those aged 12 to 17 years and 18 to 25 years who said they had initiated smokeless tobacco use during the past 12 months.

The percentage of individuals among those aged 12 to 17 years and 18 to 25 years who said they had initiated use of any of these tobacco products during the past 12 months.

Healthy People 2020 Target

- Reduce the initiation of the use of tobacco products by children and adolescents aged 12 to 17 years to 5.8 percent.
- Reduce the initiation of the use of cigarettes by children and adolescents aged 12 to 17 years to 4.3 percent.
- Reduce the initiation of the use of smokeless tobacco products by children and adolescents aged 12 to 17 years to 0.6 percent.
- Reduce the initiation of the use of cigars by children and adolescents aged 12 to 17 years to 2.9 percent.
- Reduce the initiation of the use of tobacco products by young adults aged 18 to 25 years to 8.9 percent.
- Reduce the initiation of the use of cigarettes by young adults aged 18 to 25 years to 6.4 percent.
- Reduce the initiation of the use of smokeless tobacco products by young adults aged 18 to 25 years to 0.2 percent.
- Reduce the initiation of the use of cigars by young adults aged 18 to 25 years to 4.3 percent.

Healthy People 2020 is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Data Source

Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, National Household Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2002 - 2011.

Trends and Most Recent Estimates Product Comparison

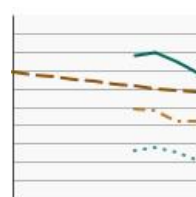
Ages 12-17

Initiation of the use of tobacco products among children and adolescents aged 12-17 years by type of tobacco product, 2002-2011

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Most Recent Estimates (2011)



[All tobacco products](#)

Percent

95% Confidence Interval

[Cigarettes](#)

6.9

(6.4 - 7.4)

[Smokeless tobacco](#)

5.5

(5.1 - 5.9)

[Cigars](#)

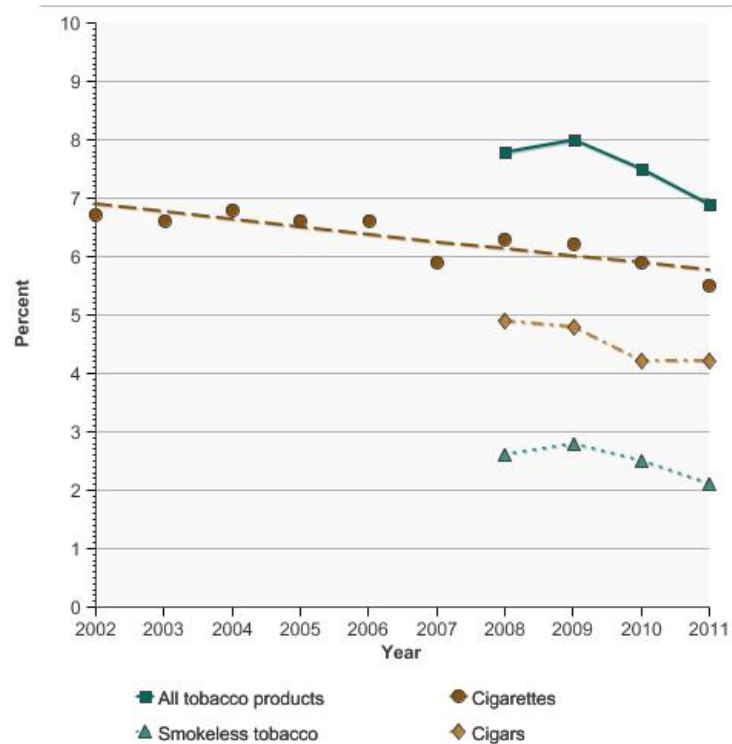
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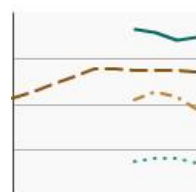
Ages 18-25

Initiation of the use of tobacco products among young adults aged 18-25 years by type of tobacco product, 2002-2011

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[All tobacco products](#)

Percent

95% Confidence Interval

[Cigarettes](#)

10.4

(9.5 - 11.3)

[Smokeless tobacco](#)

8.0

(7.2 - 8.8)

[Cigars](#)

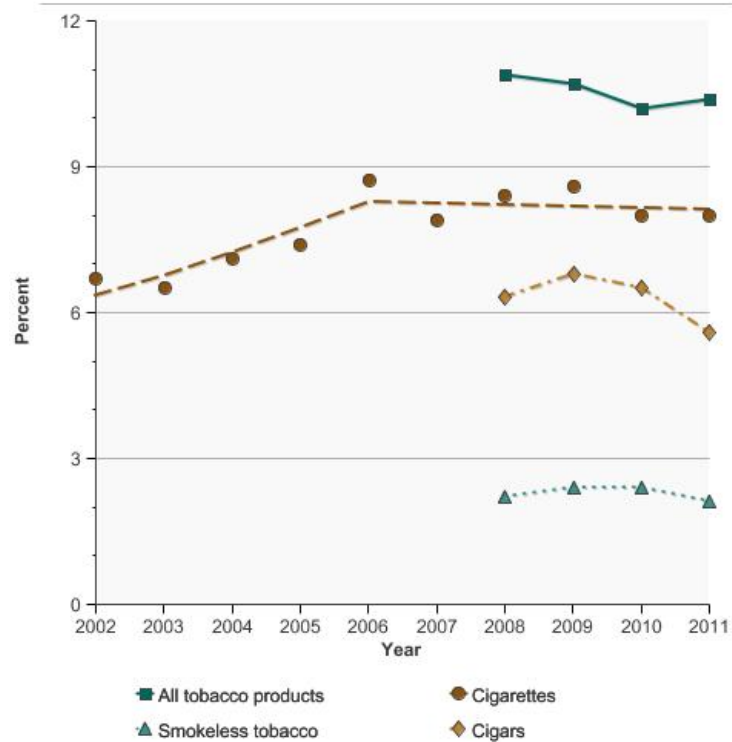
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5.6

(5.1 - 6.1)

Initiation of the use of tobacco products among young adults aged 18-25 years by type of tobacco product, 2002-2011



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All Tobacco Products

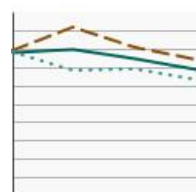
Ages 12-17 by Sex

Initiation of the use of any tobacco product among children and adolescents aged 12-17 years by sex, 2008-2011

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[Both Sexes](#)

Percent

95% Confidence Interval

[Male](#)

6.9

(6.4 - 7.4)

[Female](#)

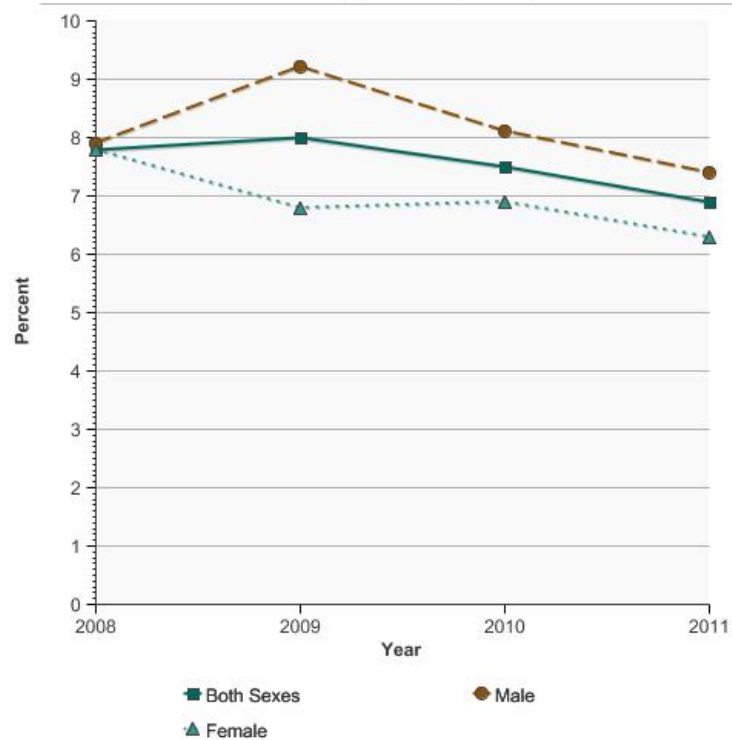
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6.3

(5.7 - 6.9)

Initiation of the use of any tobacco product among children and adolescents aged 12-17 years by sex, 2008-2011



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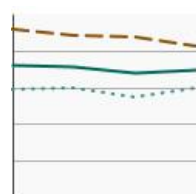
Ages 18-25 by Sex

Initiation of the use of any tobacco product among young adults aged 18-25 years by sex, 2008-2011

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[Both Sexes](#)

Percent

95% Confidence Interval

[Male](#)

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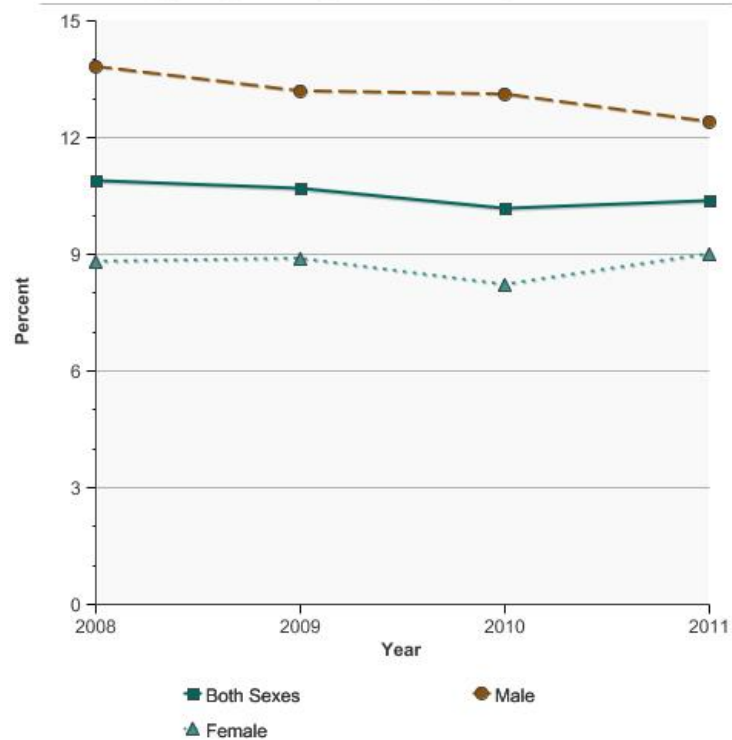
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[Female](#)

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(8.0 - 10.0)

Initiation of the use of any tobacco product among young adults aged 18-25 years by sex, 2008-2011



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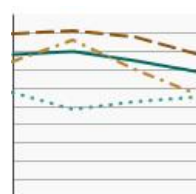
Ages 12-17 by Race/Ethnicity

Initiation of the use of any tobacco product among children and adolescents aged 12-17 years by race/ethnicity, 2008-2011

[Overview Graph](#)

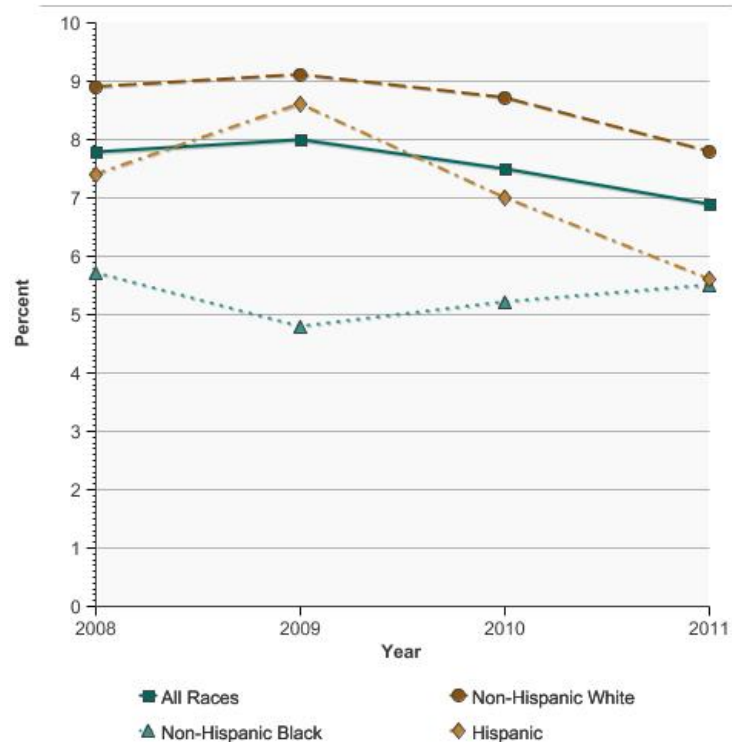
[Detailed Trend Graphs](#)

Most Recent Estimates (2011)



	Percent	95% Confidence Interval
All Races	6.9	(6.4 - 7.4)
Non-Hispanic White	7.8	(7.2 - 8.4)
Non-Hispanic Black	5.5	(4.4 - 6.6)
Hispanic	5.6	(4.5 - 6.7)

Initiation of the use of any tobacco product among children and adolescents aged 12-17 years by race/ethnicity, 2008-2011



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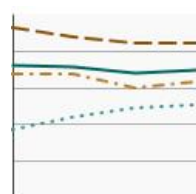
Ages 18-25 by Race/Ethnicity

Initiation of the use of any tobacco product among young adults aged 18-25 years by race/ethnicity, 2008-2011

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[All Races](#)

Percent

95% Confidence Interval

[Non-Hispanic White](#)

10.4

(9.5 - 11.3)

[Non-Hispanic Black](#)

12.6

(11.3 - 13.9)

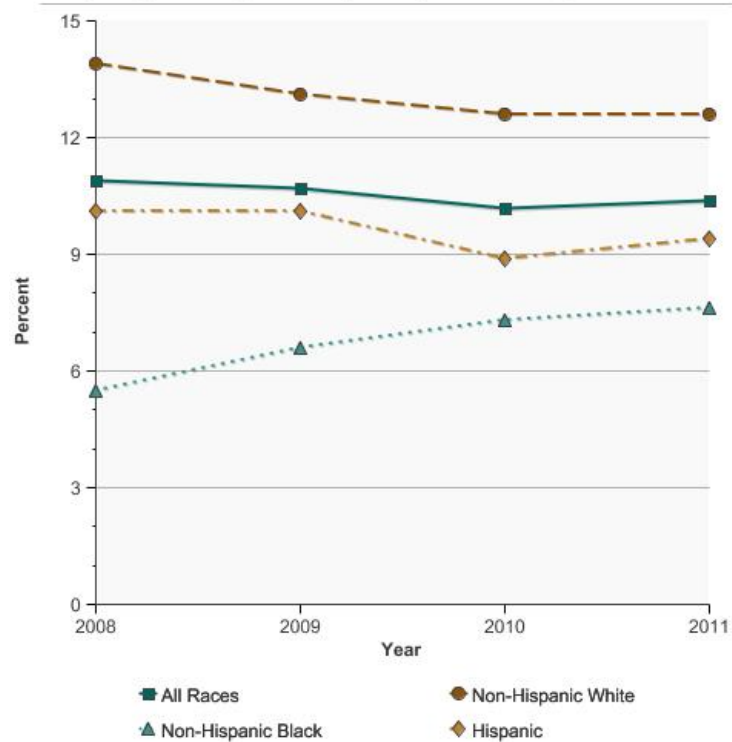
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Initiation of the use of any tobacco product among young adults aged 18-25 years by race/ethnicity, 2008-2011



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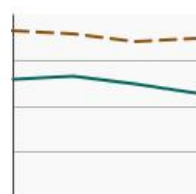
By Age

Initiation of the use of any tobacco products among children, adolescents and young adults by age at initiation, 2008-2011

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[Ages 12-17](#)

Percent

95% Confidence Interval

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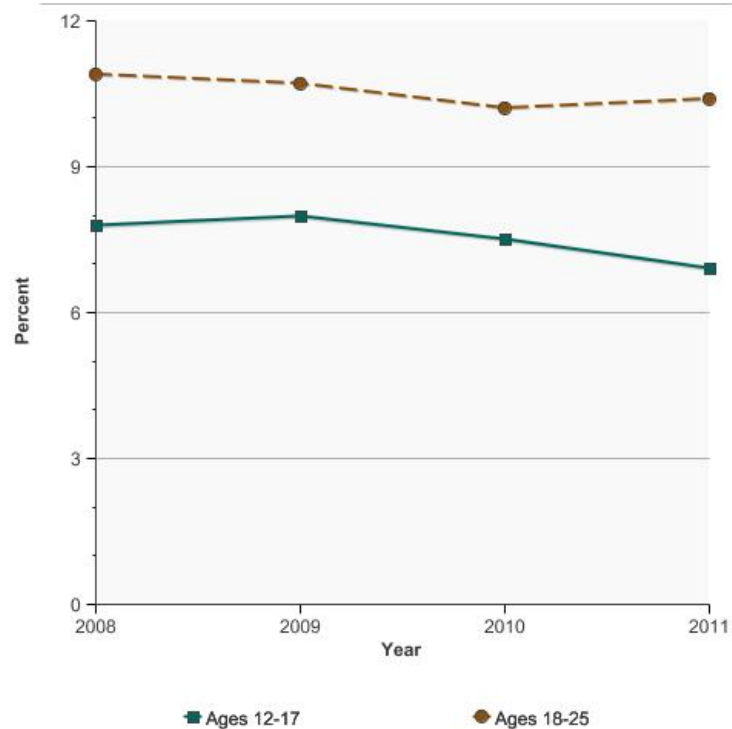
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[Ages 18-25](#)

10.4

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Cigarettes

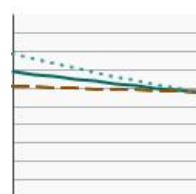
Ages 12-17 by Sex

Initiation of the use of cigarettes among children and adolescents aged 12-17 years by sex, 2002-2011

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[Both Sexes](#)

Percent

95% Confidence Interval

[Male](#)

5.5

(5.1 - 5.9)

[Female](#)

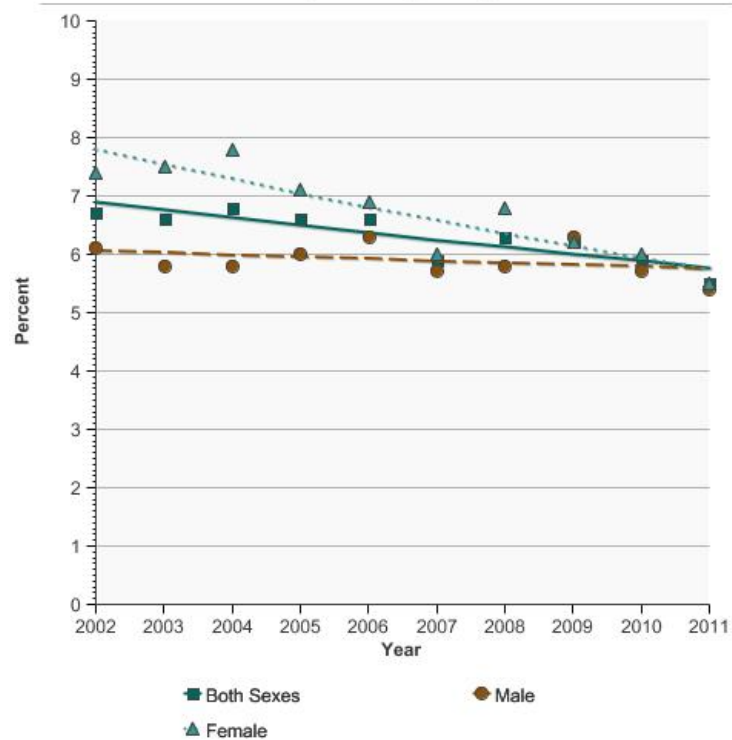
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(4.8 - 6.0)

5.5

(4.9 - 6.1)

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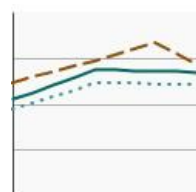
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Initiation of the use of cigarettes among young adults aged 18-25 years by sex, 2002-2011

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Percent

95% Confidence Interval

[Male](#)

8.0

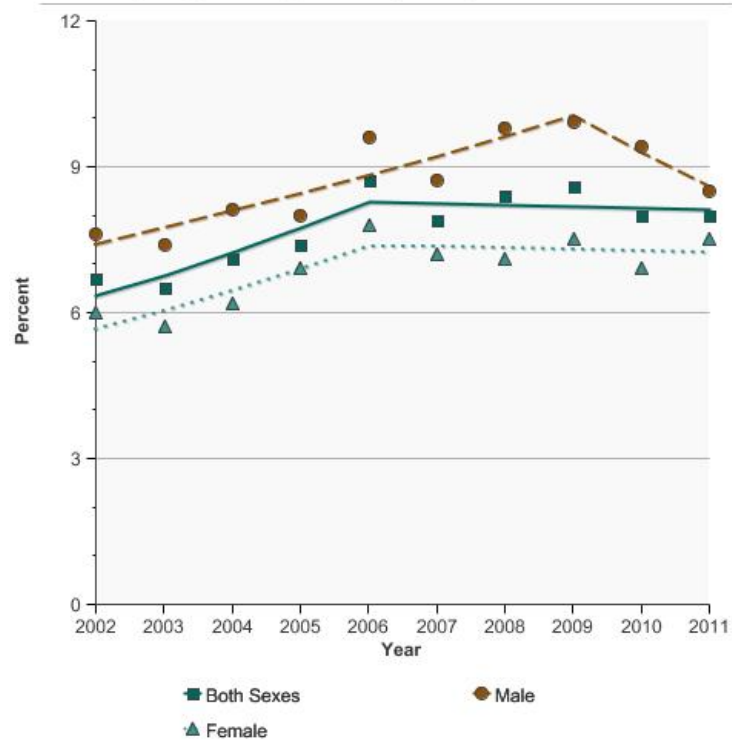
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[Female](#)

7.5

(6.6 - 8.4)

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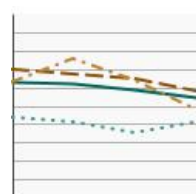
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Initiation of the use of cigarettes among children and adolescents aged 12-17 years by race/ethnicity, 2008-2011

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Most Recent Estimates (2011)



[All Races](#)

Percent

95% Confidence Interval

[Non-Hispanic White](#)

5.5

(5.1 - 5.9)

[Non-Hispanic Black](#)

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(5.3 - 6.3)

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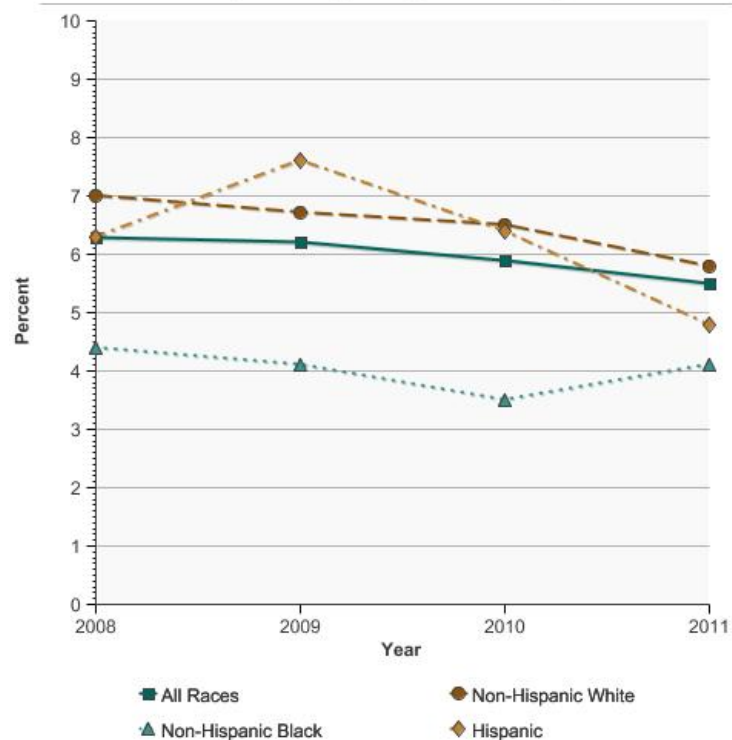
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(3.8 - 5.8)

Initiation of the use of cigarettes among children and adolescents aged 12-17 years by race/ethnicity, 2008-2011



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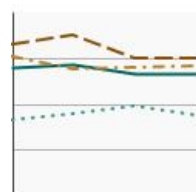
Ages 18-25 by Race/Ethnicity

Initiation of the use of cigarettes among young adults aged 18-25 years by race/ethnicity, 2008-2011

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Most Recent Estimates (2011)



[All Races](#)

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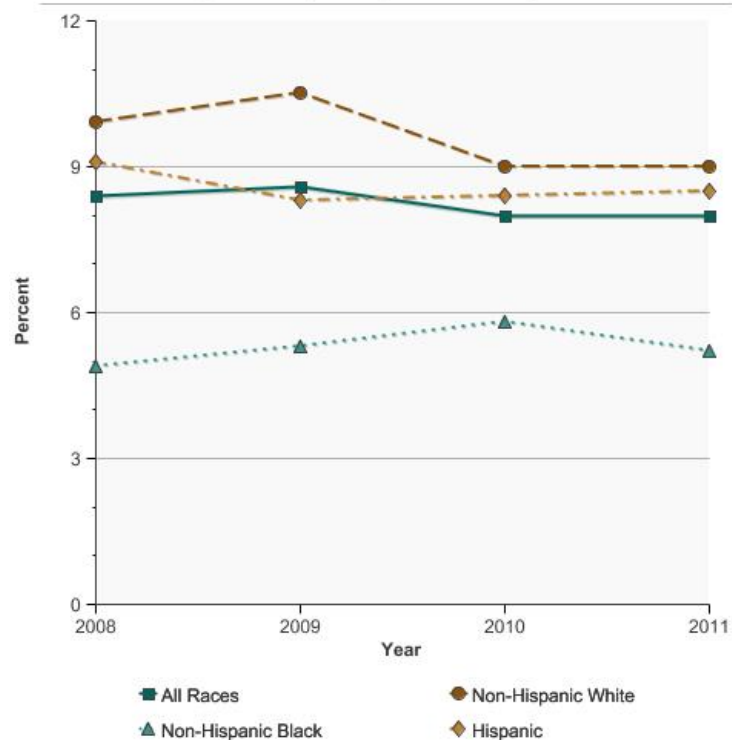
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(4.0 - 6.4)

8.5

(6.5 - 10.5)

Initiation of the use of cigarettes among young adults aged 18-25 years by race/ethnicity, 2008-2011



Source: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, National Household Survey on Drug Use and Health.
Data are not age-adjusted.

By Age

Initiation of the use of cigarettes among children, adolescents and young adults by age at initiation, 2002-2011

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Most Recent Estimates (2011)

Percent **95% Confidence Interval**

Ages 12-17

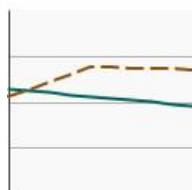
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(5.1 - 5.9)

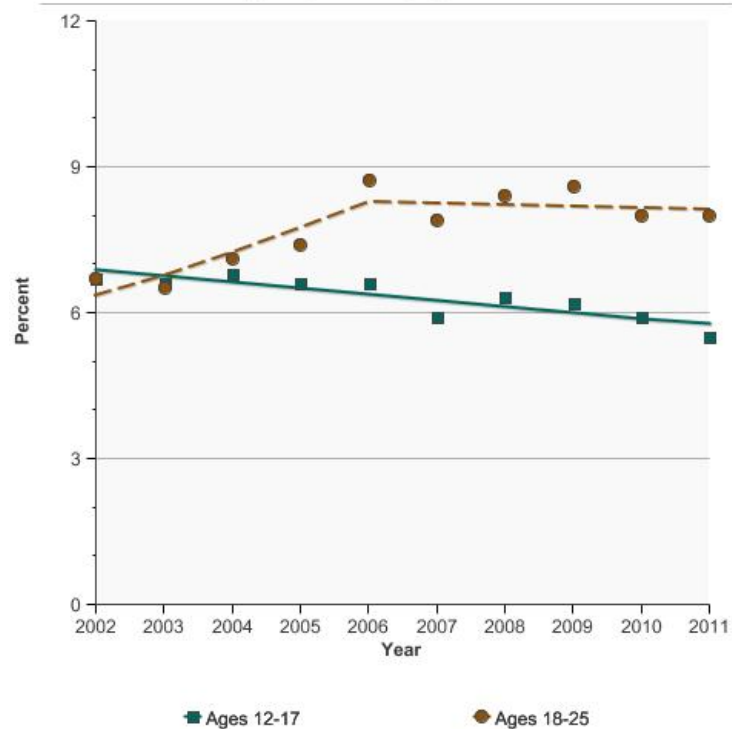
Ages 18-25

8.0

(7.2 - 8.8)



Initiation of the use of cigarettes among children, adolescents and young adults by age at initiation, 2002-2011



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Smokeless Tobacco

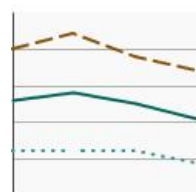
Ages 12-17 by Sex

Initiation of the use of smokeless tobacco among children and adolescents aged 12-17 years by sex, 2008-2011

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Both Sexes

Percent

95% Confidence Interval

Male

2.1

(1.8 - 2.4)

Female

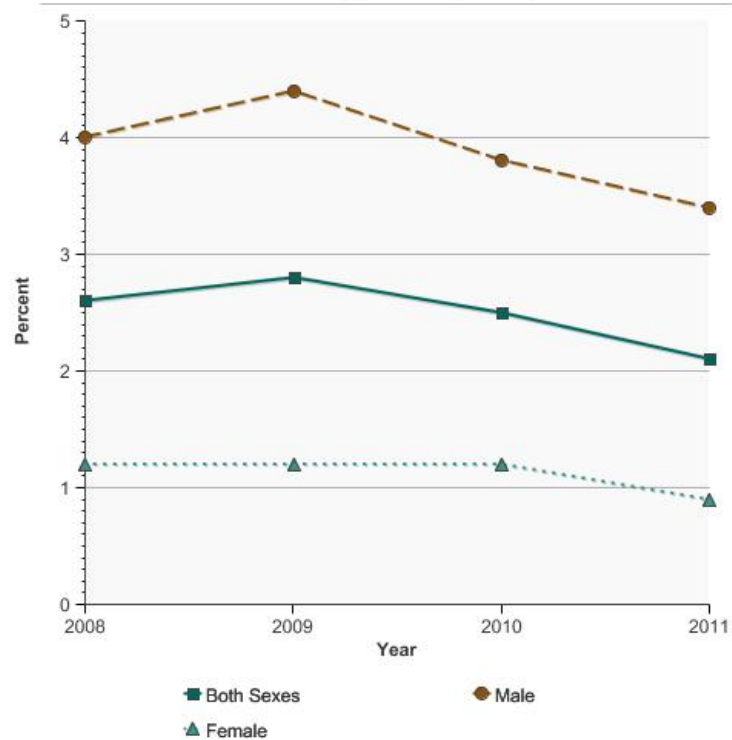
3.4

(2.9 - 3.9)

0.9

(0.7 - 1.1)

Initiation of the use of smokeless tobacco among children and adolescents aged 12-17 years by sex, 2008-2011



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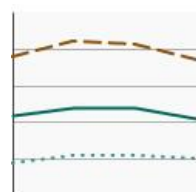
Ages 18-25 by Sex

Initiation of the use of smokeless tobacco among young adults aged 18-25 years by sex, 2008-2011

[Overview Graph](#)

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Most Recent Estimates (2011)



[Both Sexes](#)

Percent

95% Confidence Interval

[Male](#)

2.1

(1.8 - 2.4)

[Female](#)

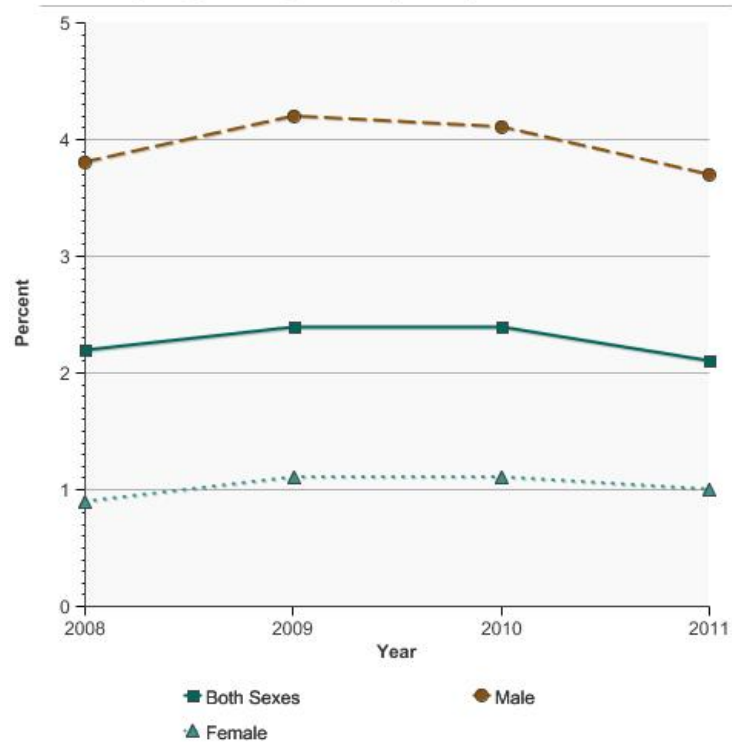
3.7

(3.1 - 4.3)

1.0

(0.8 - 1.2)

Initiation of the use of smokeless tobacco among young adults aged 18-25 years by sex, 2008-2011



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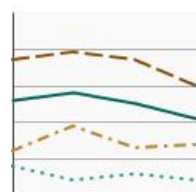
Ages 12-17 by Race/Ethnicity

Initiation of the use of smokeless tobacco among children and adolescents aged 12-17 years by race/ethnicity, 2008-2011

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[All Races](#)

Percent

95% Confidence Interval

[Non-Hispanic White](#)

2.1

(1.8 - 2.4)

[Non-Hispanic Black](#)

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(2.6 - 3.4)

[Hispanic](#)

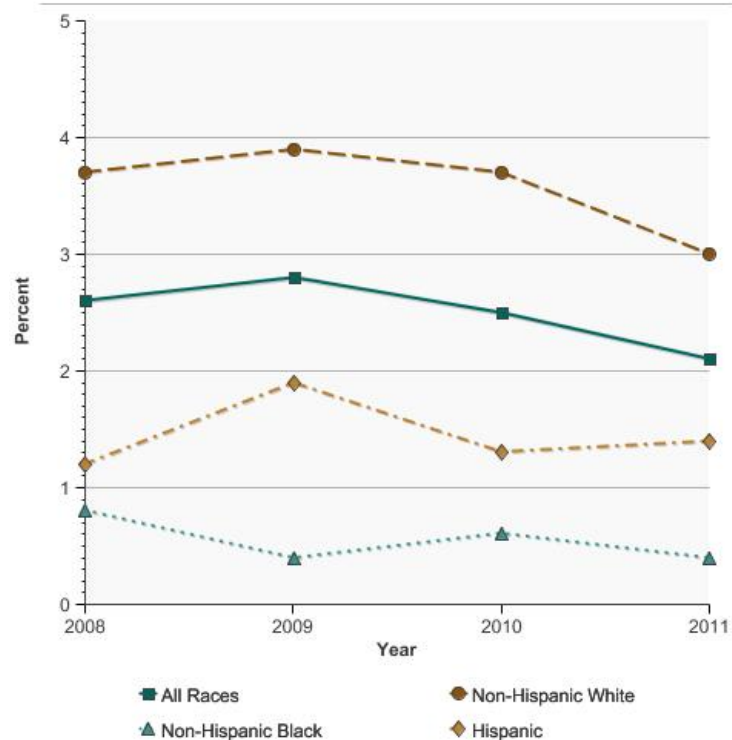
0.4

(0.2 - 0.6)

1.4

(0.8 - 2.0)

Initiation of the use of smokeless tobacco among children and adolescents aged 12-17 years by race/ethnicity, 2008-2011



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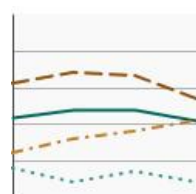
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Initiation of the use of smokeless tobacco among young adults aged 18-25 years by race/ethnicity, 2008-2011

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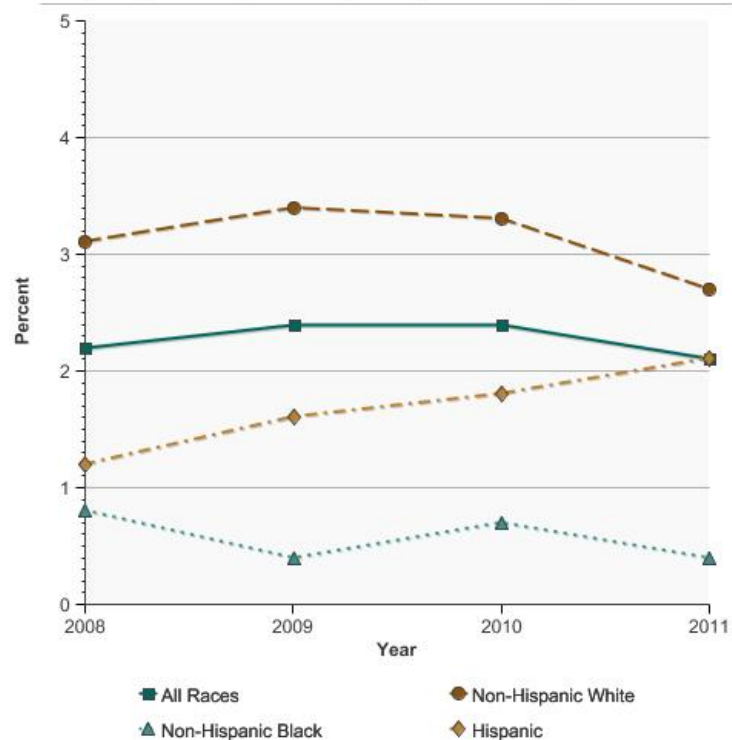
[Detailed Trend Graphs](#)

Most Recent Estimates (2011)



	Percent	95% Confidence Interval
All Races	2.1	(1.8 - 2.4)
Non-Hispanic White	2.7	(2.3 - 3.1)
Non-Hispanic Black	0.4	(0.1 - 0.7)
Hispanic	2.1	(1.3 - 2.9)

Initiation of the use of smokeless tobacco among young adults aged 18-25 years by race/ethnicity, 2008-2011



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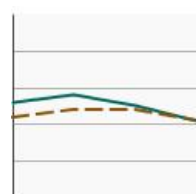
By Age

Initiation of the use of smokeless tobacco among children, adolescents and young adults by age at initiation, 2008-2011

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Most Recent Estimates (2011)



[Ages 12-17](#)

Percent

95% Confidence Interval

2.1

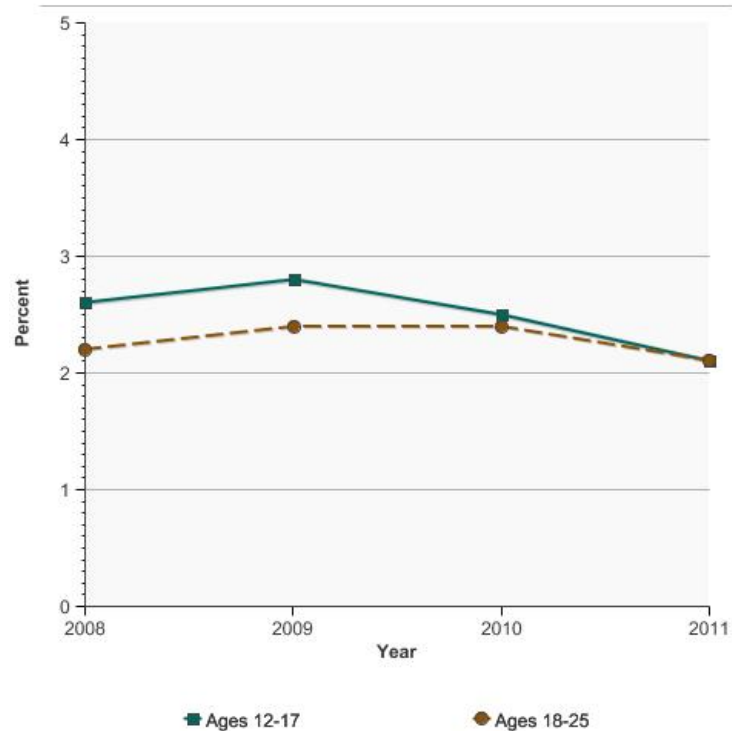
(1.8 - 2.4)

[Ages 18-25](#)

2.1

(1.8 - 2.4)

Initiation of the use of smokeless tobacco among children, adolescents and young adults by age at initiation, 2008-2011



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Cigars

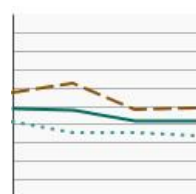
Ages 12-17 by Sex

Initiation of the use of cigars among children and adolescents aged 12-17 years by sex, 2008-2011

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Most Recent Estimates (2011)



[Both Sexes](#)

Percent

95% Confidence Interval

[Male](#)

4.2

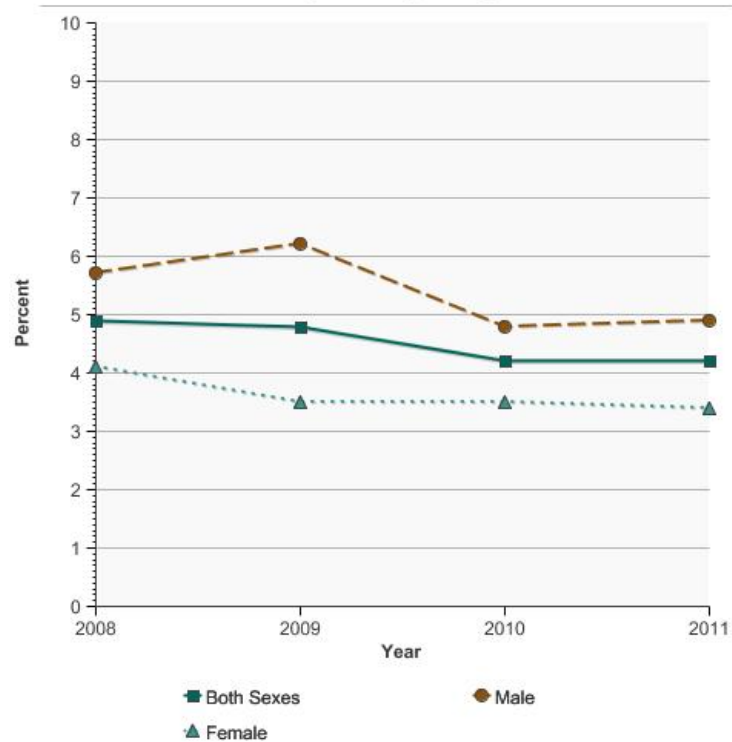
(3.9 - 4.5)

[Female](#)

3.4

(3.0 - 3.8)

Initiation of the use of cigars among children and adolescents aged 12-17 years by sex, 2008-2011



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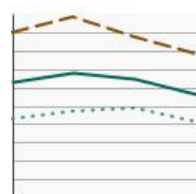
Ages 18-25 by Sex

Initiation of the use of cigars among young adults aged 18-25 years by sex, 2008-2011

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[Both Sexes](#)

Percent

95% Confidence Interval

[Male](#)

5.6

(5.1 - 6.1)

[Female](#)

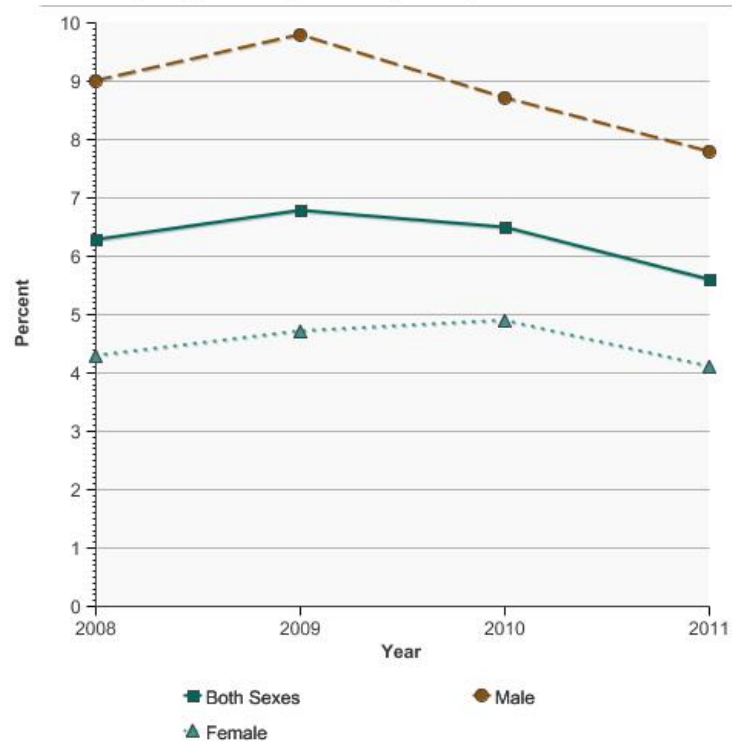
7.8

(6.9 - 8.7)

4.1

(3.5 - 4.7)

Initiation of the use of cigars among young adults aged 18-25 years by sex, 2008-2011



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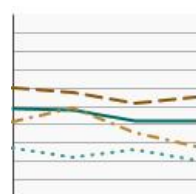
Ages 12-17 by Race/Ethnicity

Initiation of the use of cigars among children and adolescents aged 12-17 years by race/ethnicity, 2008-2011

[Overview Graph](#)

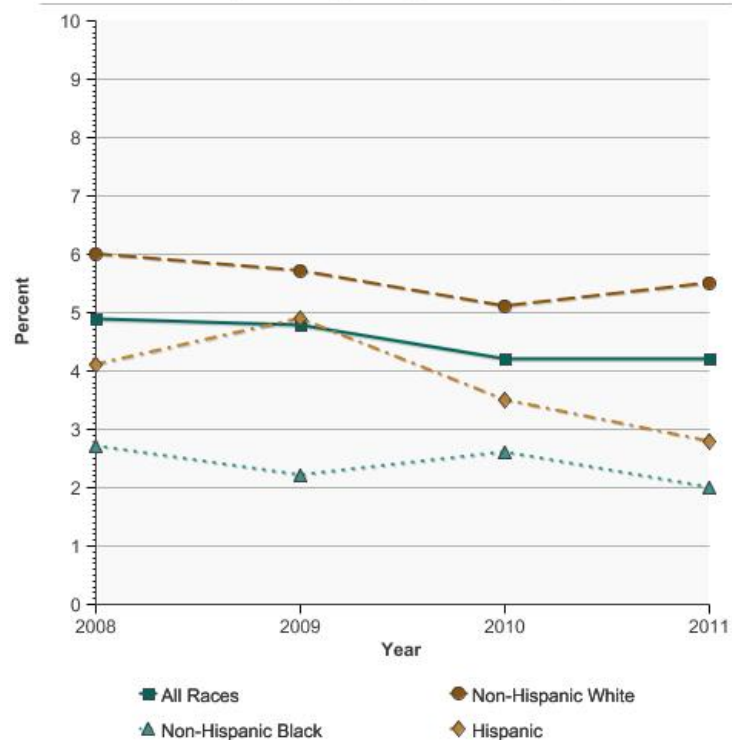
[Detailed Trend Graphs](#)

Most Recent Estimates (2011)



	Percent	95% Confidence Interval
All Races	4.2	(3.9 - 4.5)
Non-Hispanic White	5.5	(5.0 - 6.0)
Non-Hispanic Black	2.0	(1.4 - 2.6)
Hispanic	2.8	(2.1 - 3.5)

Initiation of the use of cigars among children and adolescents aged 12-17 years by race/ethnicity, 2008-2011



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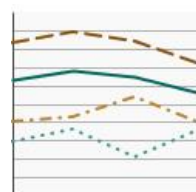
Ages 18-25 by Race/Ethnicity

Initiation of the use of cigars among young adults aged 18-25 years by race/ethnicity, 2008-2011

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[All Races](#)

Percent

95% Confidence Interval

[Non-Hispanic White](#)

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(5.1 - 6.1)

[Non-Hispanic Black](#)

7.2

(6.5 - 7.9)

[Hispanic](#)

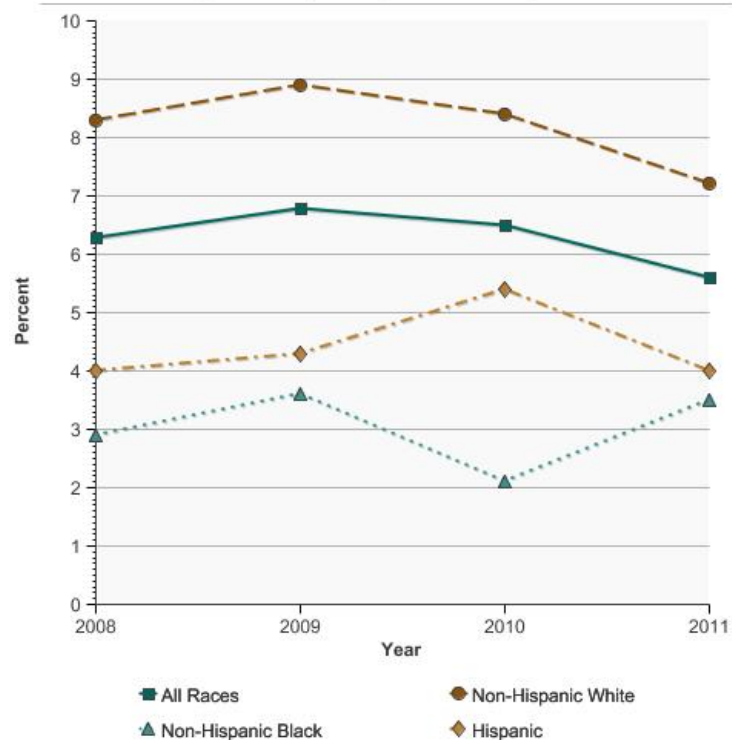
3.5

(2.5 - 4.5)

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(3.1 - 4.9)

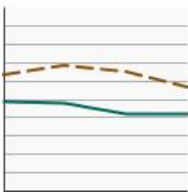
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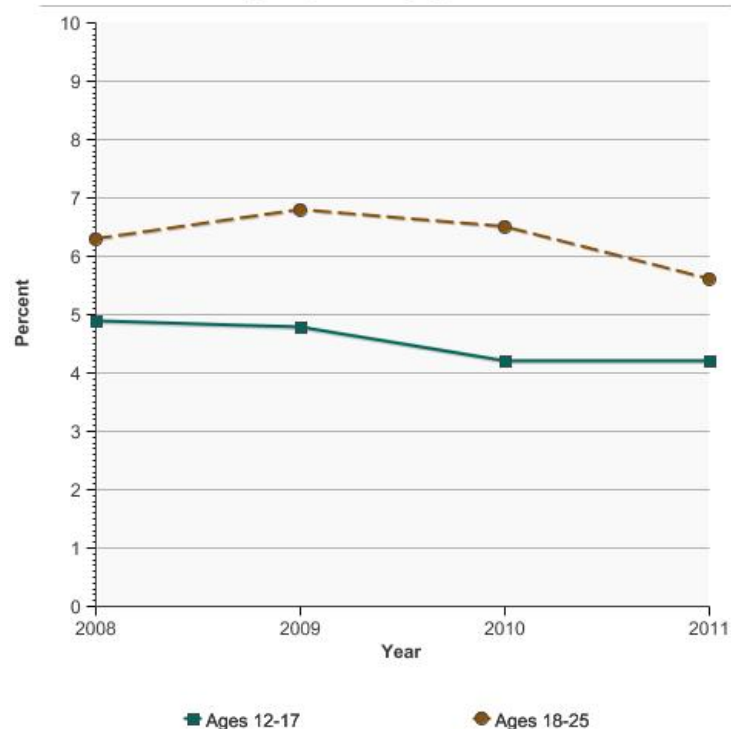
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By Age

Initiation of the use of cigars among children, adolescents and young adults by age at initiation, 2008-2011

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2011)	
		Percent	95% Confidence Interval
	<u>Ages 12-17</u>	4.2	(3.9 - 4.5)
	<u>Ages 18-25</u>	5.6	(5.1 - 6.1)

Initiation of the use of cigars among children, adolescents and young adults by age at initiation, 2008-2011



Source: Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration, National Household Survey on Drug Use and Health.
Data are not age-adjusted.

Cancers Related to Tobacco Use Initiation

Statistical summaries from NCI's SEER Cancer Stat Fact Sheets:

- [Anal Cancer](http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/anus.html)(<http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/anus.html>)
- [Cervix Uteri](http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/cervix.html)(<http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/cervix.html>)
- [Colon and Rectum](http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/colorect.html)(<http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/colorect.html>)
- [Esophagus](http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/esoph.html)(<http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/esoph.html>)
- [Kidney and Renal Pelvis](http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/kidrp.html)(<http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/kidrp.html>)
- [Larynx](http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/laryn.html)(<http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/laryn.html>)
- [Lung and Bronchus](http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/lungb.html)(<http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/lungb.html>)
- [Oral Cavity and Pharynx](http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/oralcav.html)(<http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/oralcav.html>)
- [Pancreas](http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/pancreas.html)(<http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/pancreas.html>)
- [Stomach](http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/stomach.html)(<http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/stomach.html>)

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- [Youth Tobacco Prevention](http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/basic_information/youth/index.htm)(http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/basic_information/youth/index.htm). Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
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For health professionals

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Scientific reports

- [2014 Surgeon General's Report - The Health Consequences of Smoking: 50 Years of Progress](http://www.surgeongeneral.gov/library/reports/50-years-of-progress/)(<http://www.surgeongeneral.gov/library/reports/50-years-of-progress/>). SurgeonGeneral.gov.
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For smokers

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Youth Tobacco Use

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Introduction

Tobacco use is initiated and established primarily during adolescence: nearly 90 percent of adult smokers in the United States began smoking by age 18, and 98 percent first smoked by age 26. Each day in the United States, more than 3,800 youth 18 years of age or younger smoke their first cigarette, and more than 1,000 become daily cigarette smokers.

Teen smoking rates reached a peak in 1996 and have been declining since then, but previously observed steep rates of decline have stalled in recent years. In addition, a substantial proportion of youth use other tobacco products, including cigars, smokeless tobacco, pipes, hookahs, and electronic cigarettes. In fact, between 2011 and 2012 there were significant increases in the use of nonconventional tobacco products such as electronic cigarettes and hookahs. Monitoring and preventing youth tobacco use needs to incorporate other products, including new and emerging products.

There are many factors associated with youth tobacco use, including social influences and physical environment, and cognitive, affective, biological, and genetic factors. Because of nicotine dependence and social factors, initiation of smoking during adolescence is closely associated with persistent smoking in adulthood and with the many adverse health effects associated with chronic smoking. It is therefore critical to prevent smoking very early.

Understanding trends in the prevalence of tobacco use among youth enables policy makers to target prevention resources more effectively. To decrease tobacco use and susceptibility to use among youth, restrictions on advertising, promotion, and availability of tobacco products to youth should be combined with full implementation of evidence-based, communitywide, comprehensive tobacco control policies.

Measure

The percentage of high school students (grades 9–12) who reported use of cigarettes, cigars, or smokeless tobacco on at least 1 day during the 30 days before the survey.

Healthy People 2020 Target

- Reduce to 21 percent the proportion of adolescents in grades 9–12 who used tobacco products in the past 30 days.
- Reduce to 16 percent the proportion of adolescents in grades 9–12 who smoked cigarettes in the past 30 days.
- Reduce to 6.9 percent the proportion of adolescents in grades 9–12 who used smokeless (chewing tobacco or snuff) tobacco in the past 30 days.
- Reduce to 8 percent the proportion of adolescents in grades 9–12 who smoked cigars in the past 30 days.

Healthy People 2020 is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Data Source

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBSS), 1991–2013.

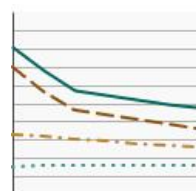
Trends and Most Recent Estimates By Type of Tobacco Product

Percentage of high school students (grades 9-12) who used tobacco in the last month by type of tobacco product, 1999-2011

[Overview Graph](#)

[Detailed Trend Graphs](#)

Most Recent Estimates (2011)



[All tobacco products](#)

Percent of adolescents

95% Confidence Interval

[Cigarettes](#)

23.4

(21.8 - 25.0)

[Smokeless tobacco](#)

18.1

(16.8 - 19.4)

[Cigars](#)

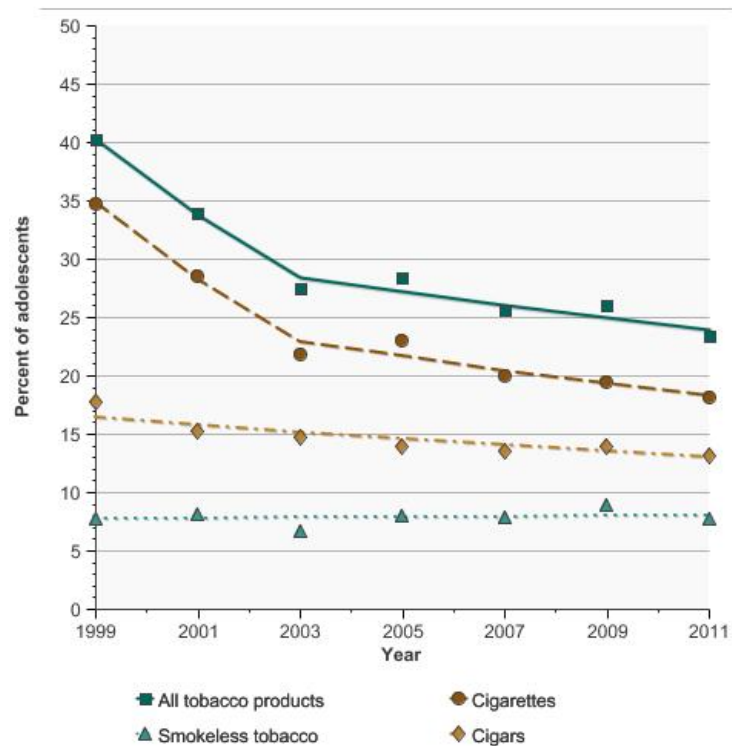
7.7

(6.5 - 8.9)

13.1

(12.2 - 14.0)

Percentage of high school students (grades 9-12) who used tobacco in the last month by type of tobacco product, 1999-2011



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All Tobacco Products

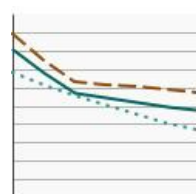
By Sex

Percentage of high school students (grades 9-12) who were current users of tobacco by sex, 1999-2011

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Most Recent Estimates (2011)



[Both Sexes](#)

Percent of adolescents

95% Confidence Interval

[Male](#)

23.4

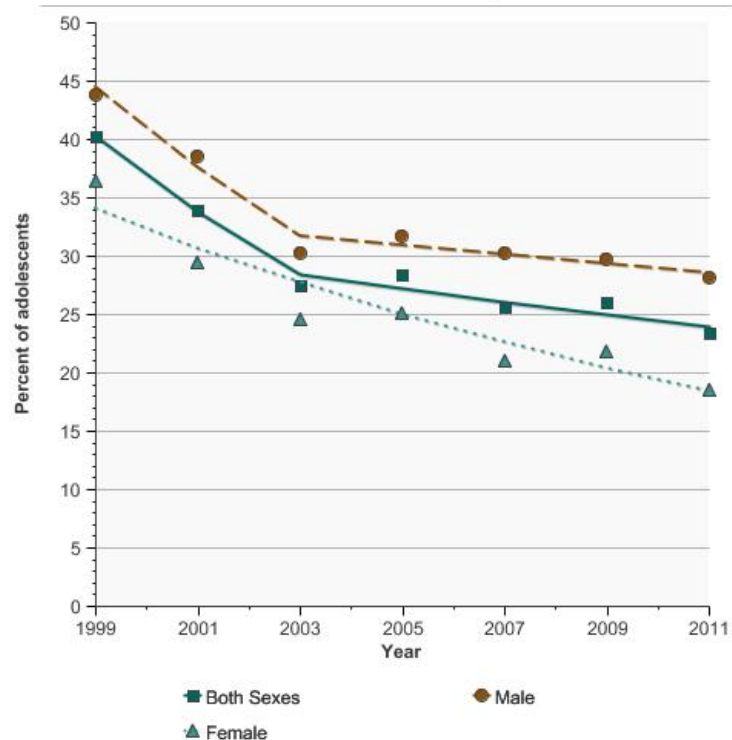
(21.8 - 25.0)

[Female](#)

18.5

(16.8 - 20.2)

Percentage of high school students (grades 9-12) who were current users of tobacco by sex, 1999-2011



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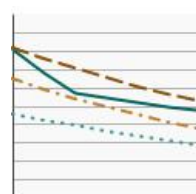
By Race/Ethnicity

Percentage of high school students (grades 9-12) who were current users of tobacco by race/ethnicity, 1999-2011

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Most Recent Estimates (2011)



[All Races](#)

Percent of adolescents

95% Confidence Interval

[Non-Hispanic White](#)

23.4

(21.8 - 25.0)

[Non-Hispanic Black](#)

26.5

(24.3 - 28.7)

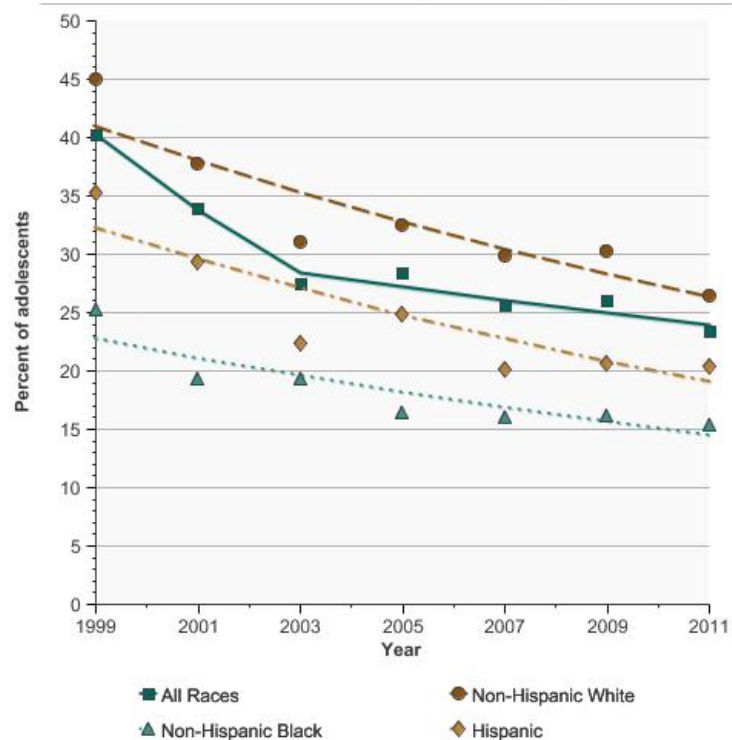
[Hispanic](#)

15.4

(12.7 - 18.1)

(18.0 - 22.8)

Percentage of high school students (grades 9-12) who were current users of tobacco by race/ethnicity, 1999-2011



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Cigarettes

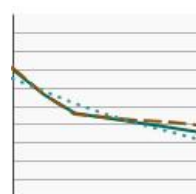
By Sex

Percentage of high school students (grades 9-12) who smoked cigarettes in the past month by sex, 1999-2011

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[Both Sexes](#)

Percent of adolescents

95% Confidence Interval

[Male](#)

18.1

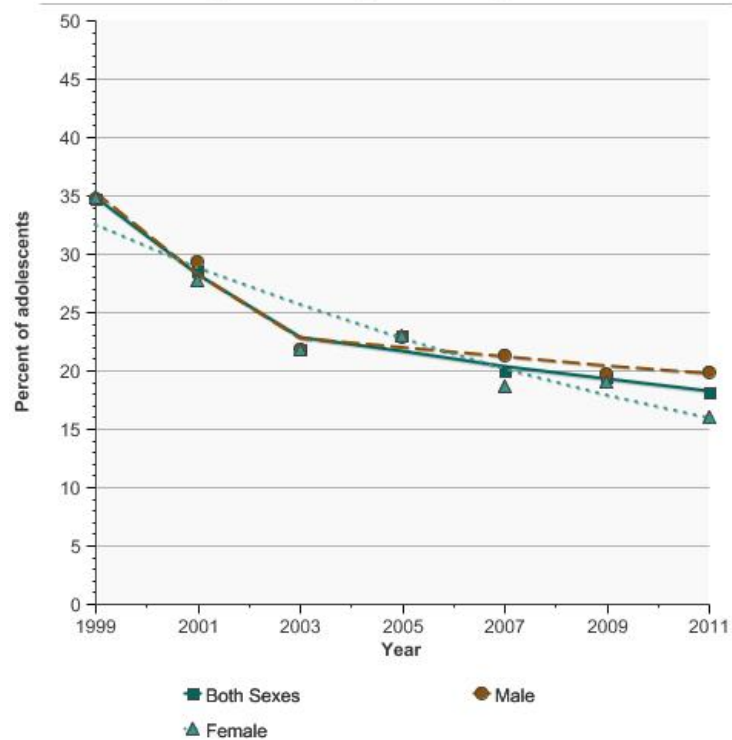
(16.8 - 19.4)

[Female](#)

16.1

(14.5 - 17.7)

Percentage of high school students (grades 9-12) who smoked cigarettes in the past month by sex, 1999-2011



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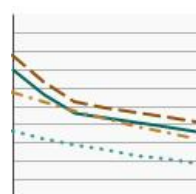
By Race/Ethnicity

Percentage of high school students (grades 9-12) who smoked cigarettes in the past month by race/ethnicity, 1999-2011

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[All Races](#)

Percent of adolescents

18.1

95% Confidence Interval

(16.7 - 19.5)

[Non-Hispanic White](#)

20.3

(18.5 - 22.1)

[Non-Hispanic Black](#)

10.5

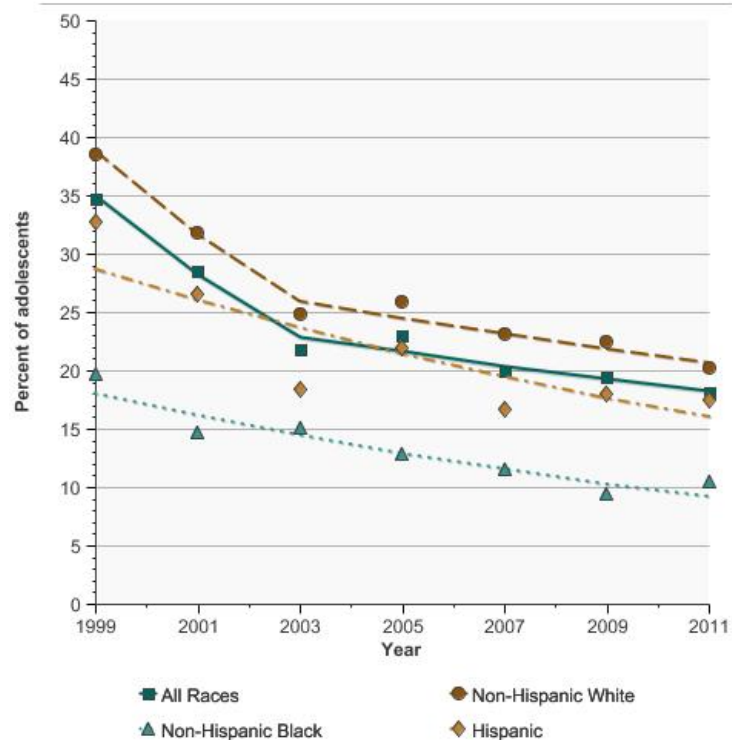
(8.3 - 12.7)

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(15.3 - 19.7)

Percentage of high school students (grades 9-12) who smoked cigarettes in the past month by race/ethnicity, 1999-2011

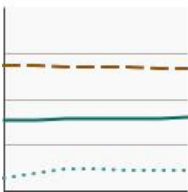


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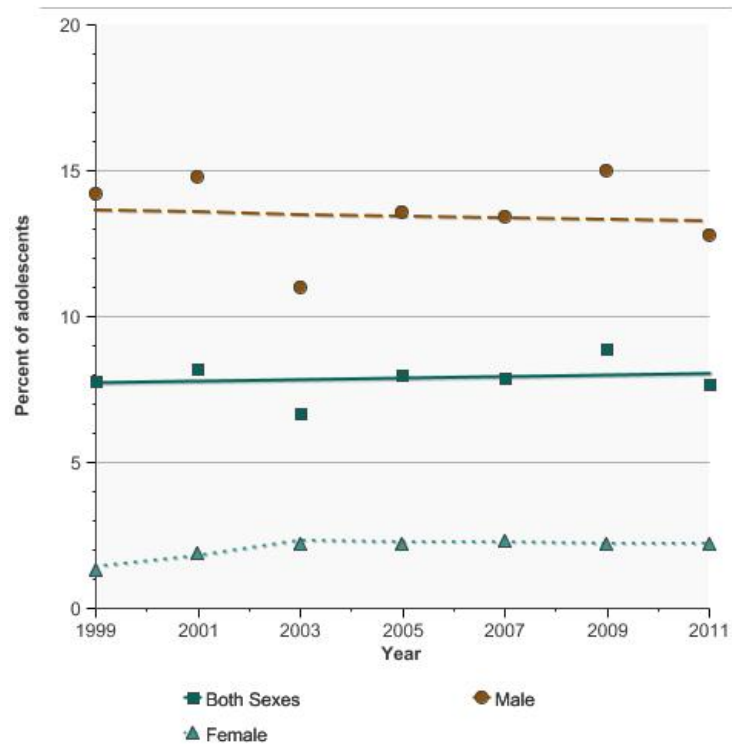
Smokeless Tobacco

By Sex

Percentage of high school students (grades 9-12) who used smokeless tobacco in the past month by sex, 1999-2011

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2011)	
		Percent of adolescents	95% Confidence Interval
	<u>Both Sexes</u>	7.7	(6.5 - 8.9)
	<u>Male</u>	12.8	(10.8 - 14.8)
	<u>Female</u>	2.2	(1.7 - 2.7)

Percentage of high school students (grades 9-12) who used smokeless tobacco in the past month by sex, 1999-2011



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By Race/Ethnicity

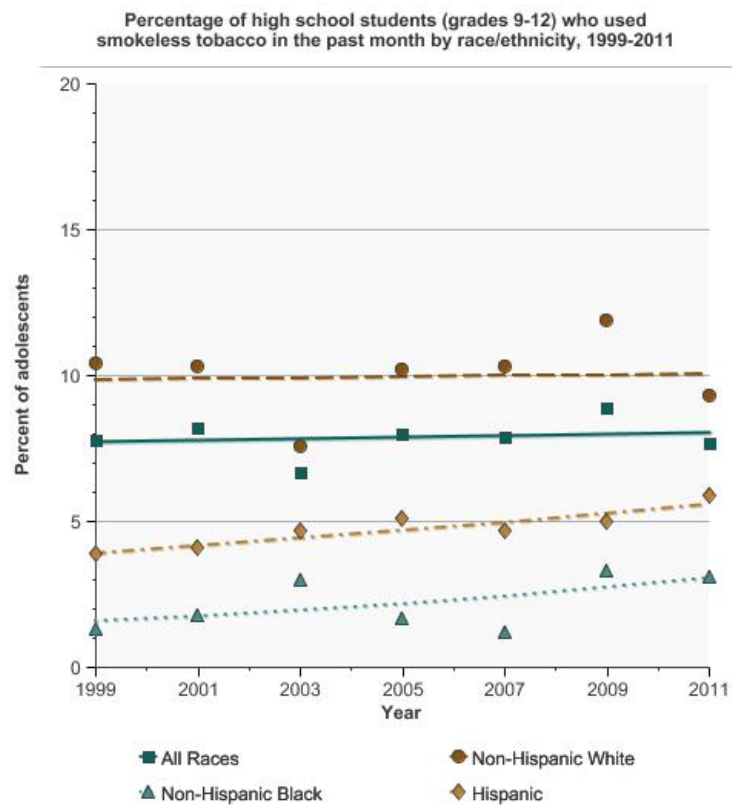
Percentage of high school students (grades 9-12) who used smokeless tobacco in the past month by race/ethnicity, 1999-2011

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	Percent of adolescents	95% Confidence Interval
All Races	7.7	(6.5 - 8.9)
Non-Hispanic White	9.3	(7.7 - 10.9)
Non-Hispanic Black	3.1	(2.1 - 4.1)
Hispanic	5.9	(4.3 - 7.5)



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion. Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System. Data are not age-adjusted.

Cigars

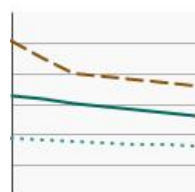
By Sex

Percentage of high school students (grades 9-12) who smoked cigars in the past month by sex, 1999-2011

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Percent of adolescents

95% Confidence Interval

[Male](#)

13.1

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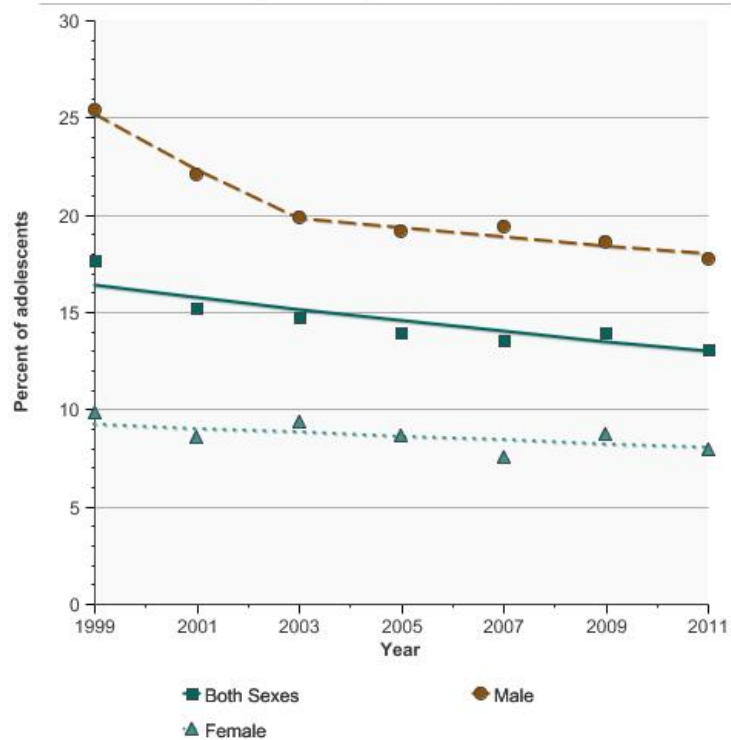
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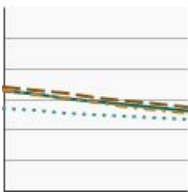
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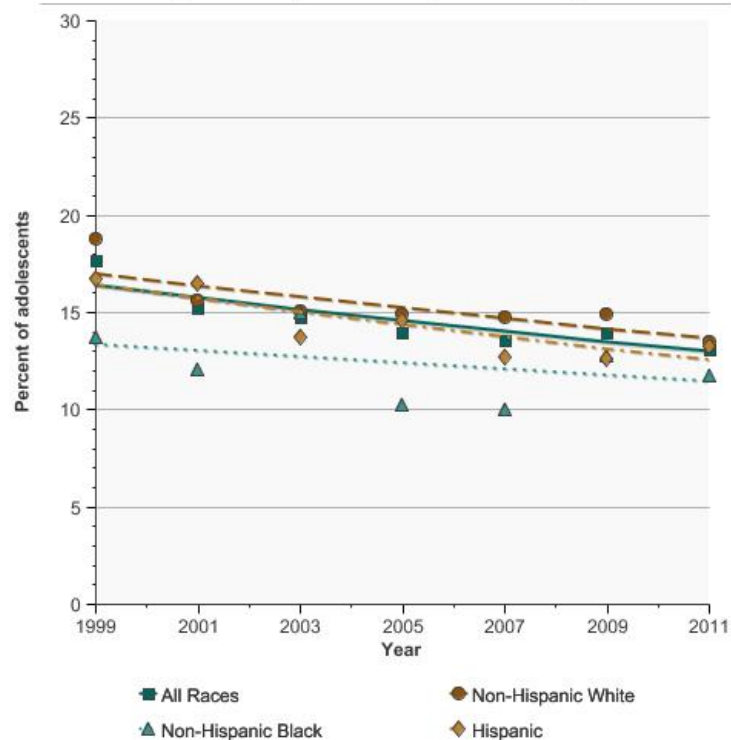
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By Race/Ethnicity

Percentage of high school students (grades 9-12) who smoked cigars in the past month by race/ethnicity, 1999-2011

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2011)	
		Percent of adolescents	95% Confidence Interval
	All Races	13.1	(12.2 - 14.0)
	Non-Hispanic White	13.5	(12.5 - 14.5)
	Non-Hispanic Black	11.8	(9.6 - 14.0)
	Hispanic	13.3	(11.5 - 15.1)

Percentage of high school students (grades 9-12) who smoked cigars in the past month by race/ethnicity, 1999-2011



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion. Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System. Data are not age-adjusted.

Cancers Related to Youth Tobacco Use

Youth tobacco use can lead to long term adult tobacco use, responsible for a number of smoking related cancers. Statistical summaries from NCI's SEER Cancer Stat Fact Sheets:

- [Anal Cancer](http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/anus.html)(<http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/anus.html>)
- [Cervix Uteri](http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/cervix.html)(<http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/cervix.html>)
- [Colon and Rectum](http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/colorect.html)(<http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/colorect.html>)
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- [Kidney and Renal Pelvis](http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/kidrp.html)(<http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/kidrp.html>)
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- [Pancreas](http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/pancreas.html)(<http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/pancreas.html>)
- [Stomach](http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/stomach.html)(<http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/stomach.html>)

Additional Information on Youth Tobacco Use For smokers

- [Guide to Quitting Smoking](http://www.cancer.org/healthy/stayawayfromtobacco/guidetoquittingsmoking/guide-to-quitting-smoking-toc)(<http://www.cancer.org/healthy/stayawayfromtobacco/guidetoquittingsmoking/guide-to-quitting-smoking-toc>). American Cancer Society.
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- [Smokefree.gov](http://smokefree.gov)(<http://smokefree.gov>). National Cancer Institute.
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For the public

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- [The Path to Smoking Addiction Starts at Very Young Ages \(2009\)](http://www.tobaccofreekids.org/research/factsheets/pdf/0127.pdf)(<http://www.tobaccofreekids.org/research/factsheets/pdf/0127.pdf>). Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids.
- [2012 Surgeon General's Report—Preventing Tobacco Use Among Youth and Young Adults](http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/data_statistics/sgr/2012/)(http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/data_statistics/sgr/2012/). Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- [Youth Tobacco Prevention](http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/basic_information/youth/index.htm)(http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/basic_information/youth/index.htm). Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- [Smokefreeteen.gov](http://teen.smokefree.gov/)(<http://teen.smokefree.gov/>). National Cancer Institute.
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- [21 CFR Part 1140 – Regulations restricting the sale and distribution of cigarettes and smokeless tobacco to protect children and adolescents](http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2010-03-19/pdf/2010-6087.pdf)(<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2010-03-19/pdf/2010-6087.pdf>). Department of Health and Human Sources, Food and Drug Administration. Federal Register 2010;75(53):13225–13232.

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Adult Tobacco Use

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Introduction

Cigarette smoking is the leading preventable cause of death in the United States. It increases the risk of cancers of the lung, larynx, mouth, esophagus, pharynx, bladder, pancreas, kidney, cervix, stomach, and acute myeloid leukemia. Altogether it causes approximately 30 percent of all U.S. cancer deaths each year. The prevalence of adult cigarette smoking in the United States has dropped over 50% since the first Surgeon General Report on the harms of tobacco in 1964, when it was 42%. Yet, the rates have only slowly fallen since 1991 with an estimated 42 million adults still smoking cigarettes. The American Cancer Society estimates that in 2014, almost 176,000 of the estimated 585,720 cancer-related deaths will be caused by tobacco. Tobacco use does not end with cigarettes. Other forms of tobacco use are common. In 2013, the National Survey on Drug Use and Health, a survey by the US Substance Abuse and Mental Health Service Administration, reported that 13.4 million people smoked cigars and 9 million people used smokeless tobacco.

A cigar is defined as a roll of tobacco wrapped in leaf tobacco or in a substance that contains tobacco (whereas a cigarette is defined as a roll of tobacco wrapped most often in paper or some other non-tobacco substance). There are three major types of cigars currently sold in the U.S. - large cigars, cigarillos, and little cigars. Little cigars are about the same size as a cigarette and often include a filter. Historically, cigar smoking in the United States has been a behavior of older men, but the industry's increased marketing of these products to targeted groups in the 1990s has increased the prevalence of use among adolescents and young adults.

Cigar smoke, like cigarette smoke, contains the same toxic and carcinogenic compounds that are harmful to both smokers and nonsmokers. Cigar smoking causes oral cavity cancers (cancers of the lip, tongue, mouth, and throat) and cancers of the larynx (voice box), esophagus, and lung. Gum disease and tooth loss are also linked to cigar smoking, and heavy cigar smokers and those who inhale deeply may further be at increased risk of developing coronary heart disease. Heavy cigar smoking increases the risk for lung diseases, such as emphysema and chronic bronchitis.

Smokeless tobacco is tobacco that is not burned. It is also known as oral tobacco, chewing tobacco, chew, plug, twist, spit or spitting tobacco, snuff, dip, or snus. Snuff is a finely cut or powdered tobacco that is either placed between the cheek and gum, or sniffed through the nose, respectively. Some moist snuff and all snus come in tea bag-like pouches. Chewing tobacco is used by putting a wad (loose leaves, plug, or twist) of tobacco inside the cheek. Smokeless tobacco can also take the form of dissolvable tobacco (lozenge, film or stick), but this type is not widely distributed in the U.S.

Chewing tobacco and snuff contain 28 cancer-causing agents. Smokeless tobacco causes a number of serious oral health problems, including cancer of the mouth and gums, gum disease, other non-cancerous oral lesions, and tooth loss. Use of smokeless tobacco also increases the risk for cancers of the esophagus and pancreas, and heart disease.

Measure

Cigarettes: Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who, at the time of the interview, were current cigarette smokers.

Smokeless tobacco: Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who, at the time of the interview, were smokeless tobacco users.

Cigars: Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who, at the time of the interview, were current cigar smokers.

Healthy People 2020 Target

- Reduce to 12 percent the proportion of adults who are current cigarette smokers.
- Reduce to 0.3 percent the proportion of adults who are current smokeless tobacco users.
- Reduce to 0.2 percent the proportion of adults who are current cigar smokers.

Healthy People 2020 is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Data Source

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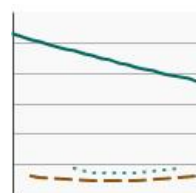
Trends and Most Recent Estimates By Type of Tobacco Product

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who were current tobacco users by type of tobacco product used, 1991-2012

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[Cigarettes](#)

Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

[Smokeless Tobacco](#)

18.2

(17.6 - 18.8)

[Cigars](#)

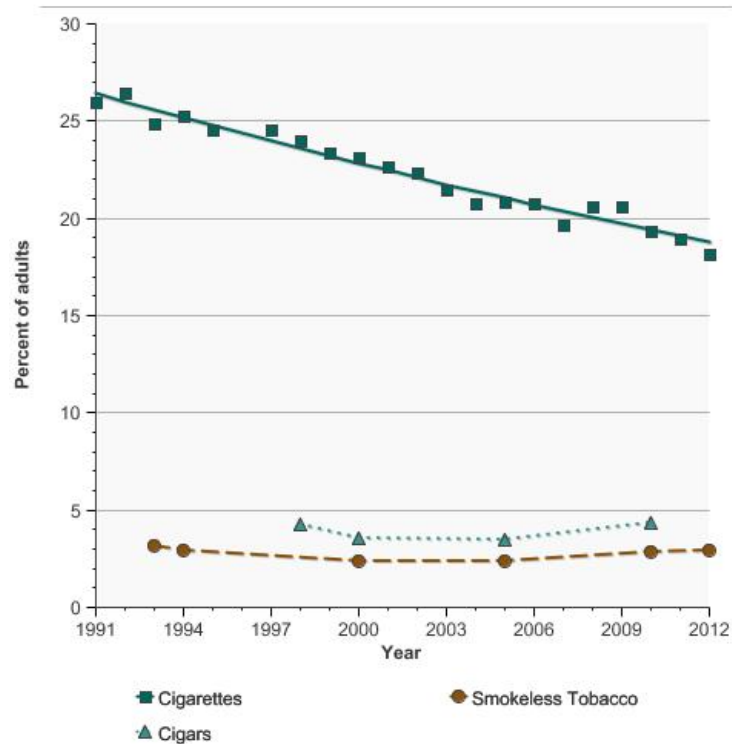
2.9

(2.6 - 3.2)

4.3

(4.0 - 4.7)

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who were current tobacco users by type of tobacco product used, 1991-2012



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Cigarettes

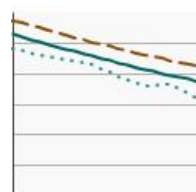
By Sex

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who were current cigarette smokers by sex, 1991-2012

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[Both Sexes](#)

Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

[Male](#)

18.2

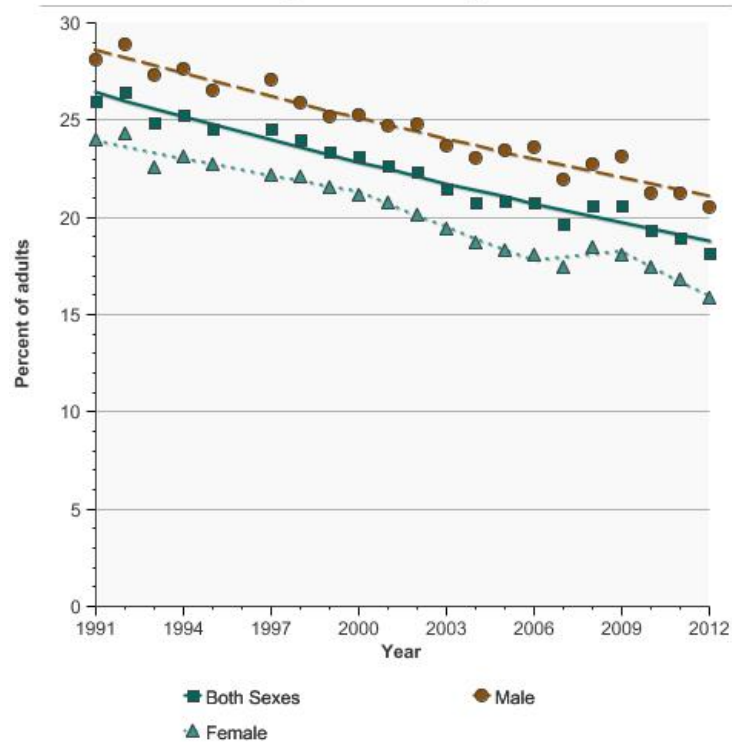
(17.6 - 18.8)

[Female](#)

15.9

(15.2 - 16.6)

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who were current cigarette smokers by sex, 1991-2012



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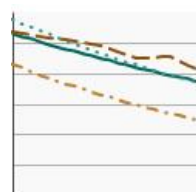
By Race/Ethnicity

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who were current cigarette smokers by race/ethnicity, 1991-2012

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[All Races](#)

Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

[Non-Hispanic White](#)

18.2

(17.6 - 18.8)

[Non-Hispanic Black](#)

20.7

(19.8 - 21.5)

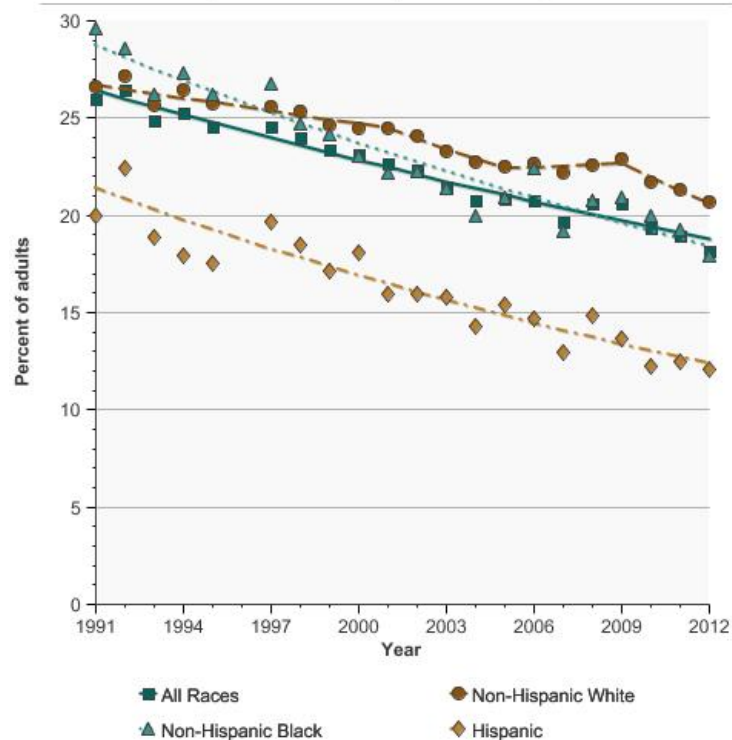
[Hispanic](#)

17.9

(16.7 - 19.2)

(11.0 - 13.2)

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who were current cigarette smokers by race/ethnicity, 1991-2012



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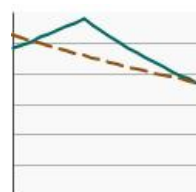
By Age

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who were current cigarette smokers by age, 1991-2012

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Ages 18-24

Percent of adults

17.0

95% Confidence Interval

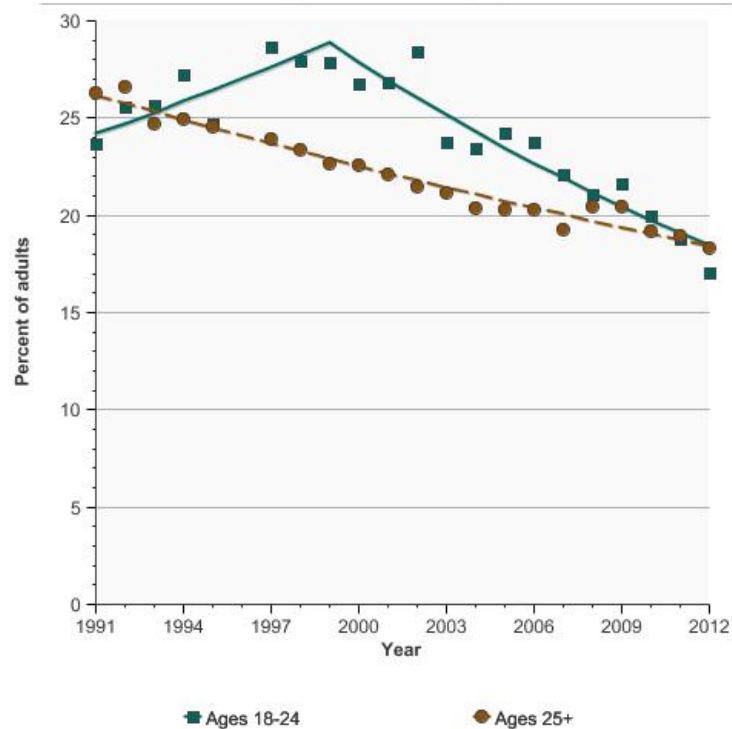
(15.2 - 18.9)

Ages 25+

18.3

(17.7 - 18.9)

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who were current cigarette smokers by age, 1991-2012



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. National Health Interview Survey.

Data are age-adjusted to the 2000 US standard population. Ages 18-24 are age-adjusted using age groups: 18-19, 20-24. Ages 25+ are age-adjusted using age groups: 25-34, 35-44, 45-64, 65+.

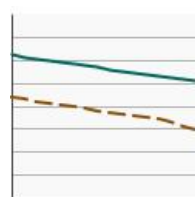
By Poverty Income Level

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who were current cigarette smokers by poverty income level, 1997-2012

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<200% of federal poverty level

Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

25.4

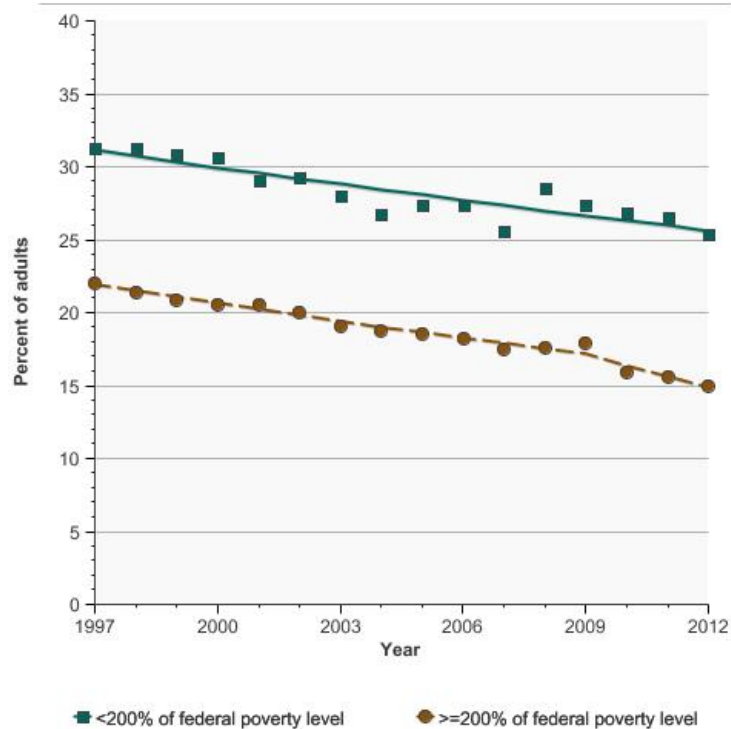
(24.3 - 26.5)

>=200% of federal poverty level

14.9

(14.2 - 15.6)

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who were current cigarette smokers by poverty income level, 1997-2012



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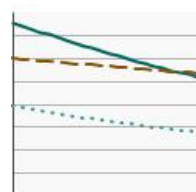
By Education Level

Percentage of adults aged 25 years and older who were current cigarette smokers by highest level of education obtained, 1991-2012

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[Less than High School](#)

Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

[High School](#)

26.3

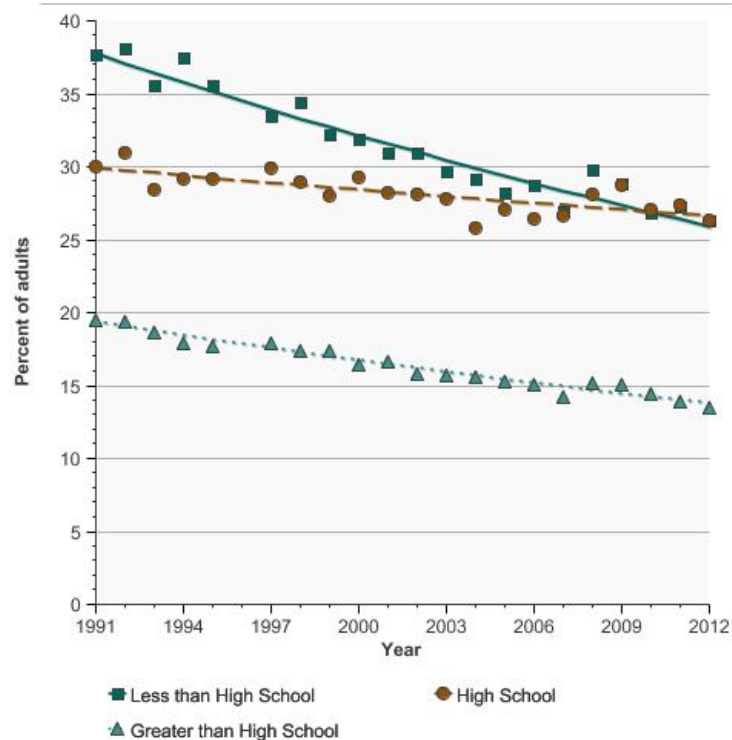
(24.4 - 28.1)

[Greater than High School](#)

13.5

(12.8 - 14.1)

Percentage of adults aged 25 years and older who were current cigarette smokers by highest level of education obtained, 1991-2012



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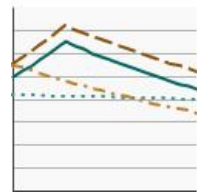
Males Ages 18-24 by Race/Ethnicity

Percentage of males aged 18-24 years who were current cigarette smokers by race/ethnicity, 1991-2012

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[All Races](#)

Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

[Non-Hispanic White](#)

19.7

(16.8 - 22.6)

[Non-Hispanic Black](#)

23.7

(19.2 - 28.1)

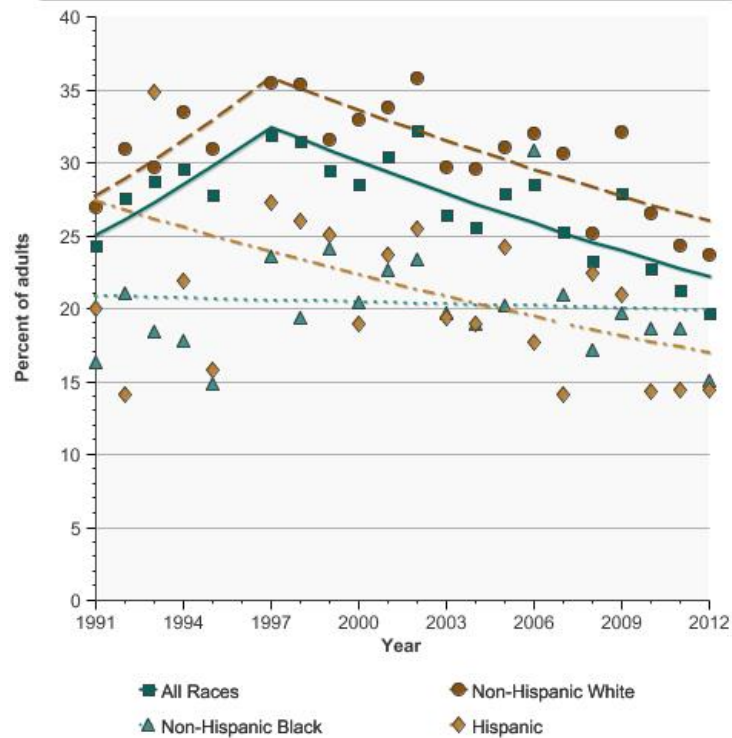
[Hispanic](#)

15.0

(9.5 - 20.5)

(10.5 - 18.3)

Percentage of males aged 18-24 years who were current cigarette smokers by race/ethnicity, 1991-2012



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. National Health Interview Survey. Data are age-adjusted to the 2000 US standard population using age groups: 18-19, 20-24.

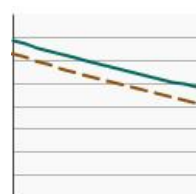
Males Ages 18-24 by Poverty Income Level

Percentage of males aged 18-24 years who were current cigarette smokers by poverty income level, 1997-2012

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<200% of federal poverty level

Percent of adults

22.7

95% Confidence Interval

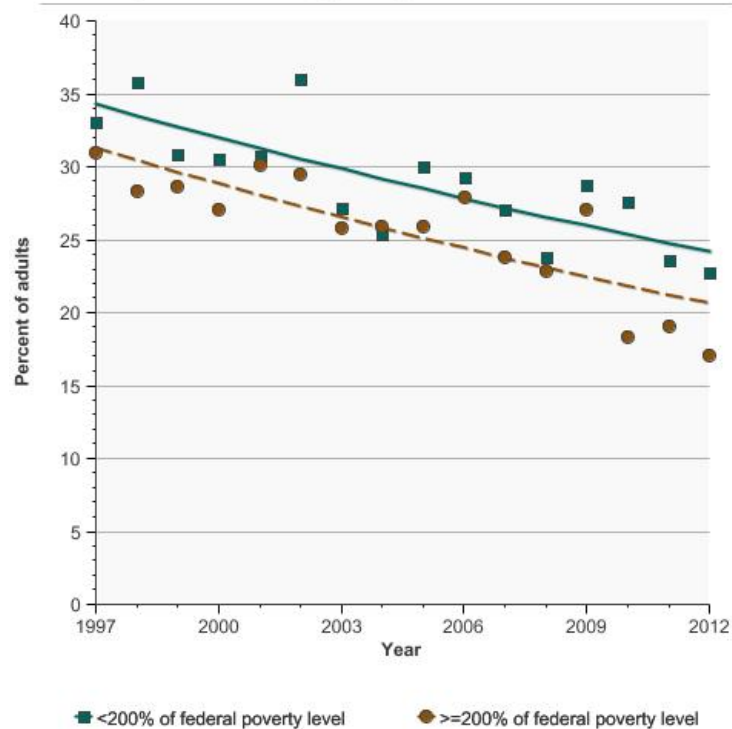
(18.9 - 26.6)

>=200% of federal poverty level

17.0

(12.6 - 21.5)

Percentage of males aged 18-24 years who were current cigarette smokers by poverty income level, 1997-2012



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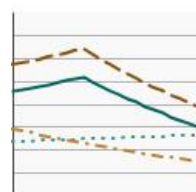
Females Ages 18-24 by Race/Ethnicity

Percentage of females aged 18-24 years who were current cigarette smokers by race/ethnicity, 1991-2012

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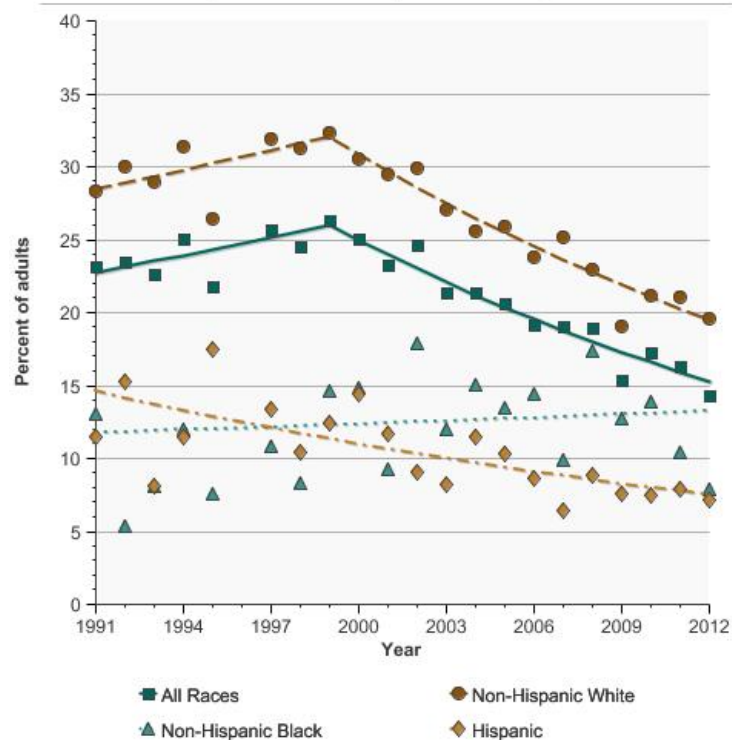
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	Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
All Races	14.4	(12.1 - 16.6)
Non-Hispanic White	19.6	(16.1 - 23.1)
Non-Hispanic Black	7.9	(4.9 - 10.9)
Hispanic	7.2	(3.7 - 10.6)

Percentage of females aged 18-24 years who were current cigarette smokers by race/ethnicity, 1991-2012



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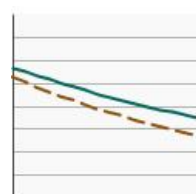
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<200% of federal poverty level

Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

15.9

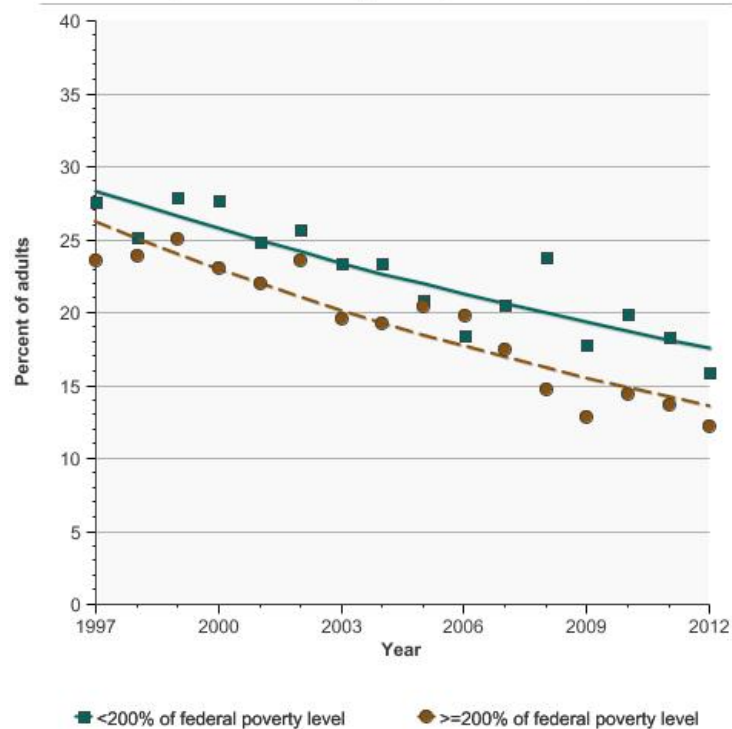
(13.0 - 18.9)

>=200% of federal poverty level

12.2

(8.8 - 15.6)

Percentage of females aged 18-24 years who were current cigarette smokers by poverty income level, 1997-2012



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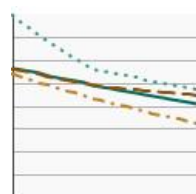
Males Ages 25 and Older by Race/Ethnicity

Percentage of males aged 25 years and older who were current cigarette smokers by race/ethnicity, 1991-2012

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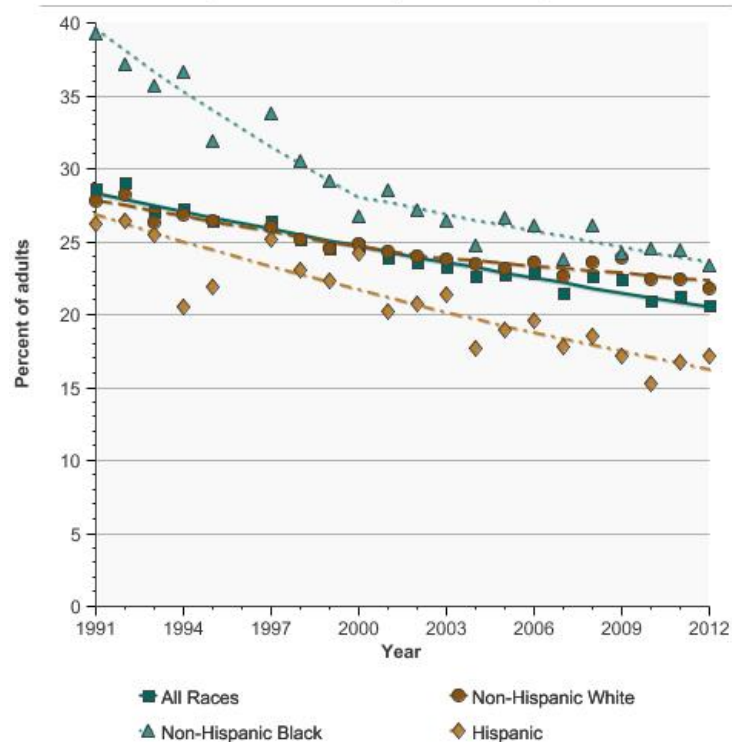
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	Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
All Races	20.6	(19.7 - 21.5)
Non-Hispanic White	21.8	(20.6 - 23.0)
Non-Hispanic Black	23.3	(20.9 - 25.7)
Hispanic	17.1	(15.1 - 19.2)

Percentage of males aged 25 years and older who were current cigarette smokers by race/ethnicity, 1991-2012



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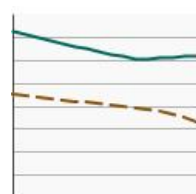
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Percentage of males aged 25 years and older who were current cigarette smokers by poverty income level, 1997-2012

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<200% of federal poverty level

Percent of adults

30.8

95% Confidence Interval

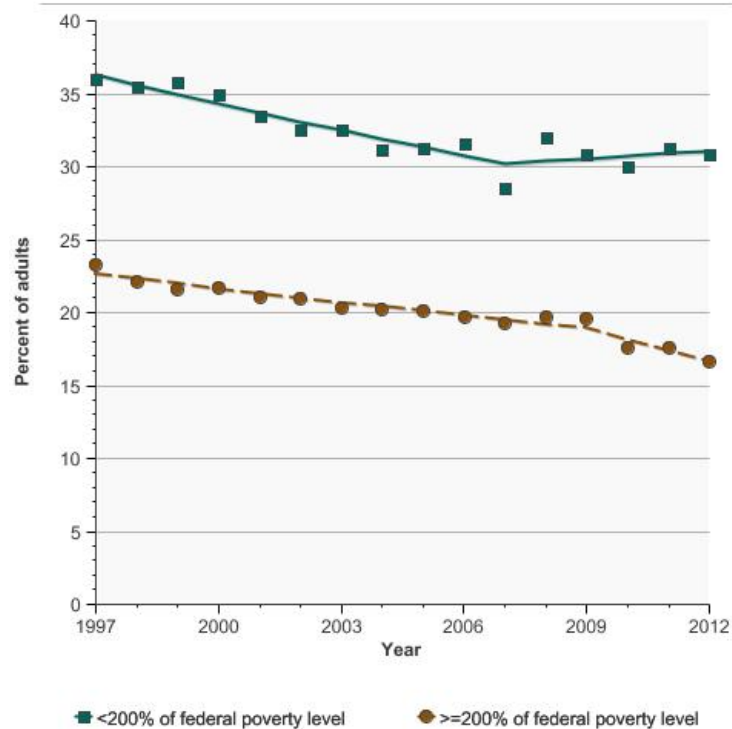
(29.0 - 32.6)

>=200% of federal poverty level

16.7

(15.7 - 17.7)

Percentage of males aged 25 years and older who were current cigarette smokers by poverty income level, 1997-2012



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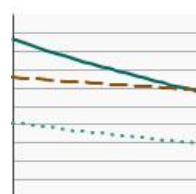
Males Ages 25 and Older by Education Level

Percentage of males aged 25 years and older who were current cigarette smokers by highest level of education obtained, 1991-2012

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Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

[High School](#)

30.3

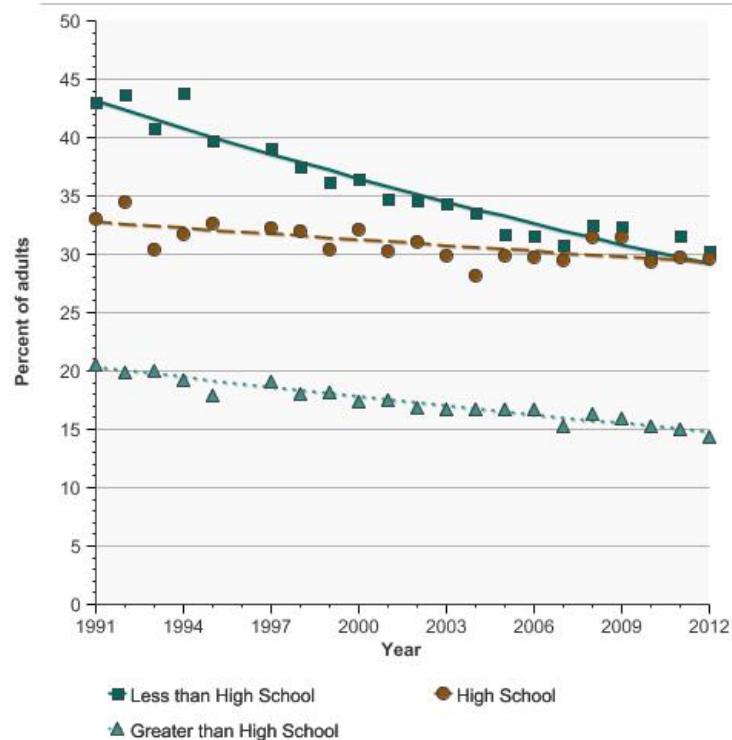
(27.7 - 32.9)

[Greater than High School](#)

14.4

(13.4 - 15.3)

Percentage of males aged 25 years and older who were current cigarette smokers by highest level of education obtained, 1991-2012



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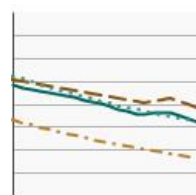
Females Ages 25 and Older by Race/Ethnicity

Percentage of females aged 25 years and older who were current cigarette smokers by race/ethnicity, 1991-2012

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[All Races](#)

Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

[Non-Hispanic White](#)

16.1

(15.3 - 16.9)

[Non-Hispanic Black](#)

19.2

(18.1 - 20.2)

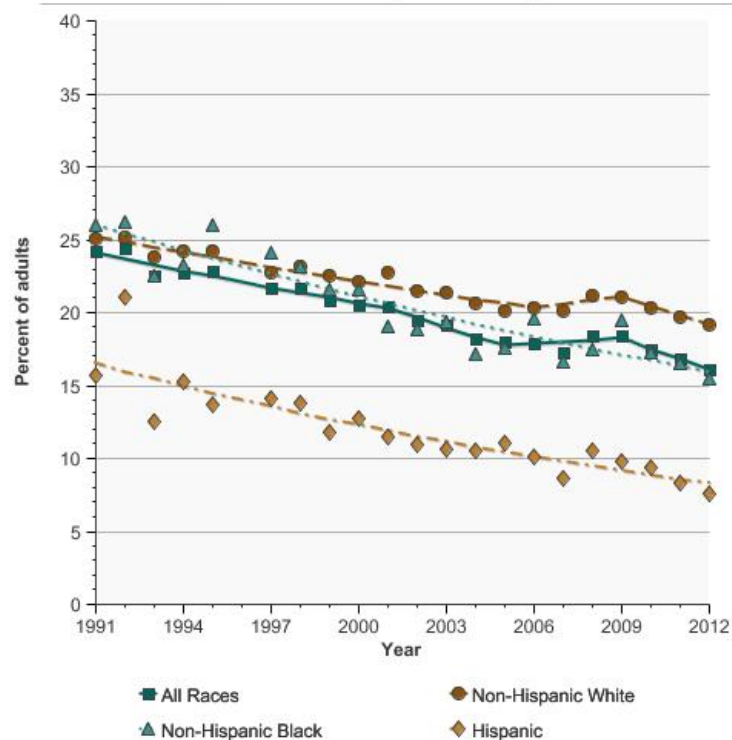
[Hispanic](#)

7.5

(13.8 - 17.1)

(6.4 - 8.7)

Percentage of females aged 25 years and older who were current cigarette smokers by race/ethnicity, 1991-2012



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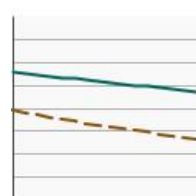
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Percentage of females aged 25 years and older who were current cigarette smokers by poverty income level, 1997-2012

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<200% of federal poverty level

Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

22.8

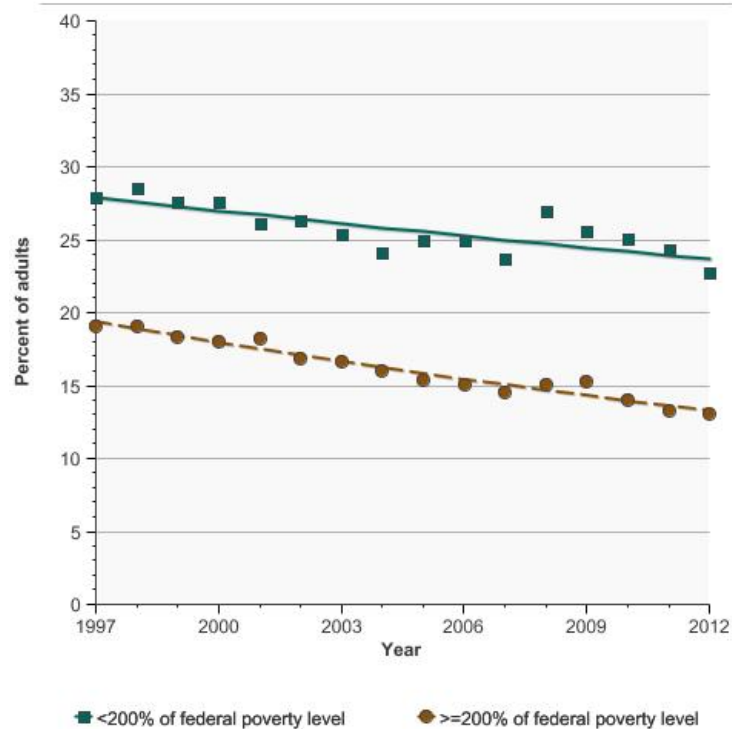
(21.4 - 24.2)

>=200% of federal poverty level

13.1

(12.2 - 14.0)

Percentage of females aged 25 years and older who were current cigarette smokers by poverty income level, 1997-2012



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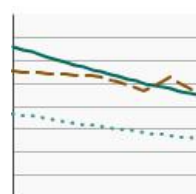
Females Ages 25 and Older by Education Level

Percentage of females aged 25 years and older who were current cigarette smokers by highest level of education obtained, 1991-2012

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Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

[High School](#)

22.2

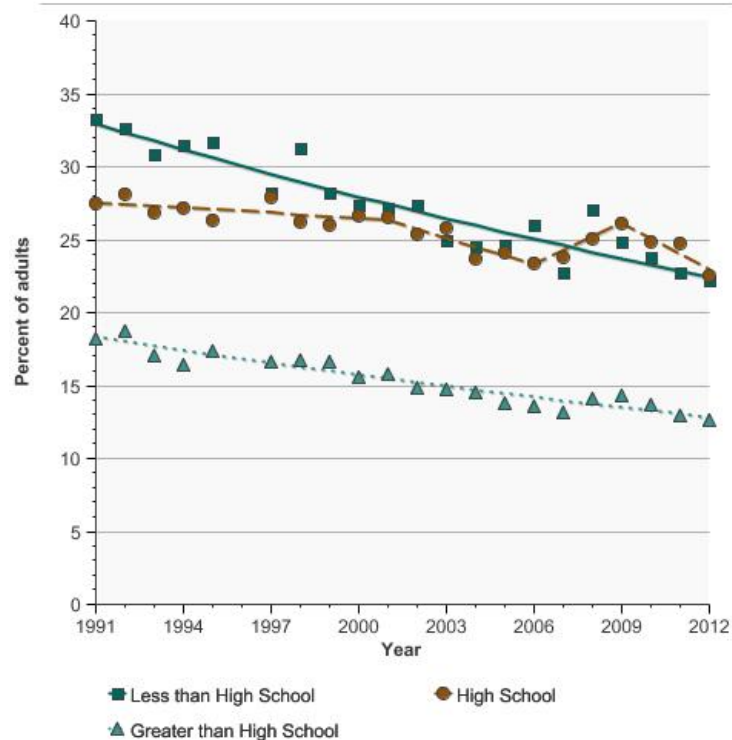
(19.7 - 24.6)

[Greater than High School](#)

12.7

(11.9 - 13.5)

Percentage of females aged 25 years and older who were current cigarette smokers by highest level of education obtained, 1991-2012



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Smokeless Tobacco

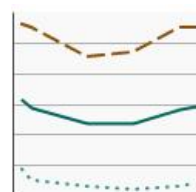
By Sex

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who were current smokeless tobacco users by sex, 1993-2012

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[Both Sexes](#)

Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

[Male](#)

2.9

(2.6 - 3.2)

[Female](#)

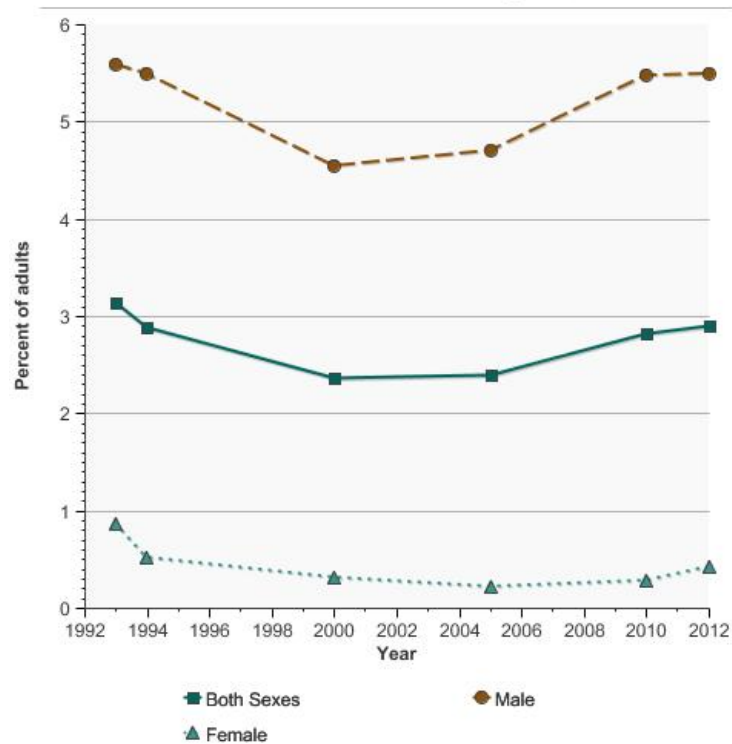
5.5

(5.0 - 6.0)

0.4

(0.3 - 0.5)

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who were current smokeless tobacco users by sex, 1993-2012



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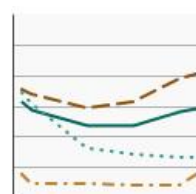
By Race/Ethnicity

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who were current smokeless tobacco users by race/ethnicity, 1993-2012

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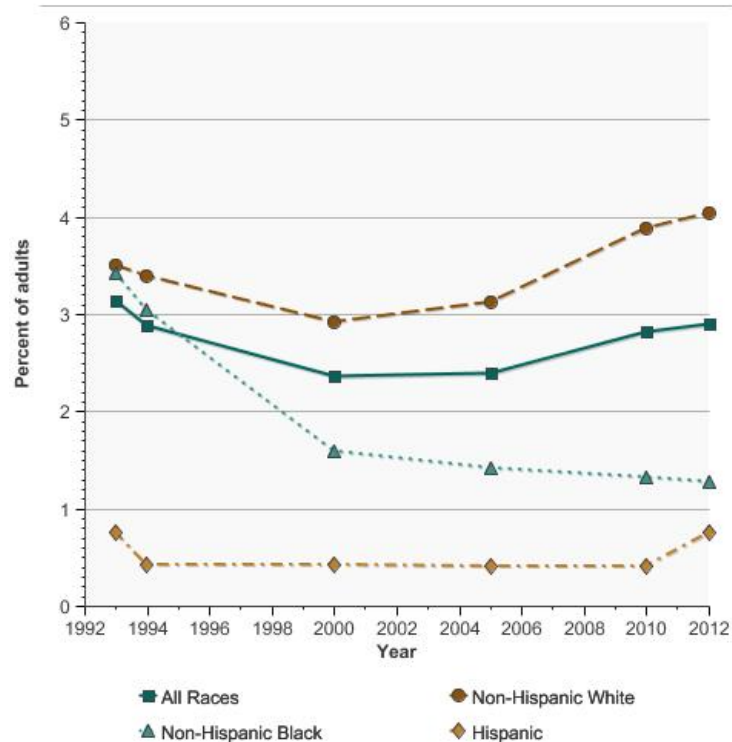
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	Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
All Races	2.9	(2.6 - 3.2)
Non-Hispanic White	4.0	(3.6 - 4.4)
Non-Hispanic Black	1.3	(0.9 - 1.7)
Hispanic	0.8	(0.5 - 1.1)

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who were current smokeless tobacco users by race/ethnicity, 1993-2012



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. National Health Interview Survey. Data are age-adjusted to the 2000 US standard population using age groups: 18-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45-64, 65+.

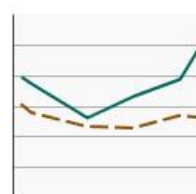
By Age

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who were current smokeless tobacco users by age, 1993-2012

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Ages 18-24

Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

4.8

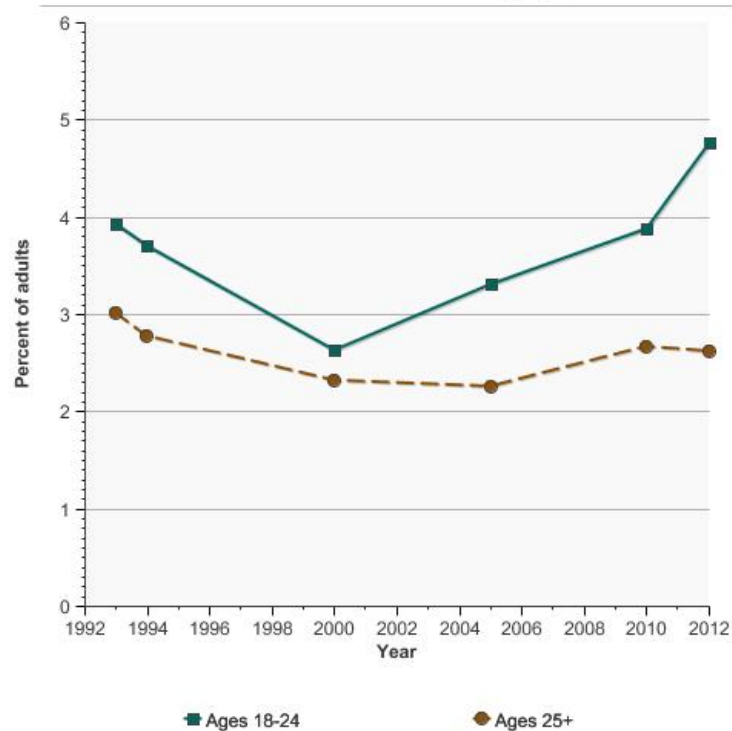
(3.7 - 5.8)

Ages 25+

2.6

(2.4 - 2.9)

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who were current smokeless tobacco users by age, 1993-2012



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. National Health Interview Survey.

Data are age-adjusted to the 2000 US standard population. Ages 18-24 are age-adjusted using age groups: 18-19, 20-24. Ages 25+ are age-adjusted using age groups: 25-34, 35-44, 45-64, 65+.

By Poverty Income Level

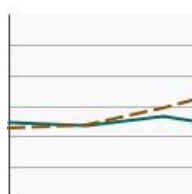
Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who were current smokeless tobacco users by poverty income level, 2000-2012

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Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
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<200% of federal poverty level

2.5

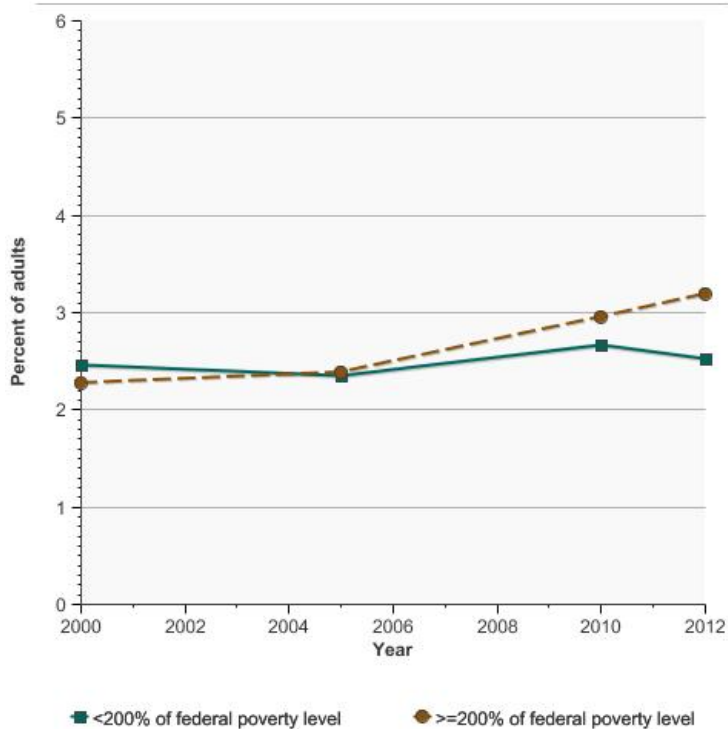
(2.2 - 2.9)

>=200% of federal poverty level

3.2

(2.8 - 3.6)

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who were current smokeless tobacco users by poverty income level, 2000-2012



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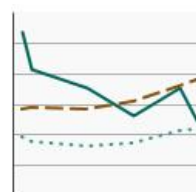
By Education Level

Percentage of adults aged 25+ years and older who were current smokeless tobacco users by highest level of education obtained, 1993-2012

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Percent of adults

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[High School](#)

2.5

(1.9 - 3.0)

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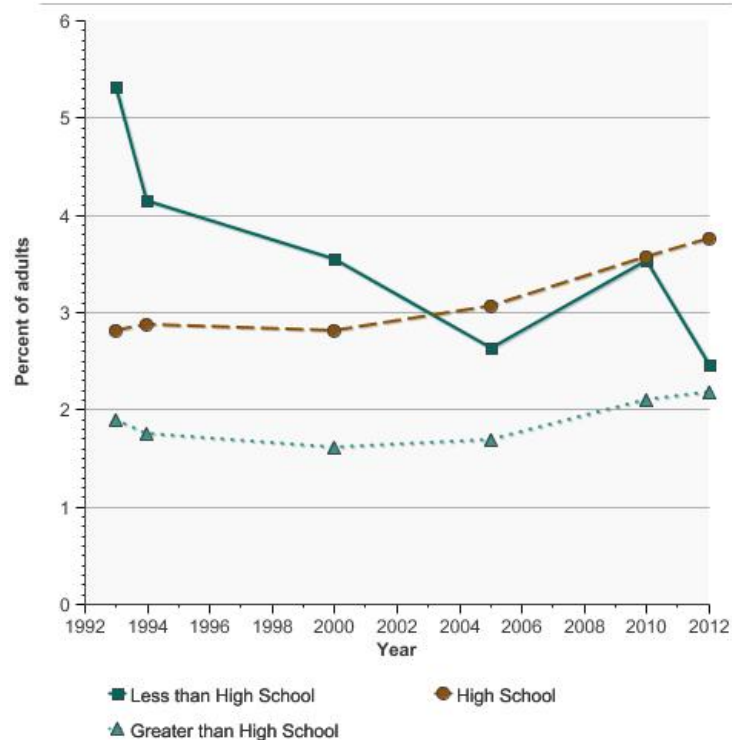
3.8

(3.2 - 4.4)

2.2

(1.9 - 2.4)

Percentage of adults aged 25+ years and older who were current smokeless tobacco users by highest level of education obtained, 1993-2012



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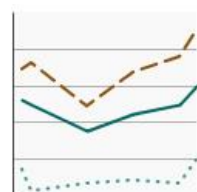
Males Ages 18-24 by Race/Ethnicity

Percentage of males aged 18-24 years who were current smokeless tobacco users by race/ethnicity, 1993-2012

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[All Races](#)

Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

[Non-Hispanic White](#)

8.9

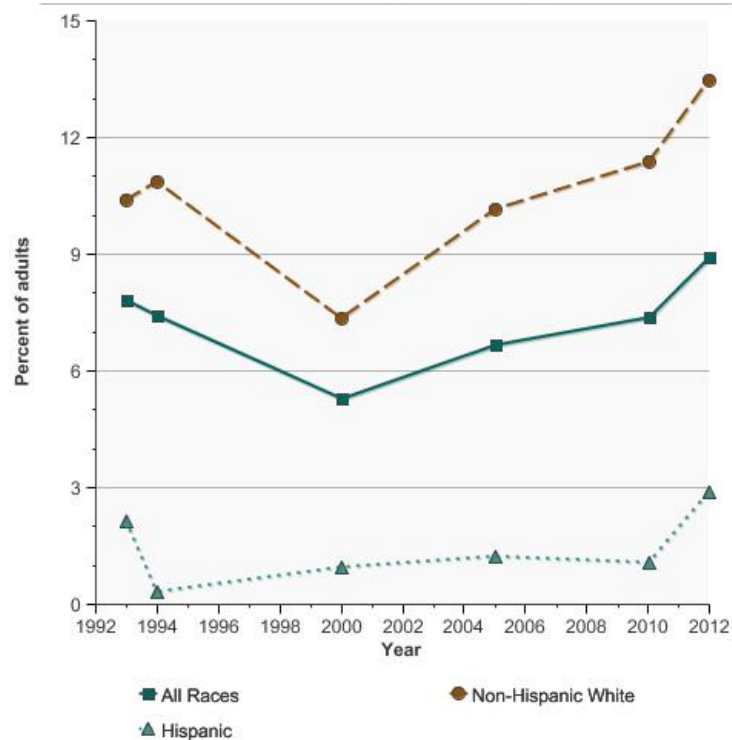
(7.0 - 10.9)

[Hispanic](#)

2.9

(0.9 - 4.9)

Percentage of males aged 18-24 years who were current smokeless tobacco users by race/ethnicity, 1993-2012



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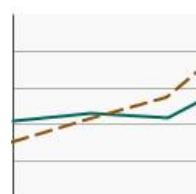
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<200% of federal poverty level

Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

7.9

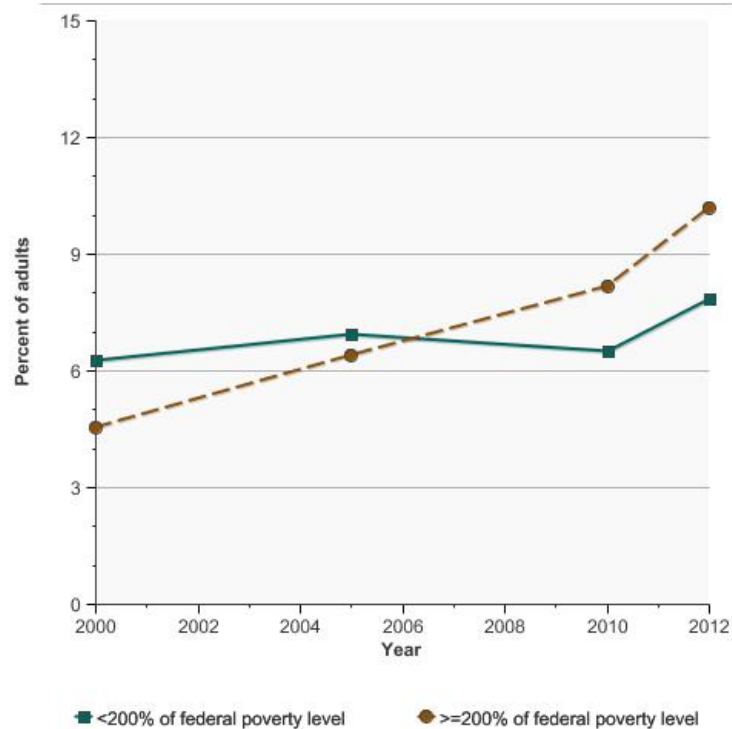
(5.7 - 10.1)

>=200% of federal poverty level

10.2

(6.7 - 13.7)

Percentage of males aged 18-24 years who were current smokeless tobacco users by poverty income level, 2000-2012



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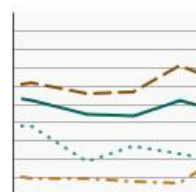
Males Ages 25 and Older by Race/Ethnicity

Percentage of males aged 25 years and older who were current smokeless tobacco users by race/ethnicity, 1993-2012

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Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

[Non-Hispanic White](#)

5.0

(4.5 - 5.4)

[Non-Hispanic Black](#)

6.7

(6.1 - 7.4)

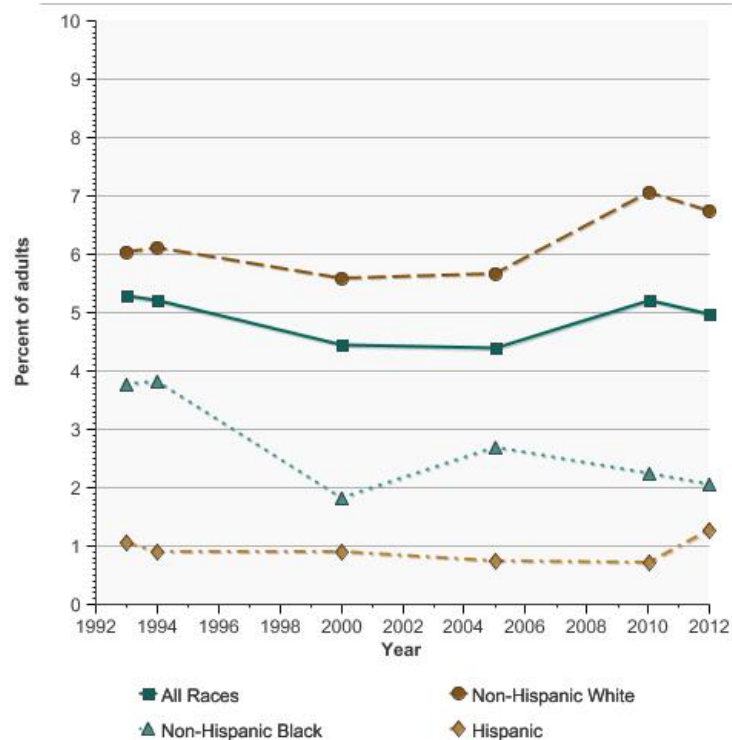
[Hispanic](#)

2.1

(1.2 - 2.9)

(0.7 - 1.8)

Percentage of males aged 25 years and older who were current smokeless tobacco users by race/ethnicity, 1993-2012



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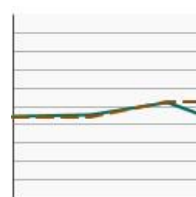
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Percentage of males aged 25 years and older who were current smokeless tobacco users by poverty income level, 2000-2012

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<200% of federal poverty level

Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

4.6

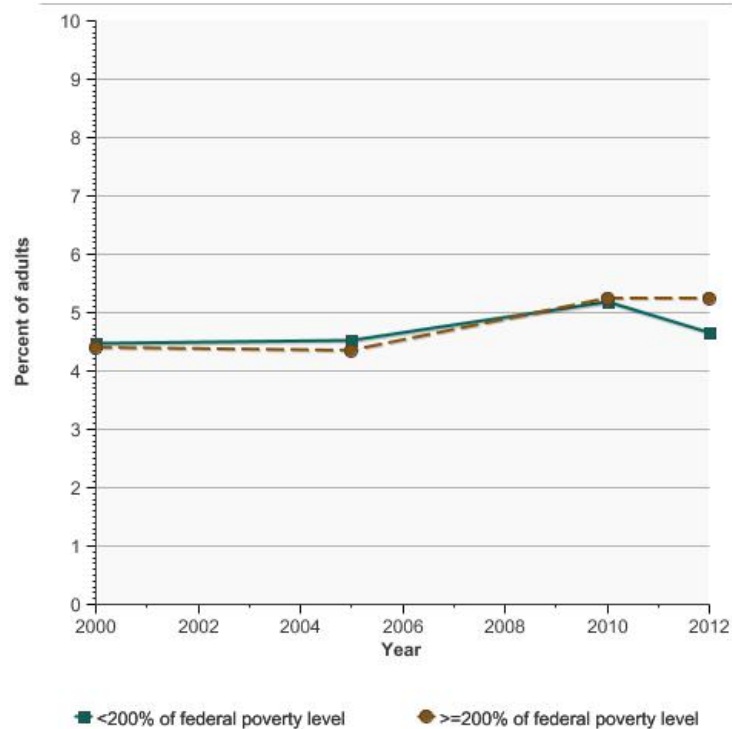
(3.9 - 5.4)

>=200% of federal poverty level

5.2

(4.6 - 5.8)

Percentage of males aged 25 years and older who were current smokeless tobacco users by poverty income level, 2000-2012



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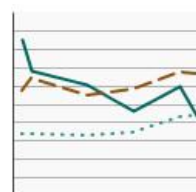
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Percentage of males aged 25 years and older who were current smokeless tobacco users by highest level of education obtained, 1993-2012

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Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

[High School](#)

4.3

(3.3 - 5.3)

[Greater than High School](#)

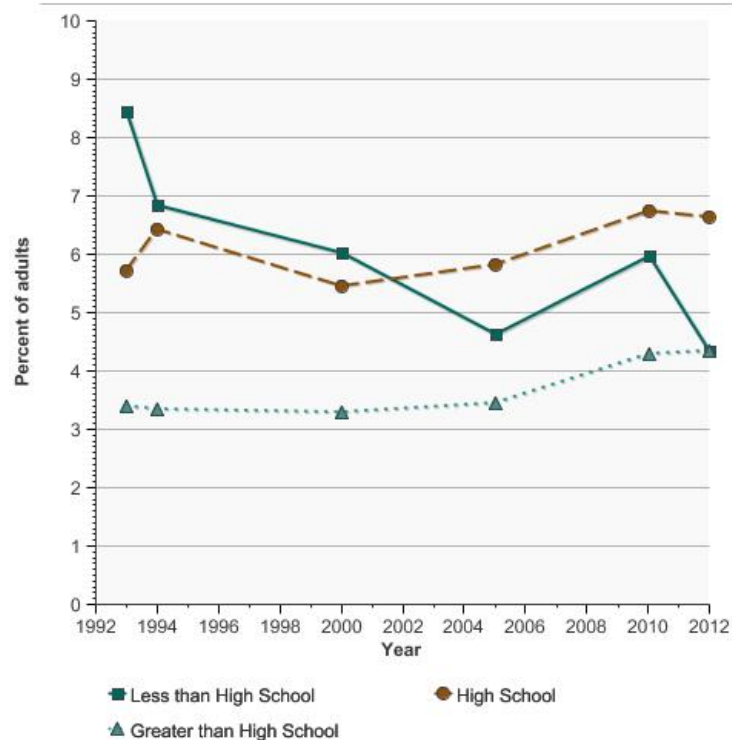
6.6

(5.6 - 7.7)

4.4

(3.8 - 4.9)

Percentage of males aged 25 years and older who were current smokeless tobacco users by highest level of education obtained, 1993-2012



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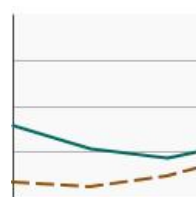
Females Ages 25 and Older by Poverty Income Level

Percentage of females aged 25 years and older who were current smokeless tobacco users by poverty income level, 2000-2012

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<200% of federal poverty level

Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

0.5

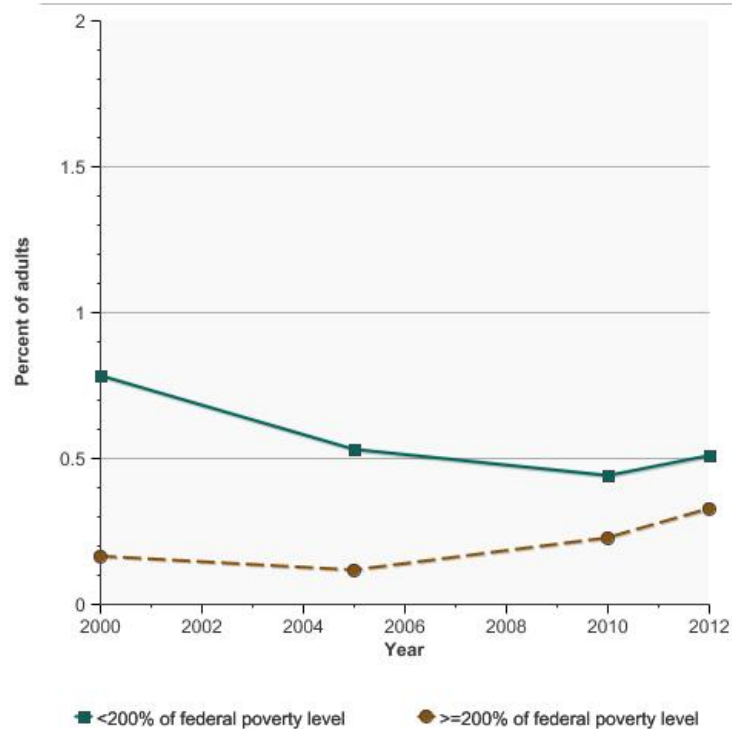
(0.3 - 0.7)

>=200% of federal poverty level

0.3

(0.2 - 0.5)

Percentage of females aged 25 years and older who were current smokeless tobacco users by poverty income level, 2000-2012



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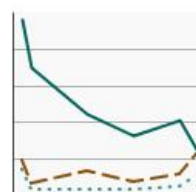
Females Ages 25 and Older by Education Level

Percentage of females aged 25 years and older who were current smokeless tobacco users by highest level of education obtained, 1993-2012

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[Less than High School](#)

Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

[High School](#)

0.6

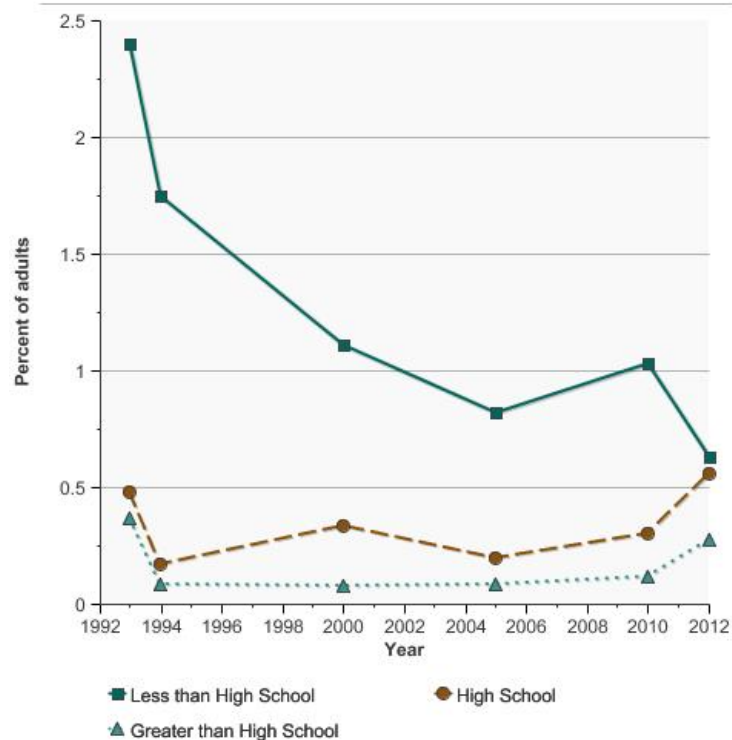
(0.2 - 1.0)

[Greater than High School](#)

0.3

(0.2 - 0.4)

Percentage of females aged 25 years and older who were current smokeless tobacco users by highest level of education obtained, 1993-2012



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. National Health Interview Survey. Data are age-adjusted to the 2000 US standard population using age groups: 25-34, 35-44, 45-64, 65+.

Cigars

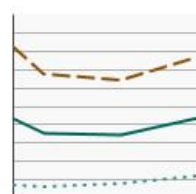
By Sex

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who were current cigar smokers by sex, 1998-2010

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[Both Sexes](#)

Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

[Male](#)

4.3

(4.0 - 4.7)

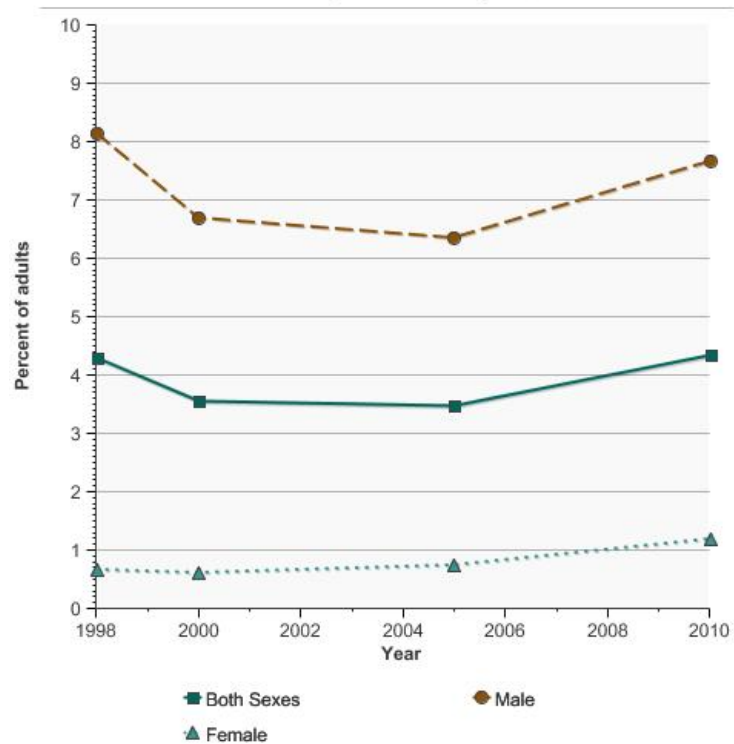
[Female](#)

7.7

(7.0 - 8.3)

(1.0 - 1.4)

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who were current cigar smokers by sex, 1998-2010



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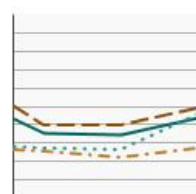
By Race/Ethnicity

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who were current cigar smokers by race/ethnicity, 1998-2010

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[All Races](#)

Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

[Non-Hispanic White](#)

4.3

(4.0 - 4.7)

[Non-Hispanic Black](#)

4.9

(4.4 - 5.4)

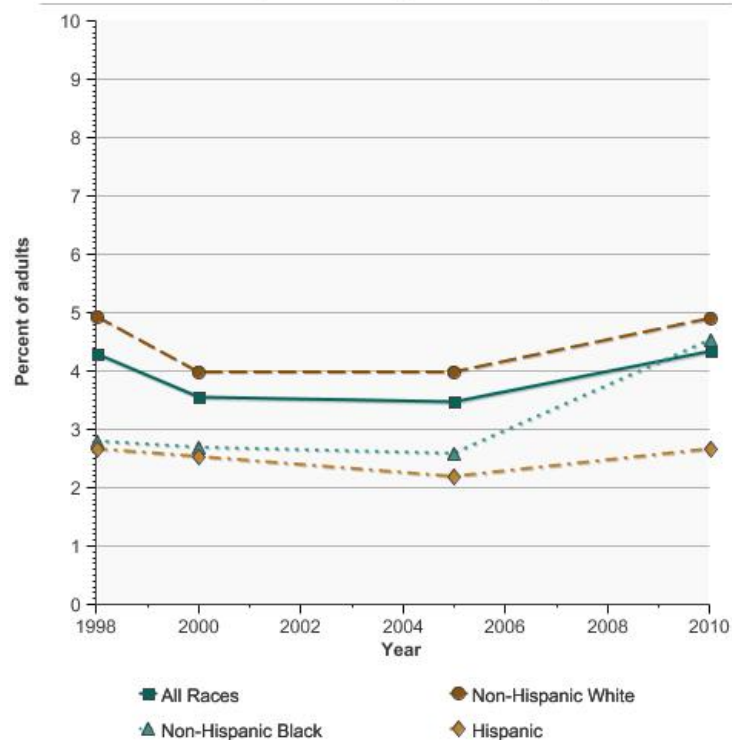
[Hispanic](#)

4.5

(3.8 - 5.3)

(2.1 - 3.2)

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who were current cigar smokers by race/ethnicity, 1998-2010



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. National Health Interview Survey. Data are age-adjusted to the 2000 US standard population using age groups: 18-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45-64, 65+.

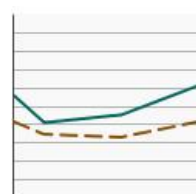
By Age

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who were current cigar smokers by age, 1998-2010

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Ages 18-24

Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

6.1

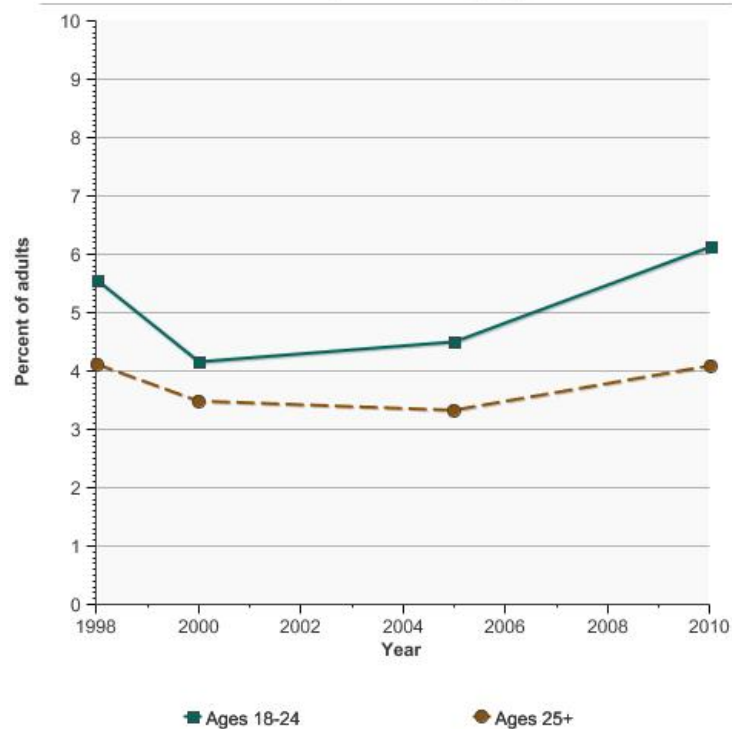
(5.0 - 7.3)

Ages 25+

4.1

(3.7 - 4.4)

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who were current cigar smokers by age, 1998-2010



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. National Health Interview Survey.

Data are age-adjusted to the 2000 US standard population. Ages 18-24 are age-adjusted using age groups: 18-19, 20-24. Ages 25+ are age-adjusted using age groups: 25-34, 35-44, 45-64, 65+.

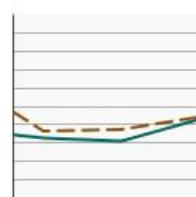
By Poverty Income Level

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who were current cigar smokers by poverty income level, 1998-2010

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<200% of federal poverty level

Percent of adults

4.3

95% Confidence Interval

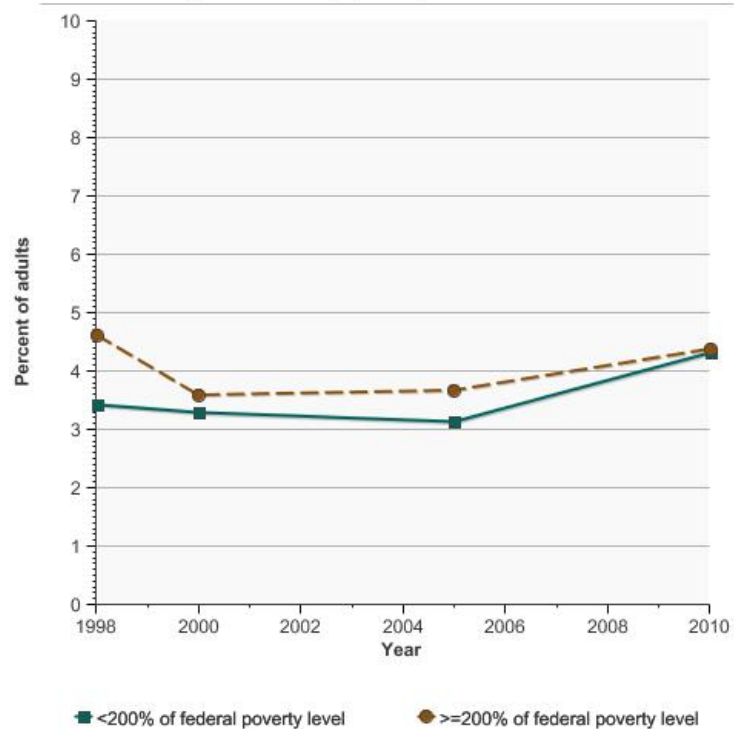
(3.8 - 4.8)

>=200% of federal poverty level

4.4

(3.9 - 4.8)

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who were current cigar smokers by poverty income level, 1998-2010



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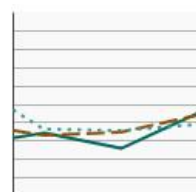
By Education Level

Percentage of adults aged 25 years and older who were current cigar smokers by highest level of education obtained, 1998-2010

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[Less than High School](#)

Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

[High School](#)

4.6
4.4

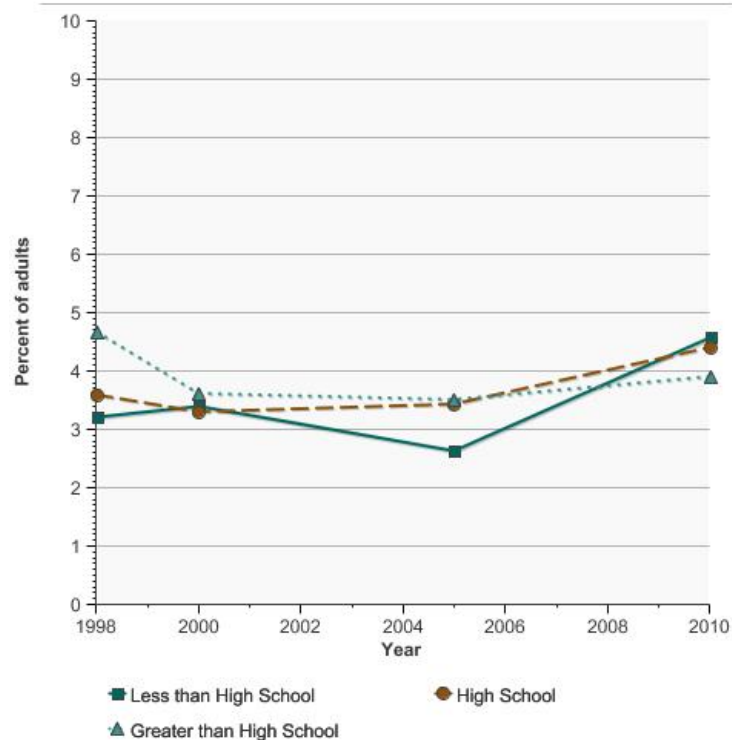
(3.7 - 5.5)
(3.7 - 5.1)

[Greater than High School](#)

3.9

(3.5 - 4.3)

Percentage of adults aged 25 years and older who were current cigar smokers by highest level of education obtained, 1998-2010



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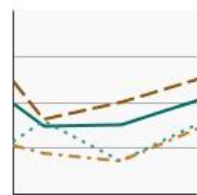
Males Ages 18-24 by Race/Ethnicity

Percentage of males aged 18-24 years who were current cigar smokers by race/ethnicity, 1998-2010

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[All Races](#)

Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

[Non-Hispanic White](#)

10.3

(8.2 - 12.3)

[Non-Hispanic Black](#)

12.5

(9.6 - 15.3)

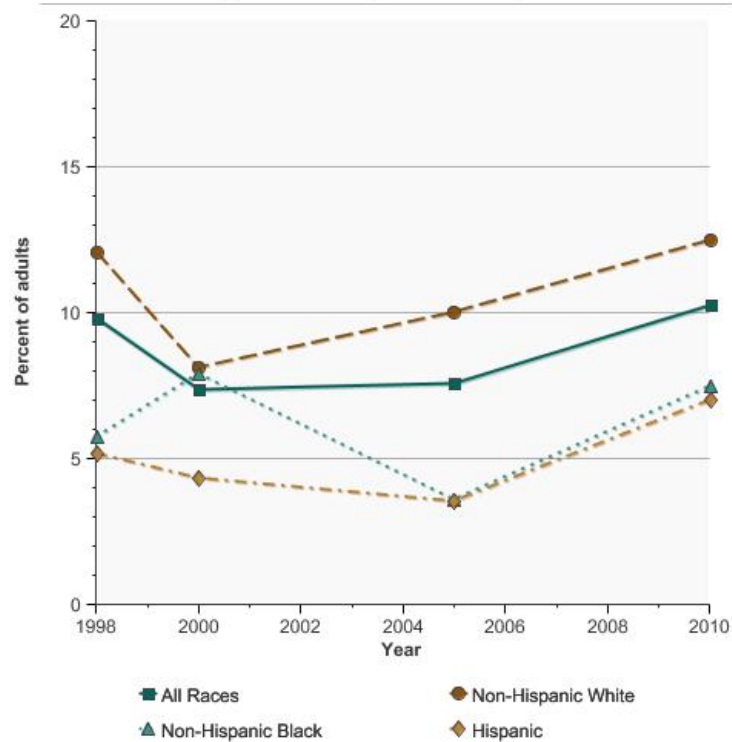
[Hispanic](#)

7.5

(2.8 - 12.2)

(3.6 - 10.4)

Percentage of males aged 18-24 years who were current cigar smokers by race/ethnicity, 1998-2010



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. National Health Interview Survey. Data are age-adjusted to the 2000 US standard population using age groups: 18-19, 20-24.

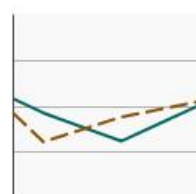
Males Ages 18-24 by Poverty Income Level

Percentage of males aged 18-24 years who were current cigar smokers by poverty income level, 1998-2010

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<200% of federal poverty level

Percent of adults

10.1

95% Confidence Interval

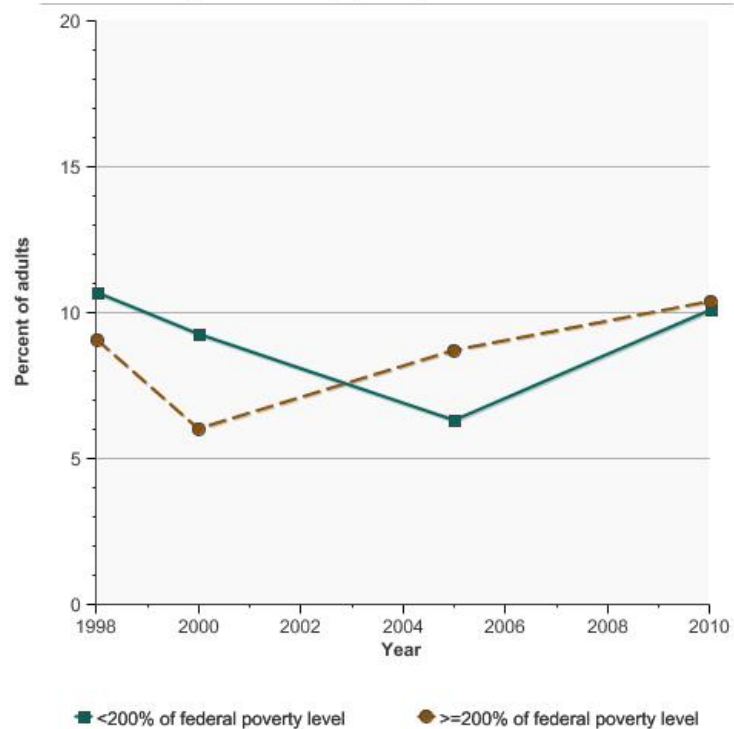
(7.3 - 12.8)

>=200% of federal poverty level

10.4

(7.1 - 13.6)

Percentage of males aged 18-24 years who were current cigar smokers by poverty income level, 1998-2010



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. National Health Interview Survey. Data are age-adjusted to the 2000 US standard population using age groups: 18-19, 20-24.

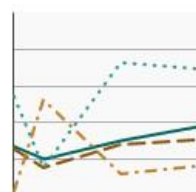
Females Ages 18-24 by Race/Ethnicity

Percentage of females aged 18-24 years who were current cigar smokers by race/ethnicity, 1998-2010

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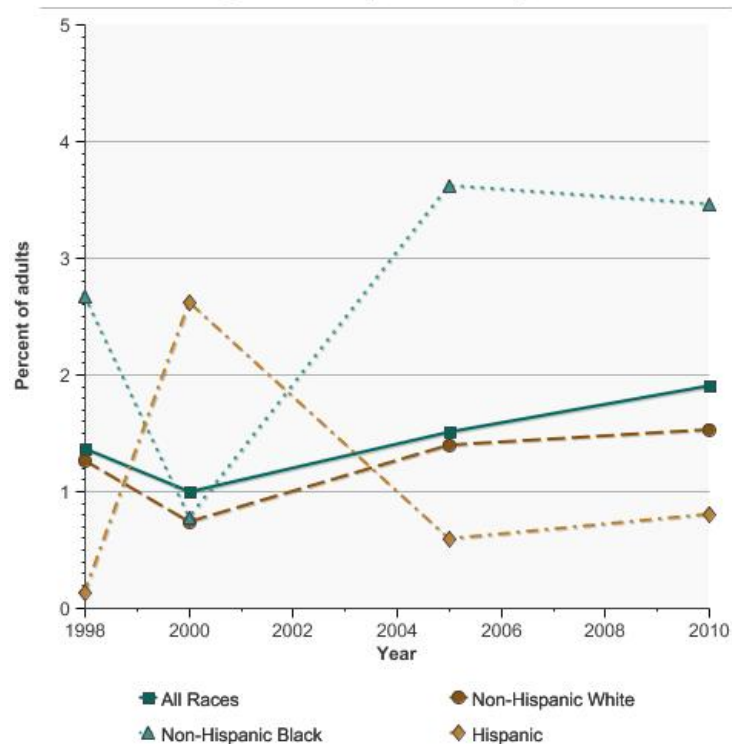
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	Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
All Races	1.9	(1.1 - 2.7)
Non-Hispanic White	1.5	(0.5 - 2.6)
Non-Hispanic Black	3.5	(1.0 - 6.0)
Hispanic	0.8	(-0.3 - 1.9)

Percentage of females aged 18-24 years who were current cigar smokers by race/ethnicity, 1998-2010



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. National Health Interview Survey. Data are age-adjusted to the 2000 US standard population using age groups: 18-19, 20-24.

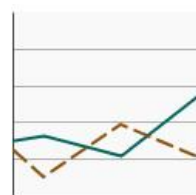
Females Ages 18-24 by Poverty Income Level

Percentage of females aged 18-24 years who were current cigar smokers by poverty income level, 1998-2010

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<200% of federal poverty level

Percent of adults

2.7

95% Confidence Interval

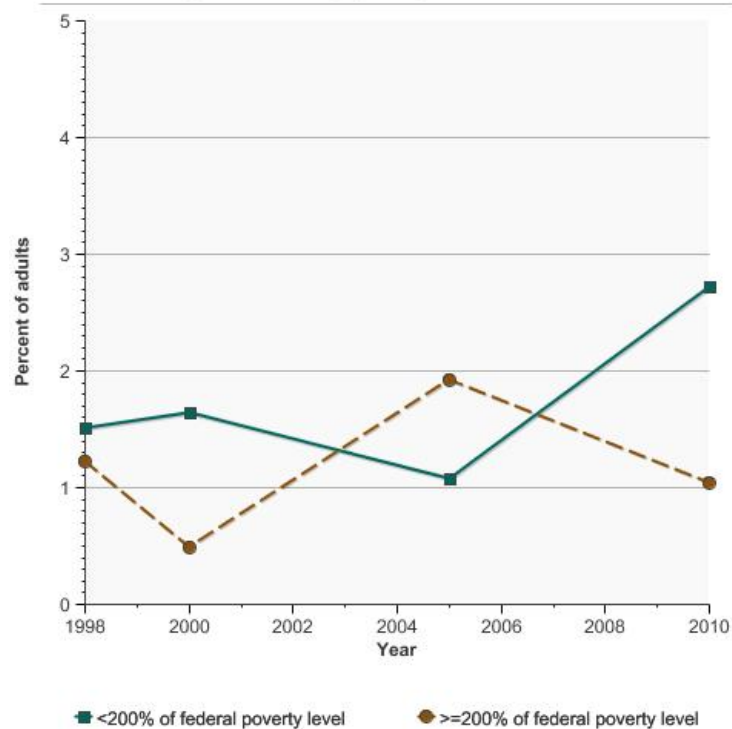
(1.4 - 4.0)

>=200% of federal poverty level

1.0

(-0.0 - 2.1)

Percentage of females aged 18-24 years who were current cigar smokers by poverty income level, 1998-2010



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. National Health Interview Survey. Data are age-adjusted to the 2000 US standard population using age groups: 18-19, 20-24.

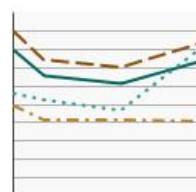
Males Ages 25 and Older by Race/Ethnicity

Percentage of males aged 25 years and older who were current cigar smokers by race/ethnicity, 1998-2010

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[All Races](#)

Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

[Non-Hispanic White](#)

7.3

(6.6 - 7.9)

[Non-Hispanic Black](#)

8.3

(7.4 - 9.1)

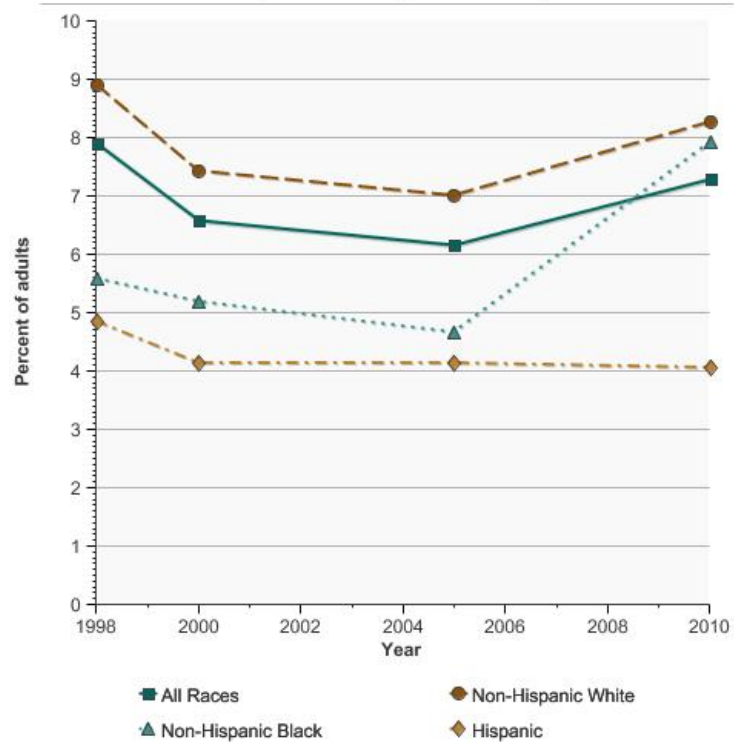
[Hispanic](#)

7.9

(6.4 - 9.5)

(2.9 - 5.2)

Percentage of males aged 25 years and older who were current cigar smokers by race/ethnicity, 1998-2010



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. National Health Interview Survey. Data are age-adjusted to the 2000 US standard population using age groups: 25-34, 35-44, 45-64, 65+.

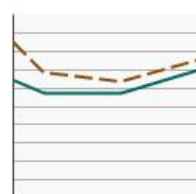
Males Ages 25 and Older by Poverty Income Level

Percentage of males aged 25 years and older who were current cigar smokers by poverty income level, 1998-2010

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<200% of federal poverty level

Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

7.0

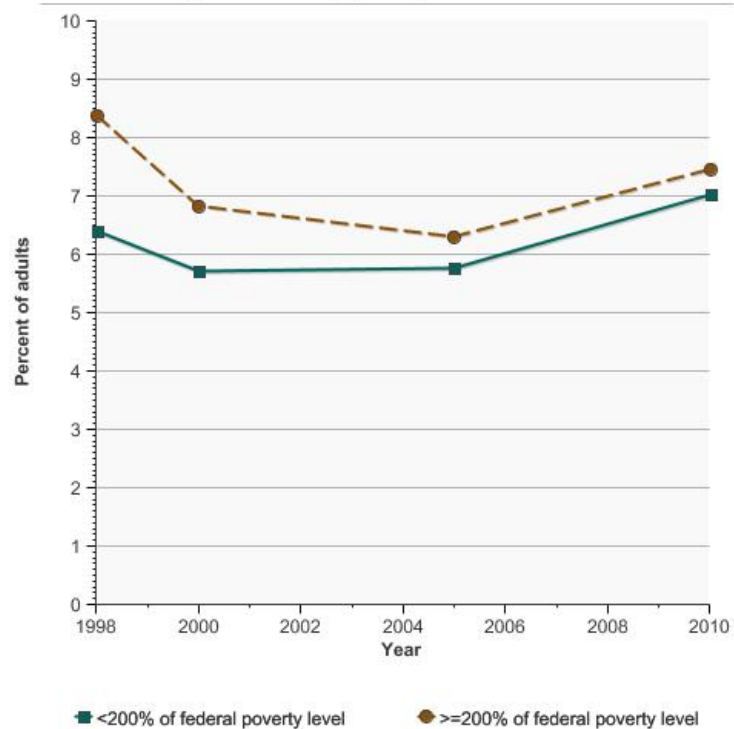
(5.9 - 8.1)

>=200% of federal poverty level

7.4

(6.7 - 8.2)

Percentage of males aged 25 years and older who were current cigar smokers by poverty income level, 1998-2010



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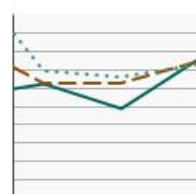
Males Ages 25 and Older by Education Level

Percentage of males aged 25 years and older who were current cigar smokers by highest level of education obtained, 1998-2010

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Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

[High School](#)

7.6
7.4

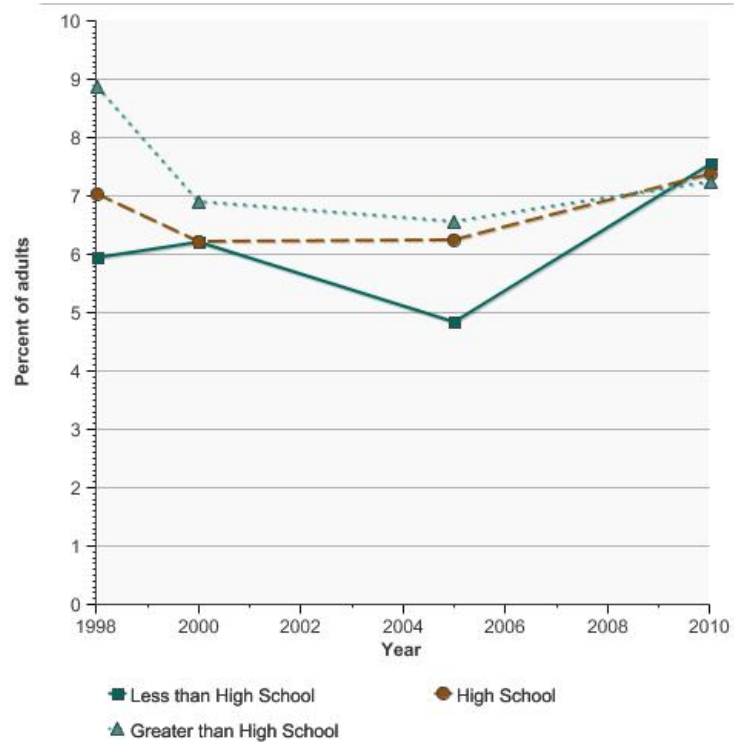
(6.0 - 9.1)
(6.2 - 8.6)

[Greater than High School](#)

7.2

(6.4 - 8.1)

Percentage of males aged 25 years and older who were current cigar smokers by highest level of education obtained, 1998-2010



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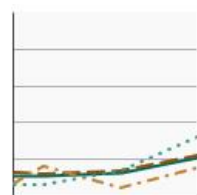
Females Ages 25 and Older by Race/Ethnicity

Percentage of females aged 25 years and older who were current cigar smokers by race/ethnicity, 1998-2010

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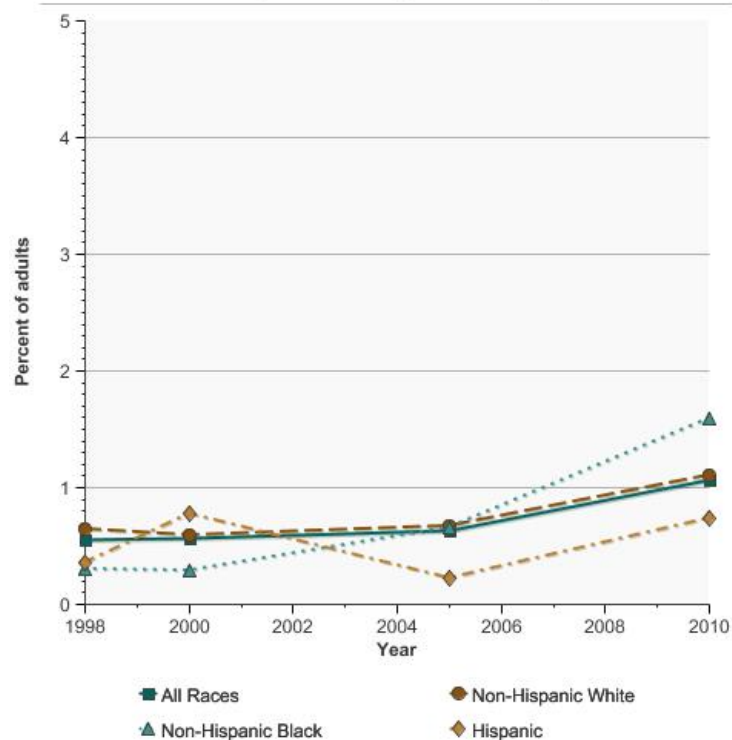
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	Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
All Races	1.1	(0.9 - 1.3)
Non-Hispanic White	1.1	(0.8 - 1.4)
Non-Hispanic Black	1.6	(1.1 - 2.1)
Hispanic	0.7	(0.4 - 1.1)

Percentage of females aged 25 years and older who were current cigar smokers by race/ethnicity, 1998-2010



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. National Health Interview Survey. Data are age-adjusted to the 2000 US standard population using age groups: 25-34, 35-44, 45-64, 65+.

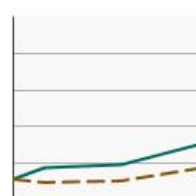
Females Ages 25 and Older by Poverty Income Level

Percentage of females aged 25 years and older who were current cigar smokers by poverty income level, 1998-2010

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<200% of federal poverty level

Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

1.5

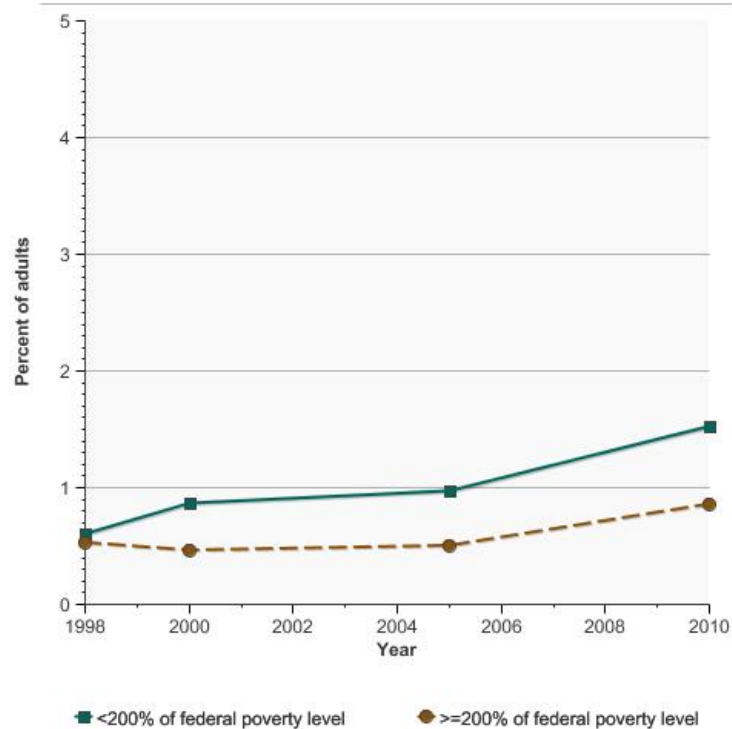
(1.1 - 1.9)

>=200% of federal poverty level

0.9

(0.6 - 1.1)

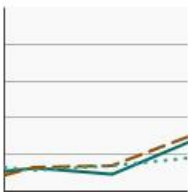
Percentage of females aged 25 years and older who were current cigar smokers by poverty income level, 1998-2010



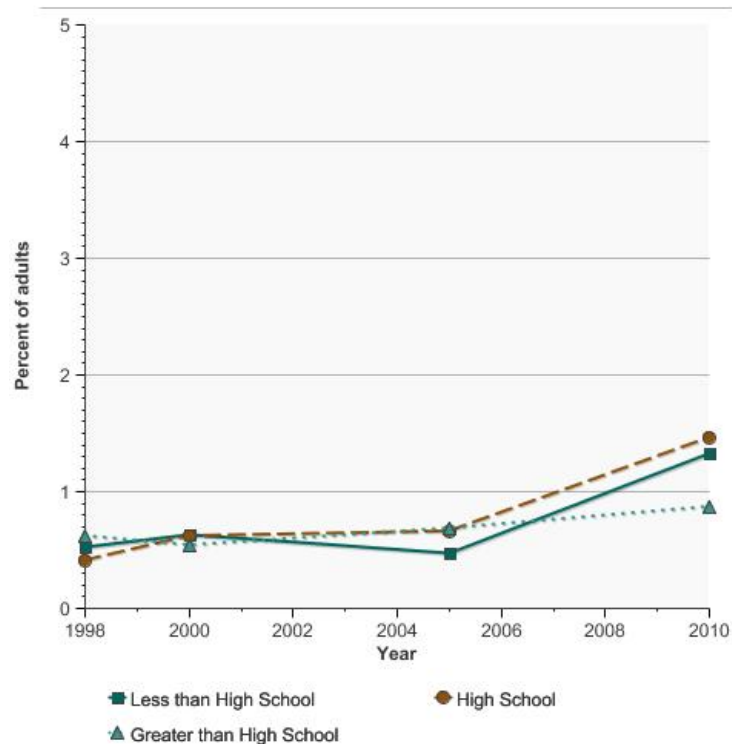
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Females Ages 25 and Older by Education Level

Percentage of females aged 25 years and older who were current cigar smokers by highest level of education obtained, 1998-2010

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		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	<u>Less than High School</u>	1.3	(0.6 - 2.0)
	<u>High School</u>	1.5	(0.9 - 2.0)
	<u>Greater than High School</u>	0.9	(0.6 - 1.1)

Percentage of females aged 25 years and older who were current cigar smokers by highest level of education obtained, 1998-2010



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. National Health Interview Survey. Data are age-adjusted to the 2000 US standard population using age groups: 25-34, 35-44, 45-64, 65+.

Cancers Related to Adult Tobacco Use

Statistical summaries from NCI's SEER Cancer Stat Fact Sheets:

- [Anal Cancer](http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/anus.html)(<http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/anus.html>)
- [Cervix Uteri](http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/cervix.html)(<http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/cervix.html>)
- [Colon and Rectum](http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/colorect.html)(<http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/colorect.html>)
- [Esophagus](http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/esoph.html)(<http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/esoph.html>)
- [Kidney and Renal Pelvis](http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/kidrp.html)(<http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/kidrp.html>)
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- [Stomach](http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/stomach.html)(<http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/stomach.html>)

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For smokers

- [Guide to Quitting Smoking](http://www.cancer.org/healthy/stayawayfromtobacco/guidetoquittingsmoking/guide-to-quitting-smoking-toc)(http://www.cancer.org/healthy/stayawayfromtobacco/guidetoquittingsmoking/guide-to-quitting-smoking-toc). American Cancer Society.
- [Free Help to Quit Smoking](http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/tobacco/smoking)(http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/tobacco/smoking). National Cancer Institute.
- [Smokefree.gov](http://smokefree.gov)(http://smokefree.gov). National Cancer Institute.

Smoking Cessation

Tobacco use can lead to nicotine dependence and serious health problems. Quitting smoking greatly reduces the risk of developing smoking-related diseases, including cancer.

- [Quitting Smoking](#)
- [Clinicians' Advice to Quit Smoking](#)

Quitting Smoking

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Introduction

Quitting smoking has major and immediate health benefits for men and women of all ages. Quitting smoking dramatically reduces the risk of lung and other cancers, coronary heart disease, stroke, and chronic lung disease. For example, 10 years after a person quits smoking, his or her risk of lung cancer is decreased to about one-third to one-half of that of a person who continues to smoke; with continued abstinence from smoking, the risk of lung cancer decreases even further.

Although quitting smoking is beneficial at any age, the earlier in life a person quits, the more likely it is that he or she will avoid the devastating health effects of continued tobacco use. Few smokers can quit successfully on their first attempt; most people will require several attempts before they are able to permanently quit. This emphasizes the need for smokers to begin trying to quit as early in life as possible.

Measure

Attempt to quit: The percentage of adult smokers aged 18 years and older who attempted smoking cessation within the past 12 months. The attempt-to-quit measure includes both current smokers who smoke every day or some days and who, at the time of the survey, had quit smoking for at least 1 day during the past 12 months, as well as recent former smokers, who quit smoking less than 1 year ago.

Successful quitting: The percentage of recent smoking cessation success for adult smokers (aged 18 years and older) includes two conditions that define successful cessation. If a survey participant satisfied both of the following criteria, they were only included once in the calculation.

1. Former smokers who had quit smoking 6-12 months prior to the survey interview.
2. Former smokers who had initiated smoking at least 2 years prior to the survey interview and who quit smoking any time during the past 12 months.

Healthy People 2020 Target

- Increase to 80 percent the proportion of adult current smokers (aged 18 years and older) who stopped smoking for a day or longer because they were trying to quit.
- Increase to 8 percent the proportion of adult smokers (aged 18 years and older) who successfully quit smoking for at least 6 months in the past 12 months.
- Healthy People 2020 is developing two additional targets to promote smoking cessation using evidence-based strategies. These developmental targets include one to increase smoking cessation attempts by adult smokers using evidence-based strategies (TU-4.2) and one to increase recent smoking cessation success by adult smokers using evidence-based strategies (TU-5.2).

Healthy People 2020 is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Data Source

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Health Interview Survey 1998-2012.

Trends and Most Recent Estimates Attempted to Quit Smoking

By Sex

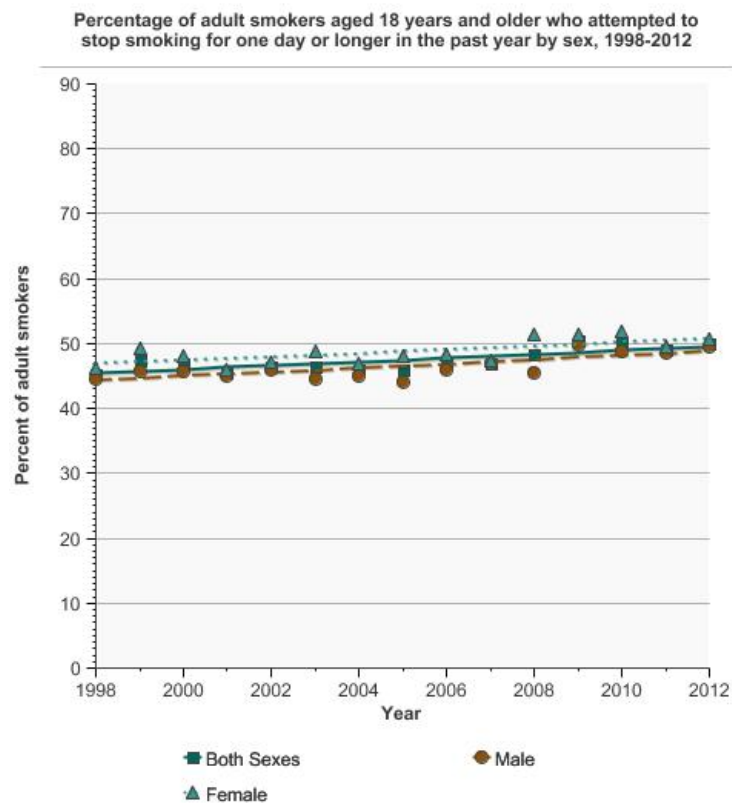
Percentage of adult smokers aged 18 years and older who attempted to stop smoking for one day or longer in the past year by sex, 1998-2012

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[Detailed Trend Graphs](#)

Most Recent Estimates (2012)

	Percent of adult smokers	95% Confidence Interval
Both Sexes	50.1	(48.4 - 51.7)
Male	49.5	(47.2 - 51.7)
Female	50.7	(48.5 - 52.9)



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. National Health Interview Survey. Data are age-adjusted to the 2000 US standard population using age groups: 18-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45-64, 65+.

By Race/Ethnicity

Percentage of adult smokers aged 18 years and older who attempted to stop smoking for one day or longer in the past year by race/ethnicity, 1998-2012

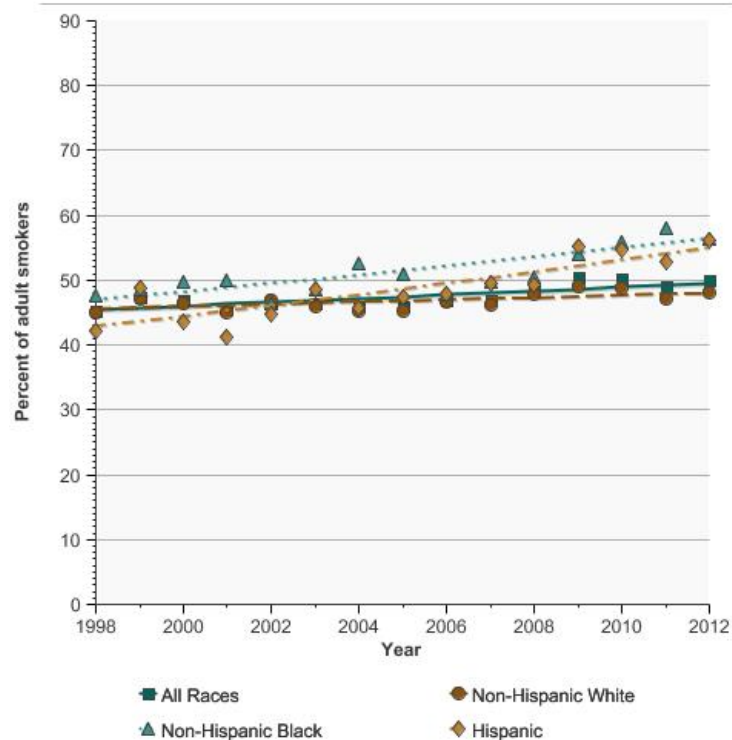
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Most Recent Estimates (2012)

	Percent of adult smokers	95% Confidence Interval
All Races	50.1	(48.4 - 51.7)
Non-Hispanic White	48.1	(46.2 - 50.1)
Non-Hispanic Black	56.5	(52.6 - 60.3)
Hispanic	56.1	(51.6 - 60.5)

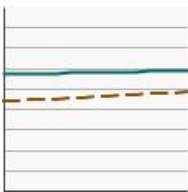
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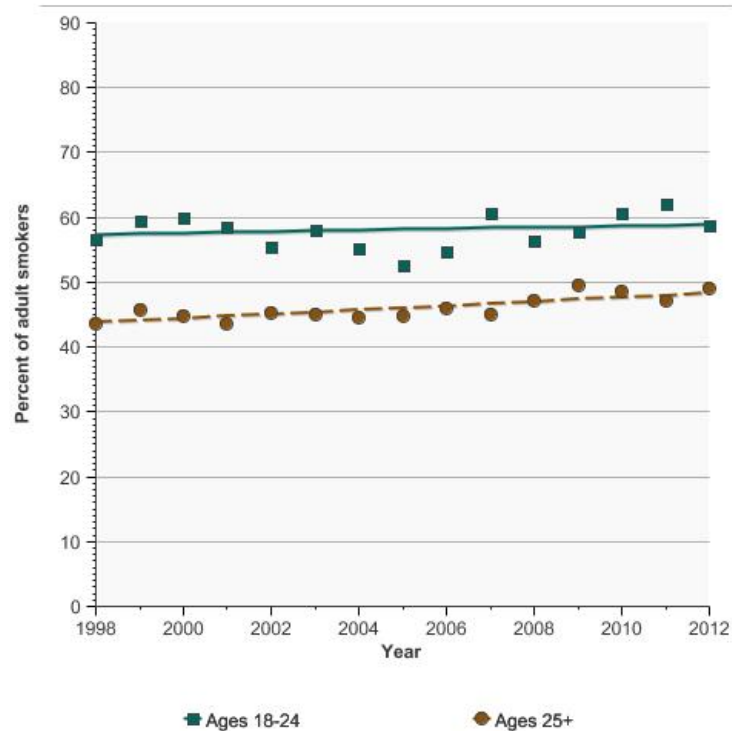
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By Age

Percentage of adult smokers aged 18 years and older who attempted to stop smoking for one day or longer in the past year by age, 1998-2012

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2012)	
		Percent of adult smokers	95% Confidence Interval
	<u>Ages 18-24</u>	58.8	(53.7 - 63.9)
	<u>Ages 25+</u>	49.0	(47.3 - 50.7)

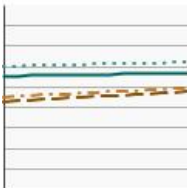
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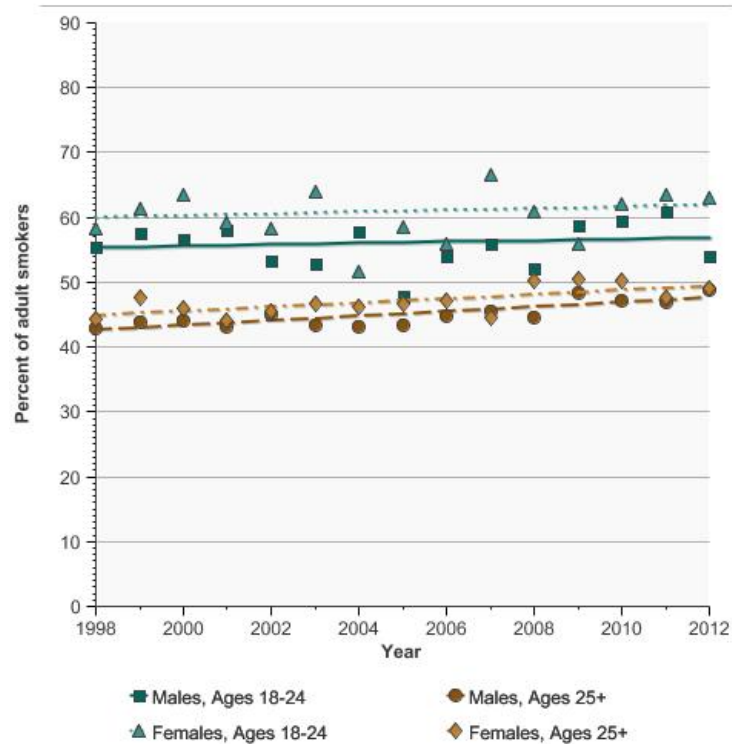
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By Sex and Age

Percentage of adult smokers aged 18 years and older who attempted to stop smoking for one day or longer in the past year by age and sex, 1998-2012

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2012)	
		Percent of adult smokers	95% Confidence Interval
	Males, Ages 18-24	54.0	(46.3 - 61.8)
	Males, Ages 25+	48.8	(46.4 - 51.2)
	Females, Ages 18-24	63.1	(56.5 - 69.7)
	Females, Ages 25+	49.1	(46.9 - 51.3)

Percentage of adult smokers aged 18 years and older who attempted to stop smoking for one day or longer in the past year by age and sex, 1998-2012



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By Poverty Income Level

Percentage of adult smokers aged 18 years and older who attempted to stop smoking for one day or longer in the past year by poverty income level, 1998-2012

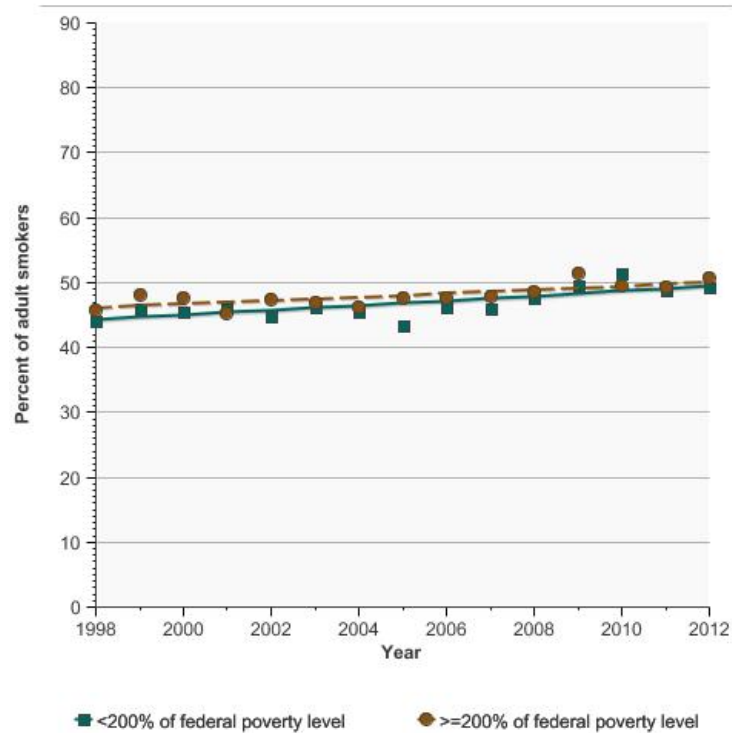
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Most Recent Estimates (2012)

	Percent of adult smokers	95% Confidence Interval
<200% of federal poverty level	49.2	(47.0 - 51.4)
>=200% of federal poverty level	50.7	(48.2 - 53.1)

Percentage of adult smokers aged 18 years and older who attempted to stop smoking for one day or longer in the past year by poverty income level, 1998-2012



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. National Health Interview Survey. Data are age-adjusted to the 2000 US standard population using age groups: 18-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45-64, 65+.

By Education Level

Percentage of adult smokers aged 25 years and older who attempted to stop smoking for one day or longer in the past year by highest level of education obtained, 1998-2012

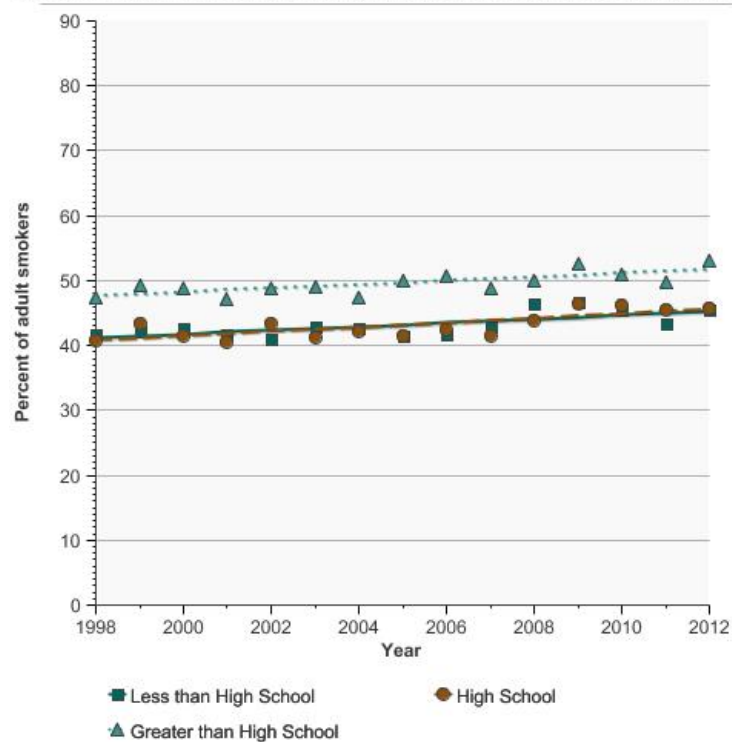
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Most Recent Estimates (2012)

	Percent of adult smokers	95% Confidence Interval
Less than High School	45.4	(41.8 - 49.0)
High School	45.8	(43.0 - 48.7)
Greater than High School	53.0	(50.6 - 55.5)

Percentage of adult smokers aged 25 years and older who attempted to stop smoking for one day or longer in the past year by highest level of education obtained, 1998-2012



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Successfully Quit Smoking

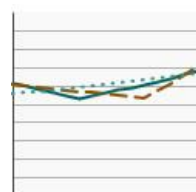
By Sex

Percentage of recent smoking cessation success among adult smokers aged 18 years and older by sex, 1998-2012

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Most Recent Estimates (2012)



[Both Sexes](#)

6.9

(6.1 - 7.7)

[Male](#)

6.7

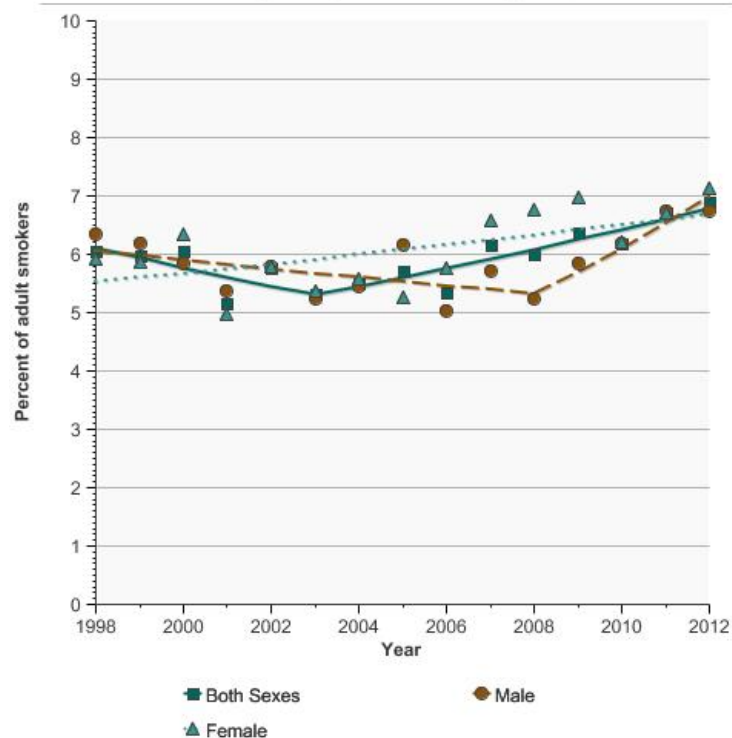
(5.6 - 7.9)

[Female](#)

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(6.0 - 8.3)

Percentage of recent smoking cessation success among adult smokers aged 18 years and older by sex, 1998-2012



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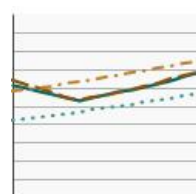
By Race/Ethnicity

Percentage of recent smoking cessation success among adult smokers aged 18 years and older by race/ethnicity, 1998-2012

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Most Recent Estimates (2012)



[All Races](#)

Percent of adult smokers

95% Confidence Interval

[Non-Hispanic White](#)

6.9

(6.1 - 7.7)

[Non-Hispanic Black](#)

6.9

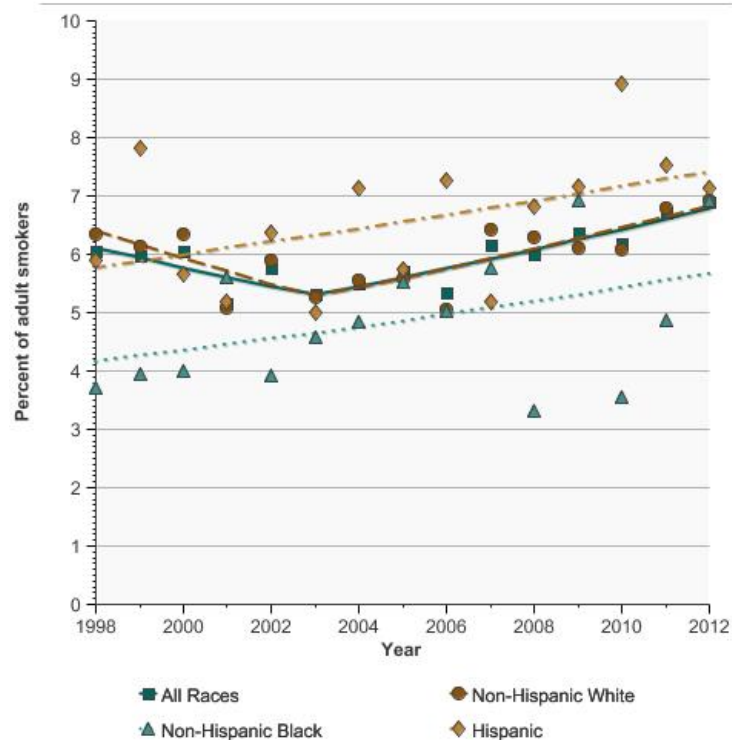
(6.0 - 7.9)

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(4.6 - 9.3)

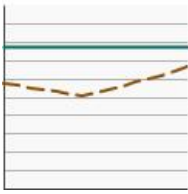
Percentage of recent smoking cessation success among adult smokers aged 18 years and older by race/ethnicity, 1998-2012



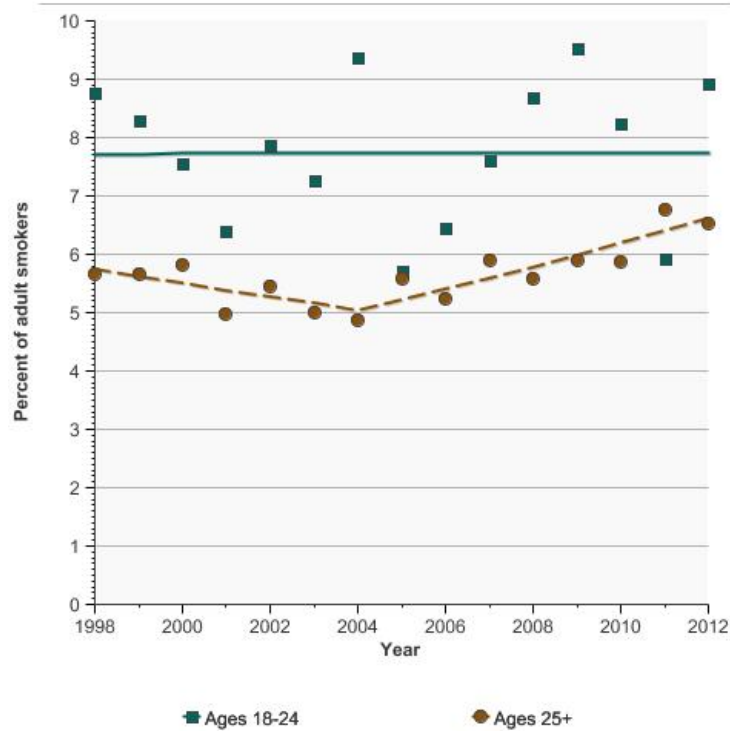
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By Age

Percentage of recent smoking cessation success among adult smokers aged 18 years and older by age, 1998-2012

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2012)	
		Percent of adult smokers	95% Confidence Interval
	<u>Ages 18-24</u>	8.9	(5.8 - 12.1)
	<u>Ages 25+</u>	6.5	(5.7 - 7.3)

Percentage of recent smoking cessation success among adult smokers aged 18 years and older by age, 1998-2012



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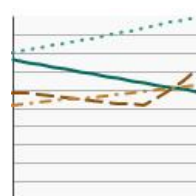
By Sex and Age

Percentage of recent smoking cessation success among adult smokers aged 18 years and older by age and sex, 1998-2012

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Most Recent Estimates (2012)



[Males Ages 18-24](#)

Percent of adult smokers

95% Confidence Interval

[Males Ages 25+](#)

6.7

(2.8 - 10.7)

[Females Ages 18-24](#)

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[Females Ages 25+](#)

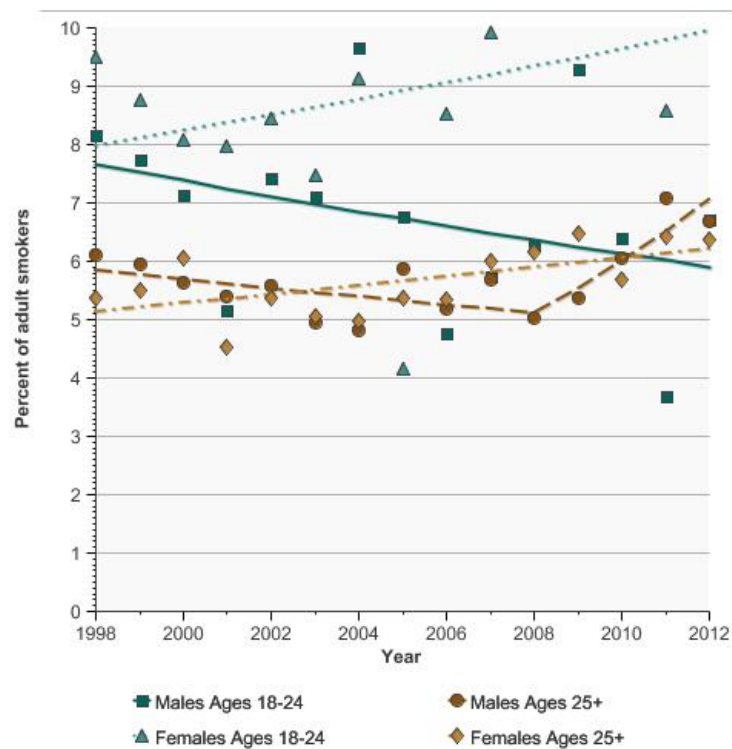
11.6

(6.6 - 16.6)

6.4

(5.3 - 7.4)

Percentage of recent smoking cessation success among adult smokers aged 18 years and older by age and sex, 1998-2012



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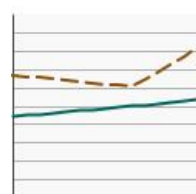
By Poverty Income Level

Percentage of recent smoking cessation success among adult smokers aged 18 years and older by poverty income level, 1998-2012

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Most Recent Estimates (2012)



<200% of federal poverty level

Percent of adult smokers

5.2

95% Confidence Interval

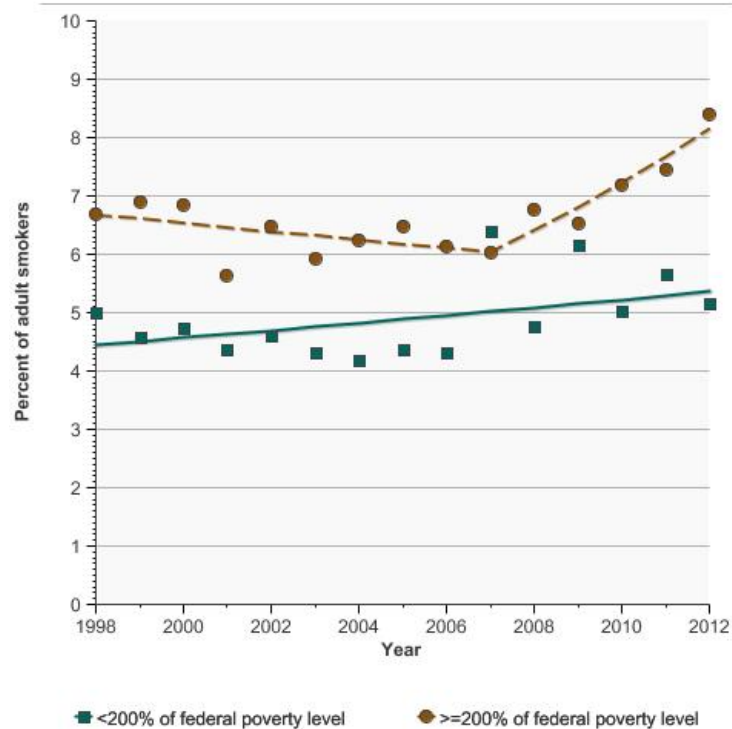
(4.1 - 6.2)

>=200% of federal poverty level

8.4

(7.1 - 9.6)

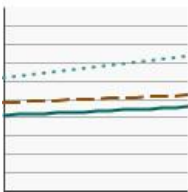
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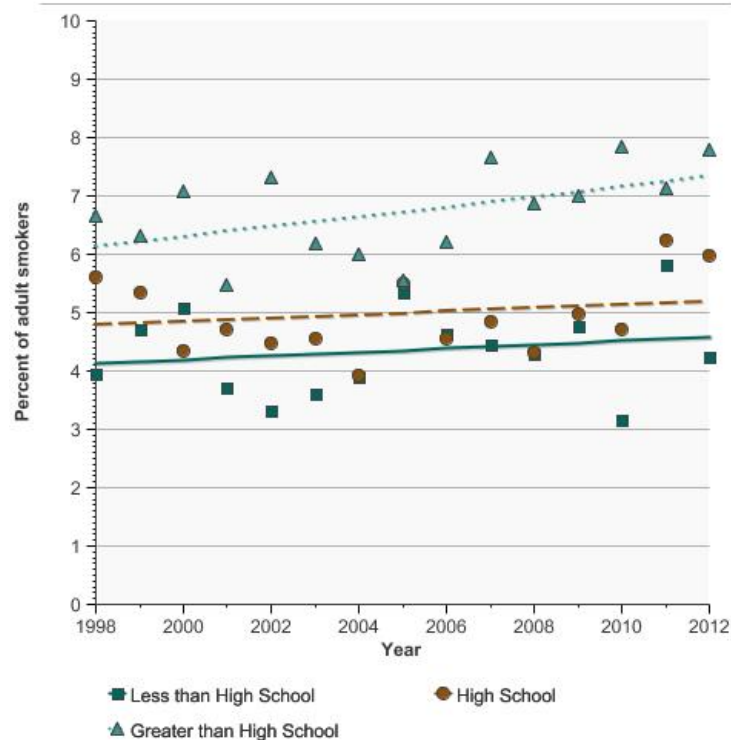
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By Education Level

Percentage of recent smoking cessation success among adult smokers aged 25 years and older by highest level of education obtained, 1998-2012

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2012)	
		Percent of adult smokers	95% Confidence Interval
	<u>Less than High School</u>	4.2	(2.7 - 5.8)
	<u>High School</u>	6.0	(4.6 - 7.4)
	<u>Greater than High School</u>	7.8	(6.5 - 9.1)

Percentage of recent smoking cessation success among adult smokers aged 25 years and older by highest level of education obtained, 1998-2012



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Introduction

Clinicians' advice to quit smoking can by itself contribute 5 to 10 percentage points toward quitting among smoking patients and much more if coupled with behavioral therapy and pharmacological treatment of nicotine addiction. In addition, even minimal clinical interventions have been shown to be cost effective in increasing smokers' motivation to quit.

If a patient wants to quit, the national guidelines recommend that the clinician follow the "5 A's" (ask, advise, assess, assist, and arrange). For patients who do not want to quit, the clinician should instead provide a brief intervention designed to promote the motivation to quit. Experts have suggested that a wide variety of clinicians, including dentists, physicians, and other health professionals such as pharmacists, can effectively implement brief strategies to increase future quit attempts. In fact, the CVS Pharmacy is the first U.S. national chain to stop selling tobacco products altogether, as they see their role in promoting health incongruous with the sale of tobacco products.

Measure

The percentage of adult smokers (aged 18 years and older) who have seen a physician or dentist in the past 12 months and report that the physician or dentist advised them to quit smoking.

Healthy People 2020 Target

The Healthy People 2020 (HP2020) targets are developed based on the National Center for Health Statistics survey of physicians and hospitals. In contrast, the data presented in the Cancer Trends Progress Report are based on reports from patients regarding whether they received smoking cessation advice from their physicians or dentists. Therefore, the data presented in this report cannot be directly compared to the HP2020 objectives. Nevertheless, patient self-report data is a valuable measure of how clinicians' advice to quit smoking is changing over time.

HP2020 includes targets for physicians' advice to quit smoking in office-based ambulatory care settings and in hospital ambulatory care settings. The HP2020 objective is for adult smokers to receive tobacco cessation counseling at 21.1 percent of visits to physicians' offices, and at 24.9 percent of hospital visits. HP2020 also includes targets for dentists' advice to quit smoking in dental care settings. The HP2020 objective is for patients who use tobacco products to receive cessation counseling at 39.3 percent of dental care visits.

HP2020 targets for clinicians' advice to quit smoking in substance abuse care settings are still in development.

Healthy People 2020 is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Data Source

The Tobacco Use Supplement to the Current Population Survey, National Cancer Institute, 1992–2011.

Trends and Most Recent Estimates Physicians' Advice to Quit Smoking

By Sex

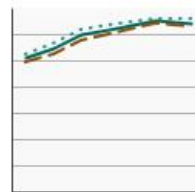
Percentage of smokers aged 18 years and older who have seen a physician in the past year and were advised to quit smoking by sex, 1992-2011

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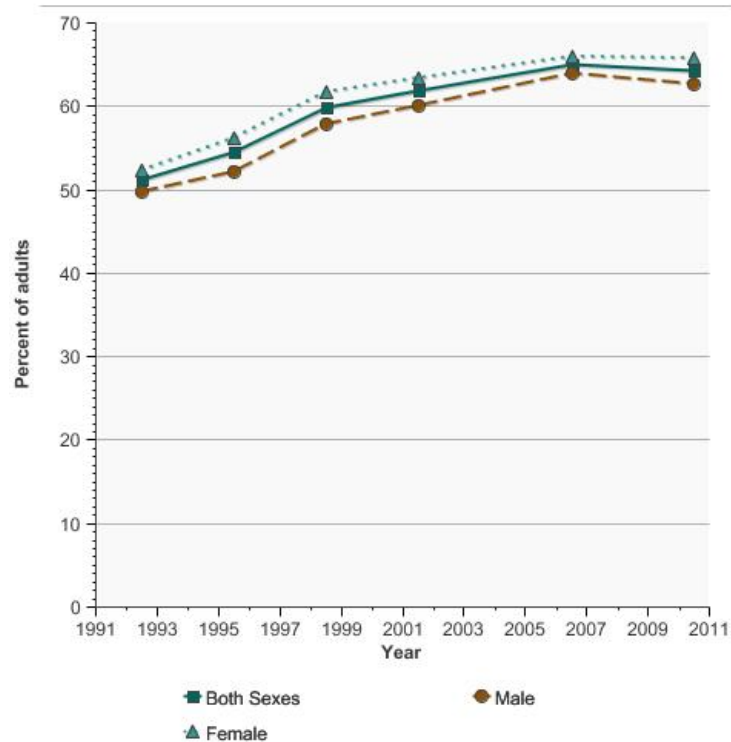
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Most Recent Estimates (2010 to 2011)

	Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
Both Sexes	64.4	(63.4 - 65.3)
Male	62.7	(61.3 - 64.0)
Female	65.8	(64.6 - 66.9)



Percentage of smokers aged 18 years and older who have seen a physician in the past year and were advised to quit smoking by sex, 1992-2011



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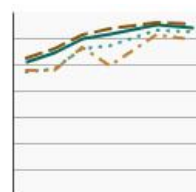
By Race/Ethnicity

Percentage of smokers aged 18 years and older who have seen a physician in the past year and were advised to quit smoking by race/ethnicity, 1992-2011

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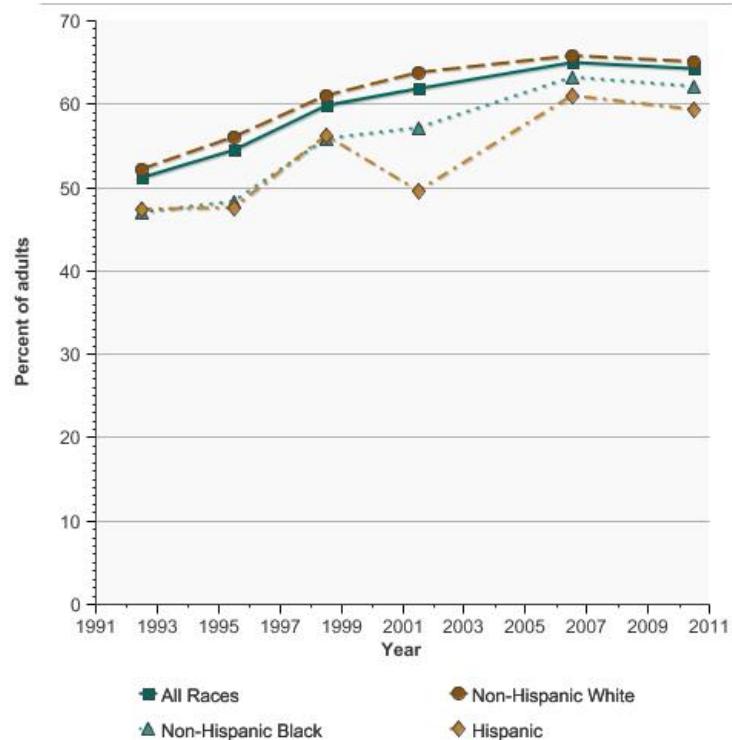
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Most Recent Estimates (2010 to 2011)



	Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
All Races	64.4	(63.4 - 65.3)
Non-Hispanic White	65.1	(64.0 - 66.2)
Non-Hispanic Black	62.1	(58.8 - 65.4)
Hispanic	59.3	(55.6 - 63.0)

Percentage of smokers aged 18 years and older who have seen a physician in the past year and were advised to quit smoking by race/ethnicity, 1992-2011



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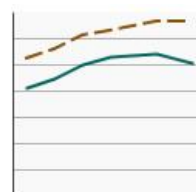
By Age

Percentage of smokers aged 18 years and older who have seen a physician in the past year and were advised to quit smoking by age, 1992-2011

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[Ages 18-24](#)

Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

50.3

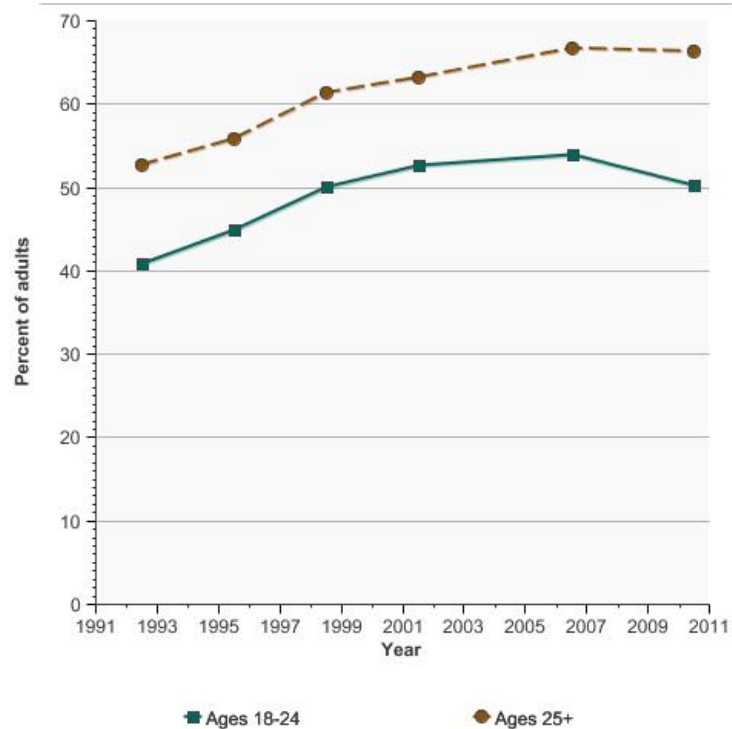
(46.8 - 53.9)

[Ages 25+](#)

66.2

(65.3 - 67.2)

Percentage of smokers aged 18 years and older who have seen a physician in the past year and were advised to quit smoking by age, 1992-2011



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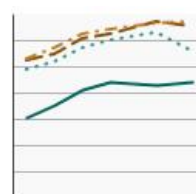
By Sex and Age

Percentage of smokers aged 18 years and older who have seen a physician in the past year and were advised to quit smoking by sex and age, 1992-2011

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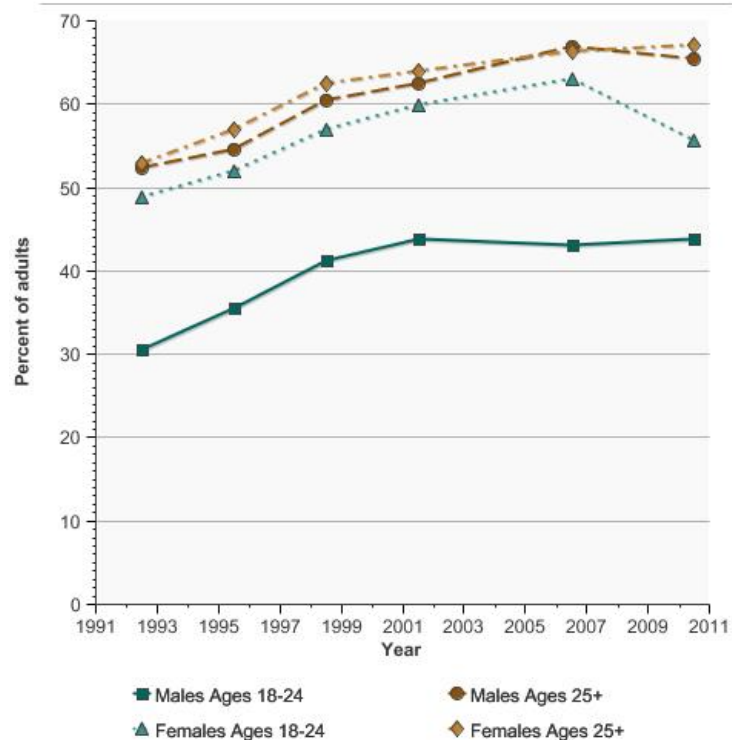
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Most Recent Estimates (2010 to 2011)



	Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
Males Ages 18-24	43.9	(38.2 - 49.5)
Males Ages 25+	65.3	(64.0 - 66.7)
Females Ages 18-24	55.6	(51.1 - 60.1)
Females Ages 25+	67.0	(65.9 - 68.2)

Percentage of smokers aged 18 years and older who have seen a physician in the past year and were advised to quit smoking by sex and age, 1992-2011



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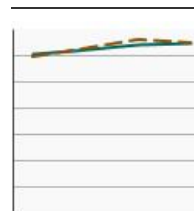
By Poverty Income Level

Percentage of smokers aged 18 years and older who have seen a physician in the past year and were advised to quit smoking by poverty income level, 1998-2011

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[<200% of federal poverty level](#)

Percent of adults

64.6

95% Confidence Interval

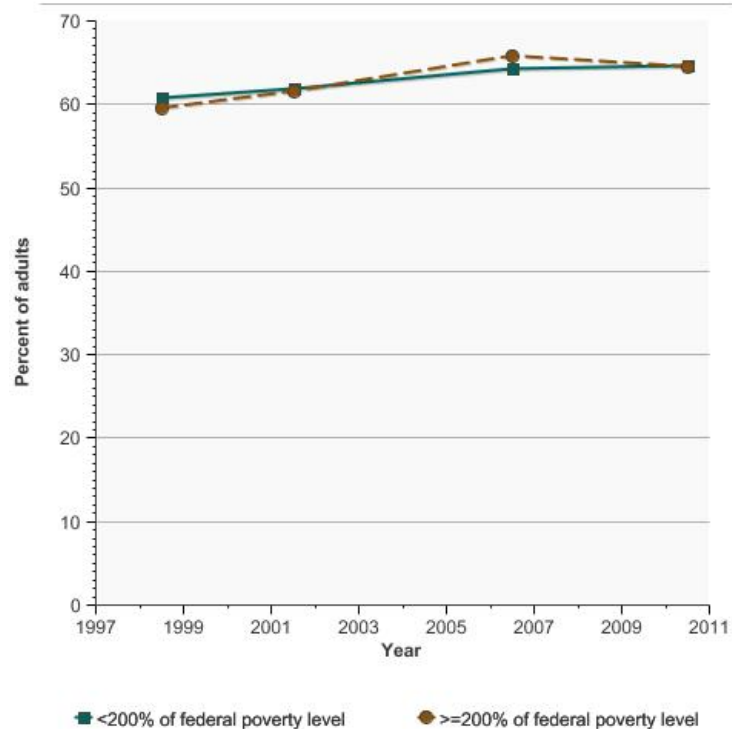
(63.0 - 66.2)

[>=200% of federal poverty level](#)

64.4

(63.1 - 65.7)

Percentage of smokers aged 18 years and older who have seen a physician in the past year and were advised to quit smoking by poverty income level, 1998-2011



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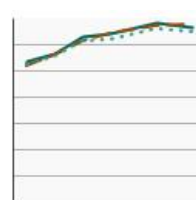
By Education Level

Percentage of smokers aged 25 years and older who have seen a physician in the past year and were advised to quit smoking by highest level of education obtained, 1992-2011

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[Less than High School](#)

Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

[High School](#)

66.5

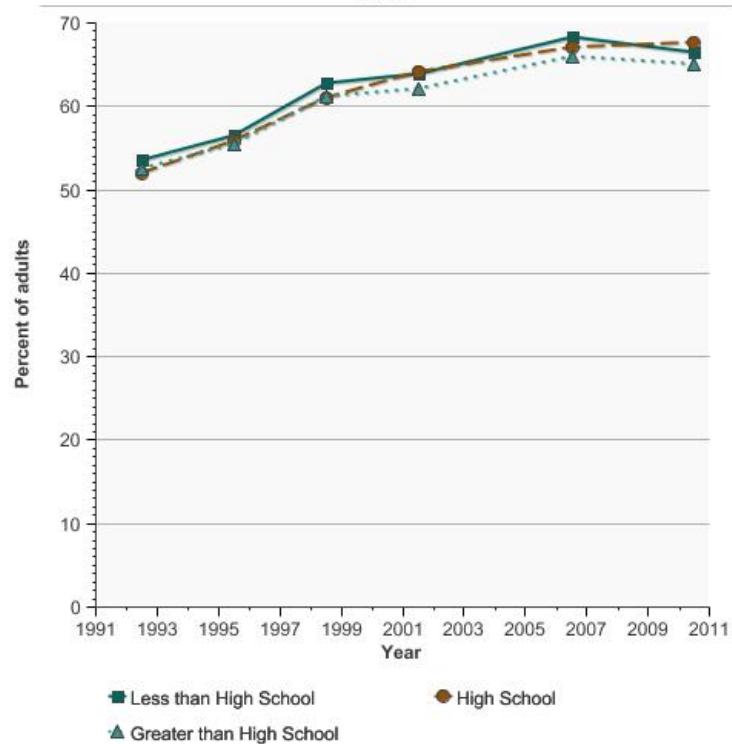
(64.1 - 68.9)

[Greater than High School](#)

65.0

(63.7 - 66.3)

Percentage of smokers aged 25 years and older who have seen a physician in the past year and were advised to quit smoking by highest level of education obtained, 1992-...



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Dentists' Advice to Quit Smoking

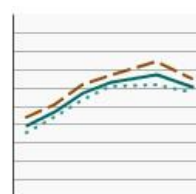
By Sex

Percentage of smokers aged 18 years and older who have seen a dentist in the past year and were advised to quit smoking by sex, 1992-2011

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[Both Sexes](#)

Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

[Male](#)

30.4

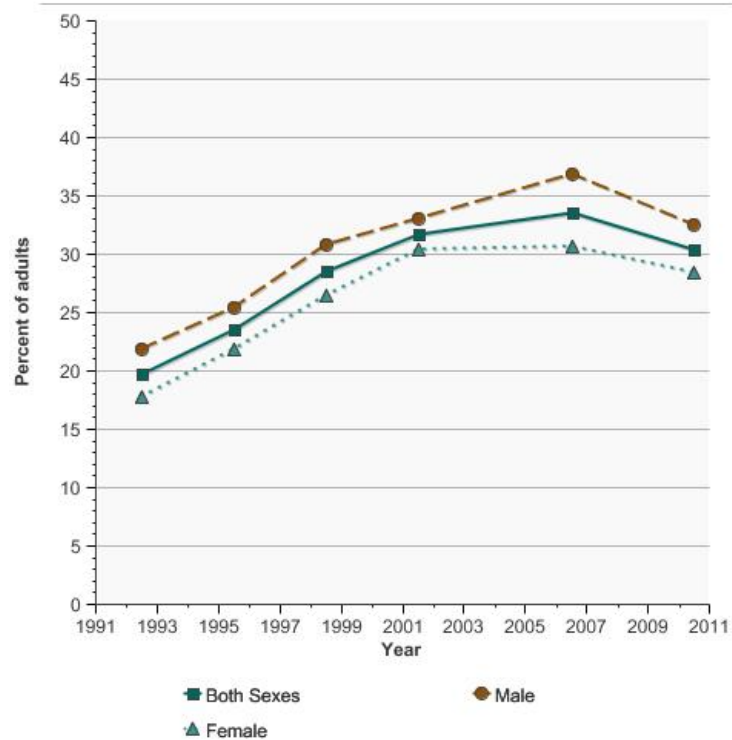
(29.3 - 31.5)

[Female](#)

28.4

(27.1 - 29.7)

Percentage of smokers aged 18 years and older who have seen a dentist in the past year and were advised to quit smoking by sex, 1992-2011



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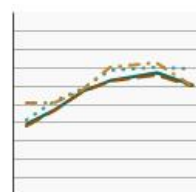
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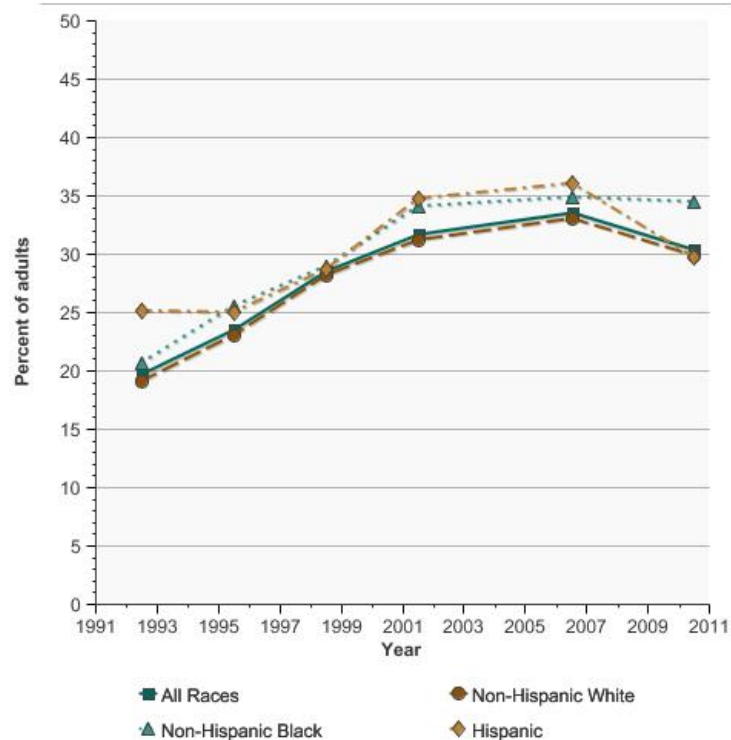
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Most Recent Estimates (2010 to 2011)



	Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
All Races	30.4	(29.3 - 31.5)
Non-Hispanic White	29.8	(28.6 - 31.0)
Non-Hispanic Black	34.5	(30.6 - 38.4)
Hispanic	29.7	(25.0 - 34.4)

Percentage of smokers aged 18 years and older who have seen a dentist in the past year and were advised to quit smoking by race/ethnicity, 1992-2011



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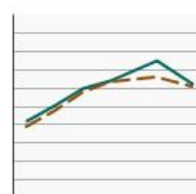
By Age

Percentage of smokers aged 18 years and older who have seen a dentist in the past year and were advised to quit smoking by age, 1992-2011

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Ages 18-24

Percent of adults

31.1

95% Confidence Interval

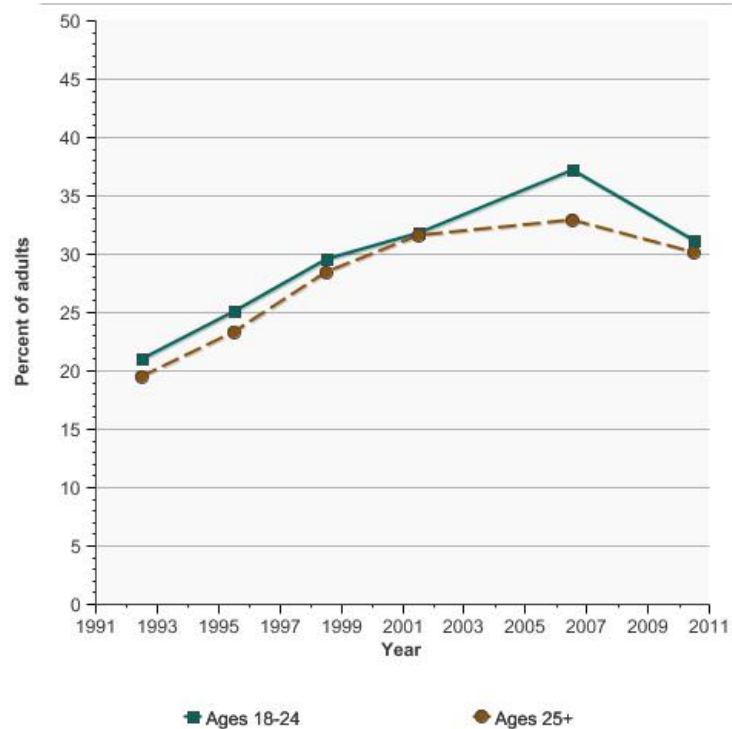
(27.2 - 35.1)

Ages 25+

30.2

(29.0 - 31.4)

Percentage of smokers aged 18 years and older who have seen a dentist in the past year and were advised to quit smoking by age, 1992-2011



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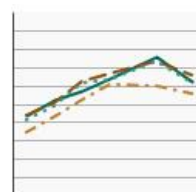
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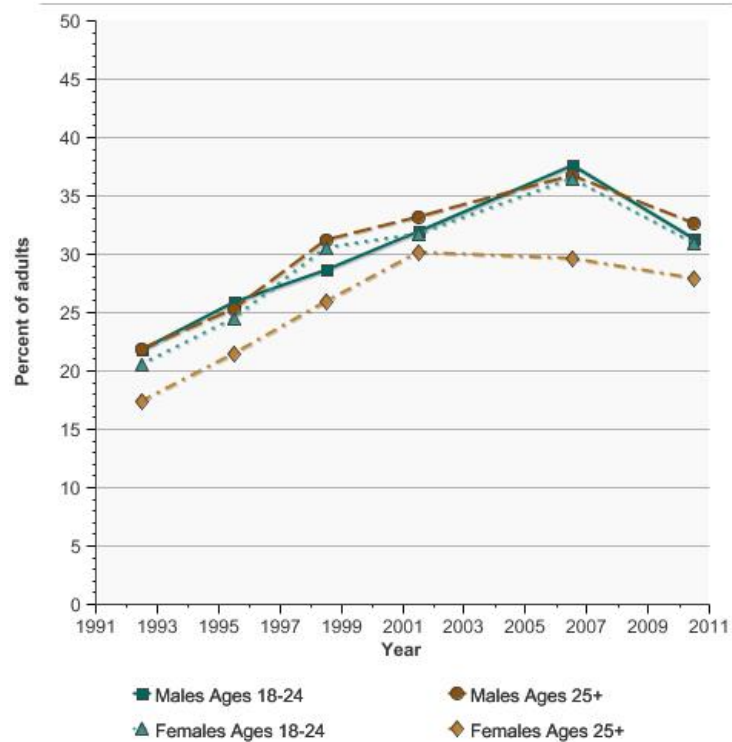
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Most Recent Estimates (2010 to 2011)



	Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
Males Ages 18-24	31.3	(25.6 - 36.9)
Males Ages 25+	32.6	(30.9 - 34.4)
Females Ages 18-24	30.9	(26.1 - 35.6)
Females Ages 25+	27.9	(26.5 - 29.3)

Percentage of smokers aged 18 years and older who have seen a dentist in the past year and were advised to quit smoking by sex and age, 1992-2011



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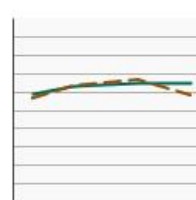
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<200% of federal poverty level

Percent of adults

32.4

95% Confidence Interval

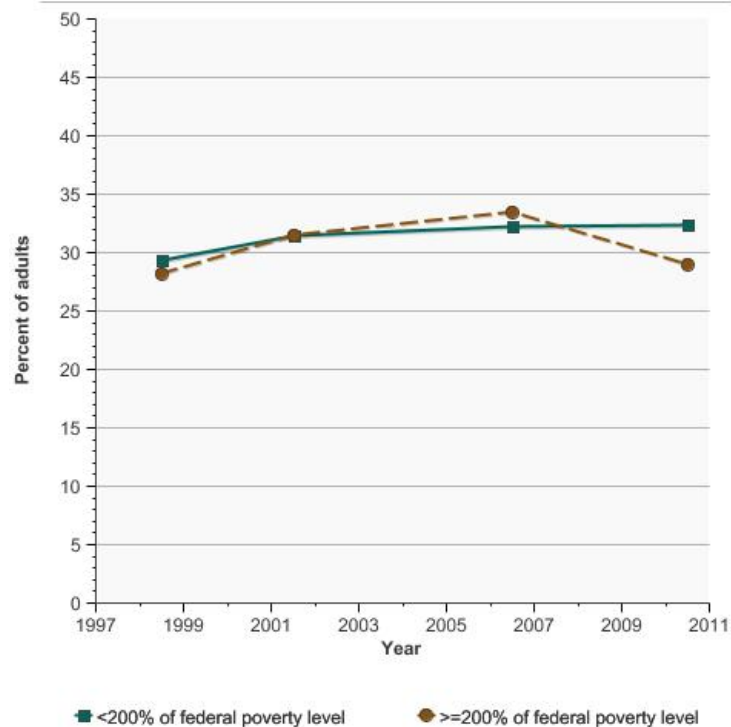
(30.5 - 34.3)

>=200% of federal poverty level

29.0

(27.5 - 30.5)

Percentage of smokers aged 18 years and older who have seen a dentist in the past year and were advised to quit smoking by poverty income level, 1998-2011



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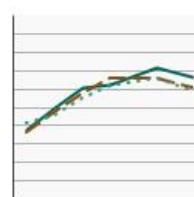
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[Less than High School](#)

Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

[High School](#)

33.3

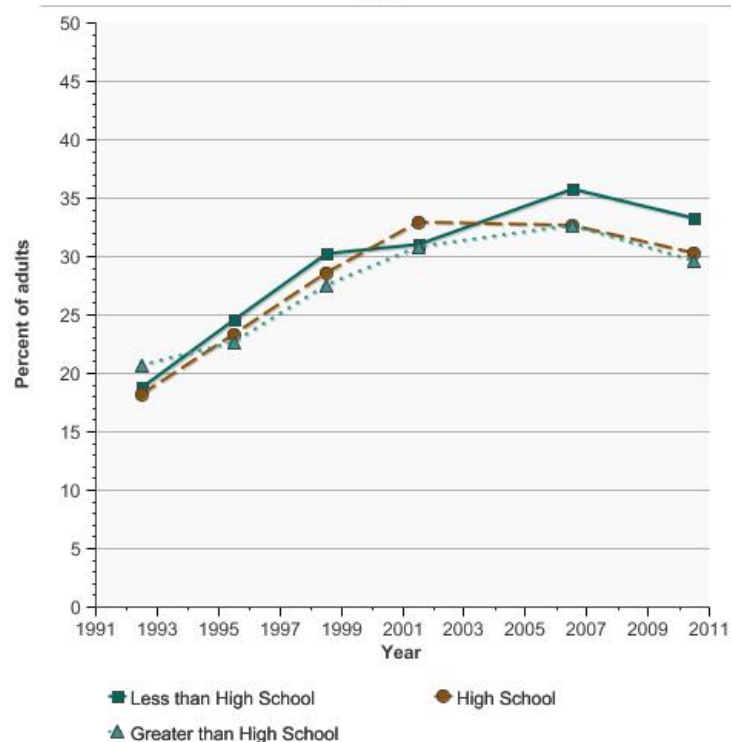
(29.3 - 37.3)

[Greater than High School](#)

29.6

(28.0 - 31.1)

Percentage of smokers aged 25 years and older who have seen a dentist in the past year and were advised to quit smoking by highest level of education obtained, 1992-2011



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Additional Information on Clinicians' Advice to Quit Smoking For smokers

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- [Free Help to Quit Smoking](http://www.cancer.gov/about-cancer/causes-prevention/risk/tobacco)(<http://www.cancer.gov/about-cancer/causes-prevention/risk/tobacco>). National Cancer Institute.
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- [North American Quitline Consortium](http://www.naquitline.org)(<http://www.naquitline.org>).

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- [Tobacco Products](http://www.fda.gov/TobaccoProducts/default.htm)(<http://www.fda.gov/TobaccoProducts/default.htm>). U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

For health professionals

- [Best Practices for Comprehensive Tobacco Control Programs – 2014](http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/stateandcommunity/best_practices/index.htm)(http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/stateandcommunity/best_practices/index.htm).

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- [Counseling and Interventions to Prevent Tobacco Use and Tobacco-Caused Disease in Adults and Pregnant Women. April 2009](http://www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org/Page/Document/UpdateSummaryFinal/tobacco-use-in-adults-and-pregnant-women-counseling-and-interventions)(<http://www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org/Page/Document/UpdateSummaryFinal/tobacco-use-in-adults-and-pregnant-women-counseling-and-interventions>). U.S. Preventive Services Task Force.
- [Clinical Practice Guideline. Treating Tobacco Use and Dependence: 2008 Update](http://bphc.hrsa.gov/buckets/treatingtobacco.pdf)(<http://bphc.hrsa.gov/buckets/treatingtobacco.pdf>). U.S. Public Health Service.

Scientific reports

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- [The Tobacco Use Supplement to the Current Population Survey](http://appliedresearch.cancer.gov/tus-cps/)(<http://appliedresearch.cancer.gov/tus-cps/>). National Cancer Institute.
- [Tobacco Use Supplement – New, Updated, & Modified Files](http://appliedresearch.cancer.gov/tus-cps/new-mod.html)(<http://appliedresearch.cancer.gov/tus-cps/new-mod.html>). National Cancer Institute.

Diet, Physical Activity, and Weight

Considerable evidence indicates that maintaining a healthy lifestyle has the potential to reduce cancer-related morbidity. Up to one-third of cancer cases in the United States are related to poor nutrition, physical inactivity, and/or excess body weight or obesity, and thus could be prevented.

- [Fruit and Vegetable Consumption](#)
- [Red Meat Consumption](#)
- [Fat Consumption](#)

- [Alcohol Consumption](#)
- [Physical Activity](#)
- [Weight](#)

Fruit and Vegetable Consumption

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Introduction

People whose diets are rich in plant foods such as fruits and vegetables have a lower risk of getting cancers of the mouth, pharynx, larynx, esophagus, stomach, and lung, and some evidence suggests that maintaining a diet rich in plant foods also lowers the risk of cancers of the colon, pancreas, and prostate. This diet also reduces the risk of diabetes, heart disease, and hypertension, helps to reduce calorie intake, and may help to control weight. To help prevent the aforementioned cancers and other chronic diseases, experts recommend the daily consumption of 2 to 6.5 cups of fruits and vegetables, depending on one's energy needs. This includes 1 to 2.5 cups of fruits and 1 to 4 cups of vegetables, with special emphasis on dark green and orange vegetables and legumes. There is no evidence that the popular white potato protects against cancer.

Measure

Average daily cup equivalents per 1,000 calories of fruits and vegetables for people aged 2 years and older. This measure includes fruits and vegetables from all sources.

Healthy People 2020 Target

- 0.9 daily cup equivalents of fruit per 1,000 calories. 1.14 daily cup equivalents of vegetables per 1,000 calories, with at least 0.55 cup equivalents of dark green or orange vegetables or legumes per 1,000 calories.

Healthy People 2020 is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Data Source

U.S. Department of Agriculture. What We Eat in America(<http://www.ars.usda.gov/Services/services.htm?modecode=12-35-50-00>).

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Trends and Most Recent Estimates

Overall Comparison

Average cups of fruit and vegetables consumed per 1,000 calories by individuals aged 2 years and older, 1994-2010

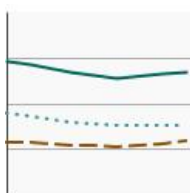
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Most Recent Estimates (2009 to 2010)

Average cups per 1,000 calories

95% Confidence Interval



[Fruit and Vegetables](#)

1.4

(1.3 - 1.4)

[Fruit](#)

0.6

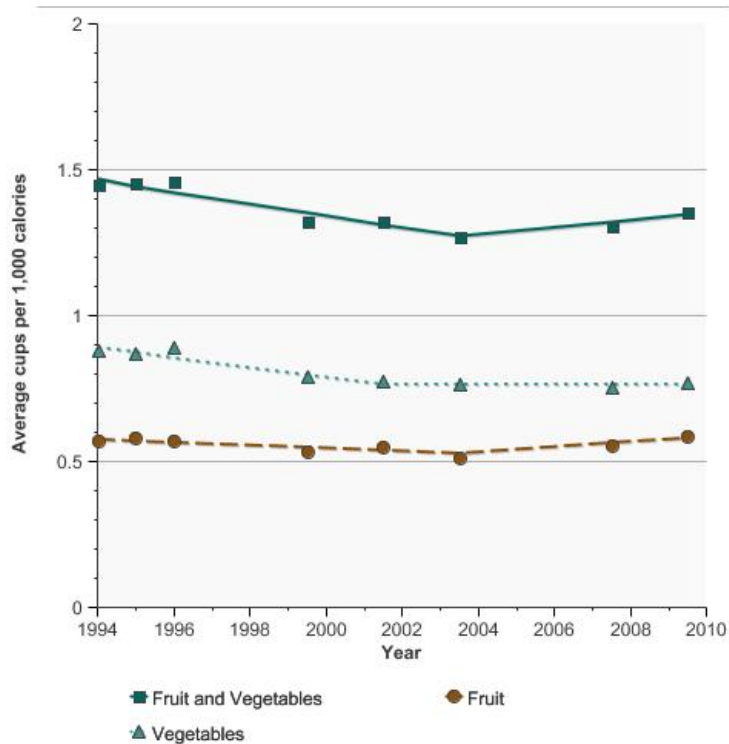
(0.6 - 0.6)

[Vegetables](#)

0.8

(0.7 - 0.8)

Average cups of fruit and vegetables consumed per 1,000 calories by individuals aged 2 years and older, 1994-2010



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Fruit and Vegetables Combined

By Sex

Average cups of fruit and vegetables consumed per 1,000 calories by individuals aged 2 years and older by sex, 1994-2010

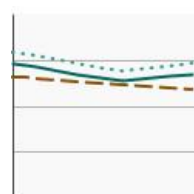
[Overview Graph](#)

[Detailed Trend Graphs](#)

Most Recent Estimates (2009 to 2010)

Average cups per 1,000 calories

95% Confidence Interval



[Both Sexes](#)

1.4

(1.3 - 1.4)

[Male](#)

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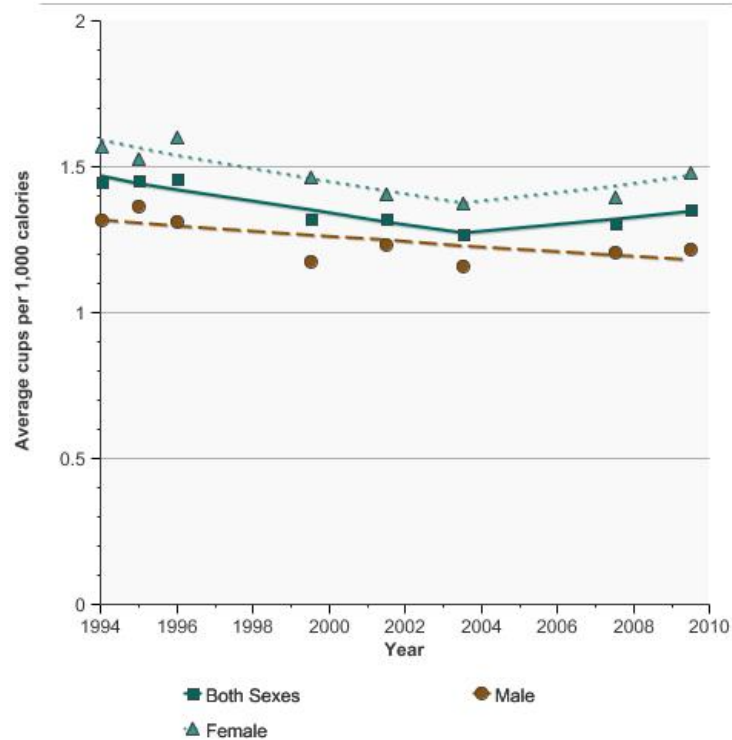
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Average cups of fruit and vegetables consumed per 1,000 calories by individuals aged 2 years and older by sex, 1994-2010



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By Race/Ethnicity

Average cups of fruit and vegetables consumed per 1,000 calories by individuals aged 2 years and older by race/ethnicity, 1994-2010

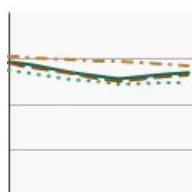
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Most Recent Estimates (2009 to 2010)

Average cups per 1,000 calories

95% Confidence Interval



[All Races](#)

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[Non-Hispanic White](#)

1.3

(1.3 - 1.4)

[Non-Hispanic Black](#)

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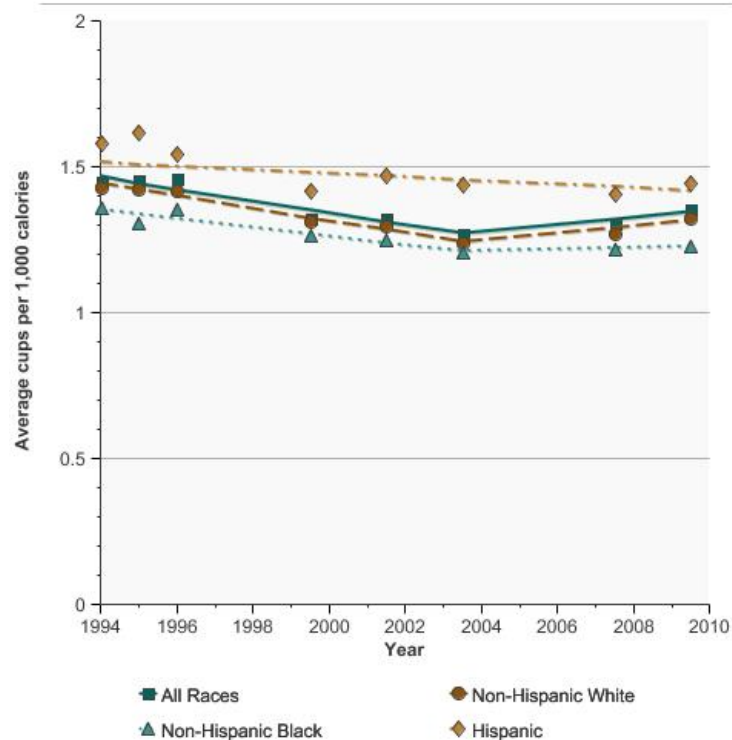
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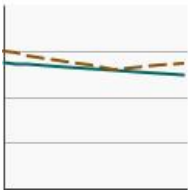
Average cups of fruit and vegetables consumed per 1,000 calories by individuals aged 2 years and older by race/ethnicity, 1994-2010



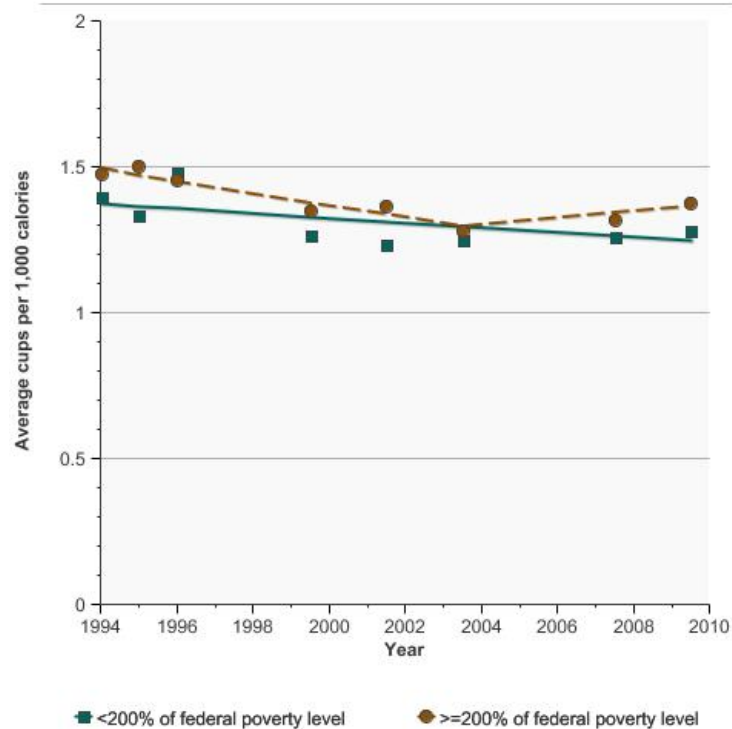
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By Poverty Income Level

Average cups of fruit and vegetables consumed per 1,000 calories by individuals aged 2 years and older by poverty income level, 1994-2010

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2009 to 2010)	
		Average cups per 1,000 calories	95% Confidence Interval
	<u><200% of federal poverty level</u>	1.3	(1.2 - 1.3)
	<u>>=200% of federal poverty level</u>	1.4	(1.3 - 1.4)

Average cups of fruit and vegetables consumed per 1,000 calories by individuals aged 2 years and older by poverty income level, 1994-2010



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Fruit

By Sex

Average cups of fruit consumed per 1,000 calories by individuals aged 2 years and older by sex, 1994-2010

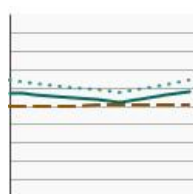
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Most Recent Estimates (2009 to 2010)

Average cups per 1,000 calories

95% Confidence Interval



[Both Sexes](#)

0.6

(0.6 - 0.6)

[Male](#)

0.5

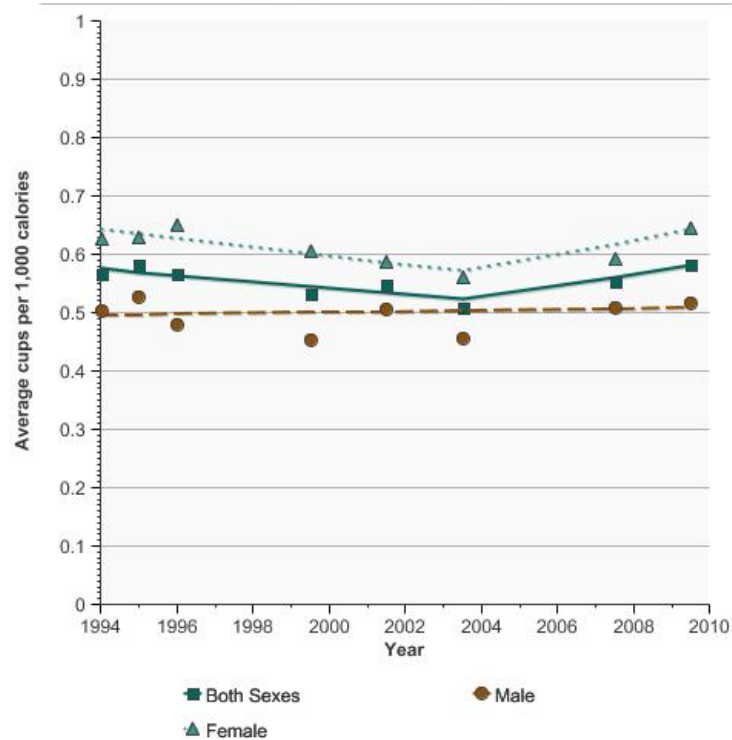
(0.5 - 0.5)

[Female](#)

0.6

(0.6 - 0.7)

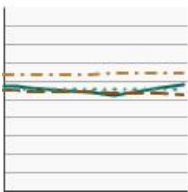
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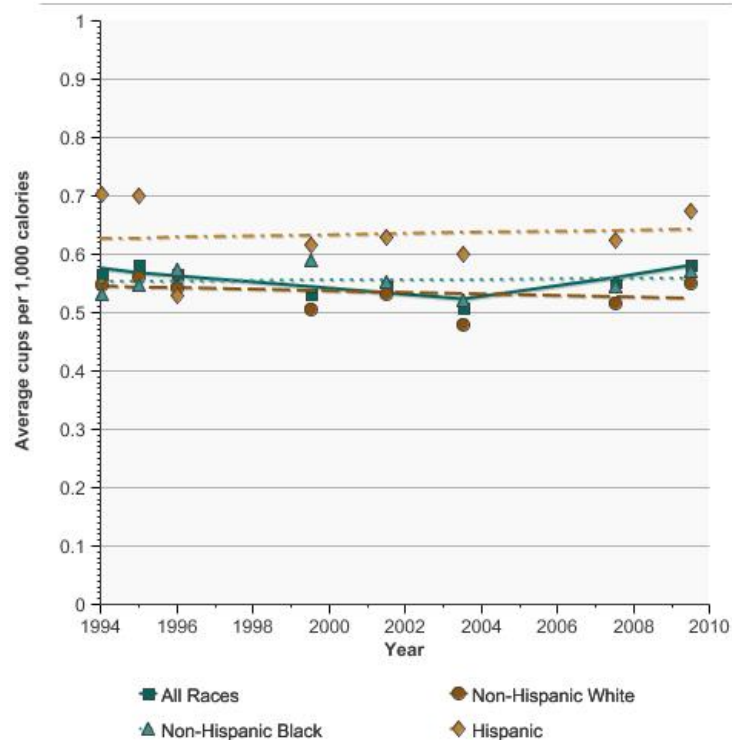
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By Race/Ethnicity

Average cups of fruit consumed per 1,000 calories by individuals aged 2 years and older by race/ethnicity, 1994-2010

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2009 to 2010)	
		Average cups per 1,000 calories	95% Confidence Interval
	All Races	0.6	(0.6 - 0.6)
	Non-Hispanic White	0.5	(0.5 - 0.6)
	Non-Hispanic Black	0.6	(0.5 - 0.6)
	Hispanic	0.7	(0.6 - 0.7)

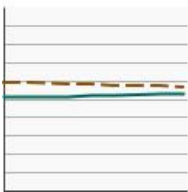
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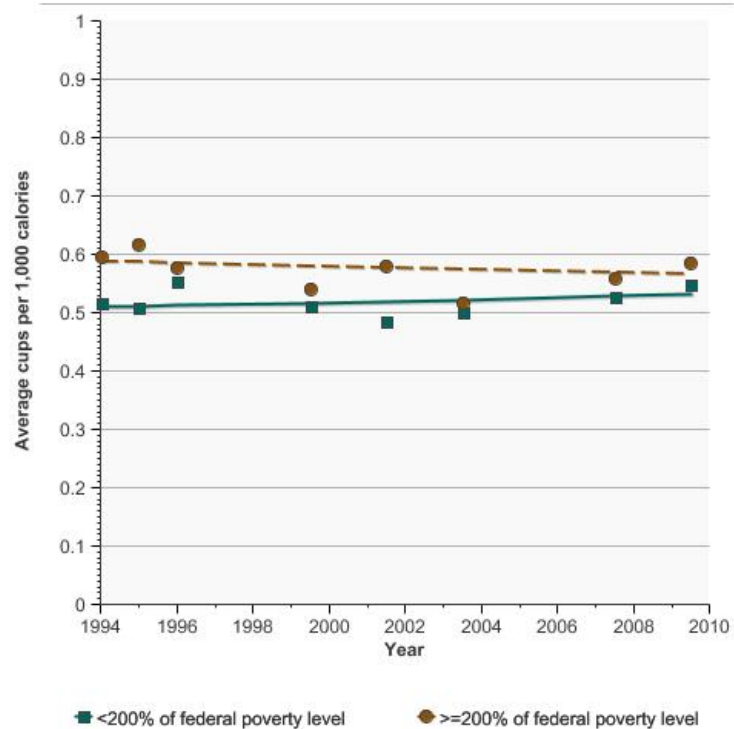
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By Poverty Income Level

Average cups of fruit consumed per 1,000 calories by individuals aged 2 years and older by poverty income level, 1994-2010

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2009 to 2010)	
		Average cups per 1,000 calories	95% Confidence Interval
	<200% of federal poverty level	0.5	(0.5 - 0.6)
	>=200% of federal poverty level	0.6	(0.5 - 0.6)

Average cups of fruit consumed per 1,000 calories by individuals aged 2 years and older by poverty income level, 1994-2010



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Vegetables

By Sex

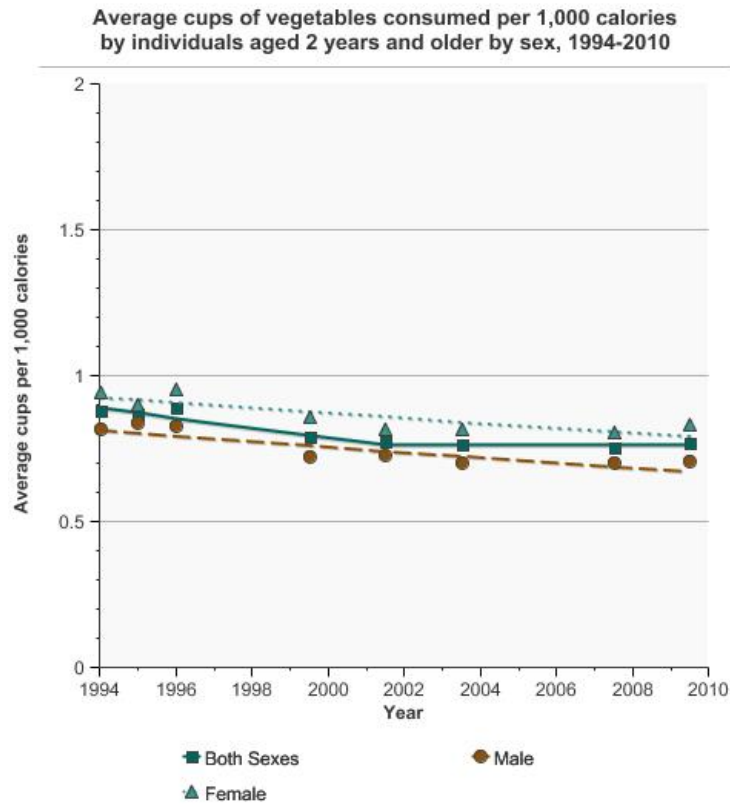
Average cups of vegetables consumed per 1,000 calories by individuals aged 2 years and older by sex, 1994-2010

[Overview Graph](#)

[Detailed Trend Graphs](#)

Most Recent Estimates (2009 to 2010)

	Average cups per 1,000 calories	95% Confidence Interval
Both Sexes	0.8	(0.7 - 0.8)
Male	0.7	(0.7 - 0.7)
Female	0.8	(0.8 - 0.9)



Source: (1994-1996): U.S. Department of Agriculture. Continuing Survey of Food Intakes by Individuals. (1999+): National Center for Health Statistics. National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey. Data are age-adjusted to the 2000 US standard population using age groups: 2-3, 4-8, 9-13, 14-18, 19-30, 31-50, 51-70, 70+.

By Race/Ethnicity

Average cups of vegetables consumed per 1,000 calories by individuals aged 2 years and older by race/ethnicity, 1994-2010

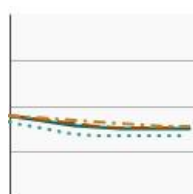
[Overview Graph](#)

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Most Recent Estimates (2009 to 2010)

Average cups per 1,000 calories

95% Confidence Interval



[All Races](#)

0.8

(0.7 - 0.8)

[Non-Hispanic White](#)

0.8

(0.7 - 0.8)

[Non-Hispanic Black](#)

0.7

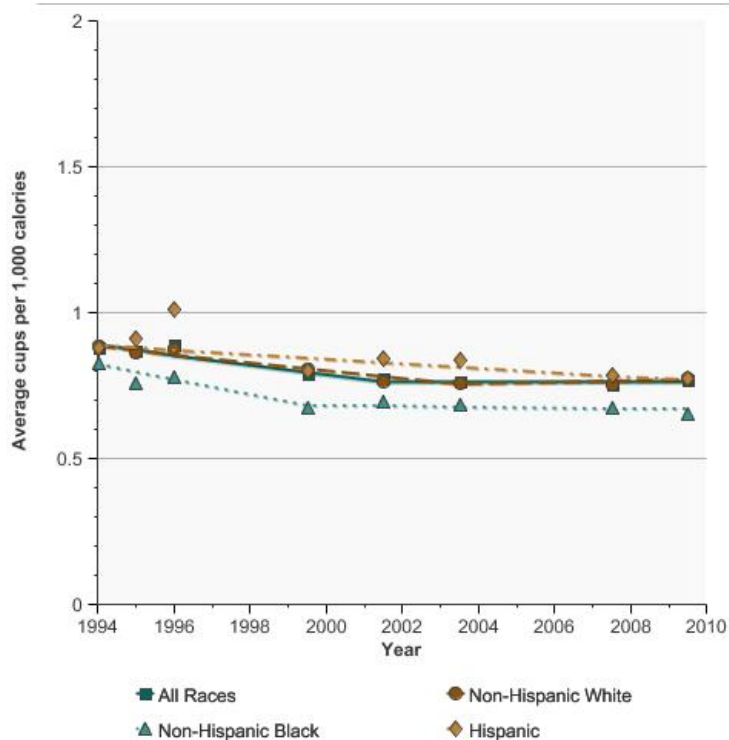
(0.6 - 0.7)

[Hispanic](#)

0.8

(0.7 - 0.8)

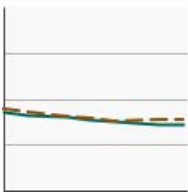
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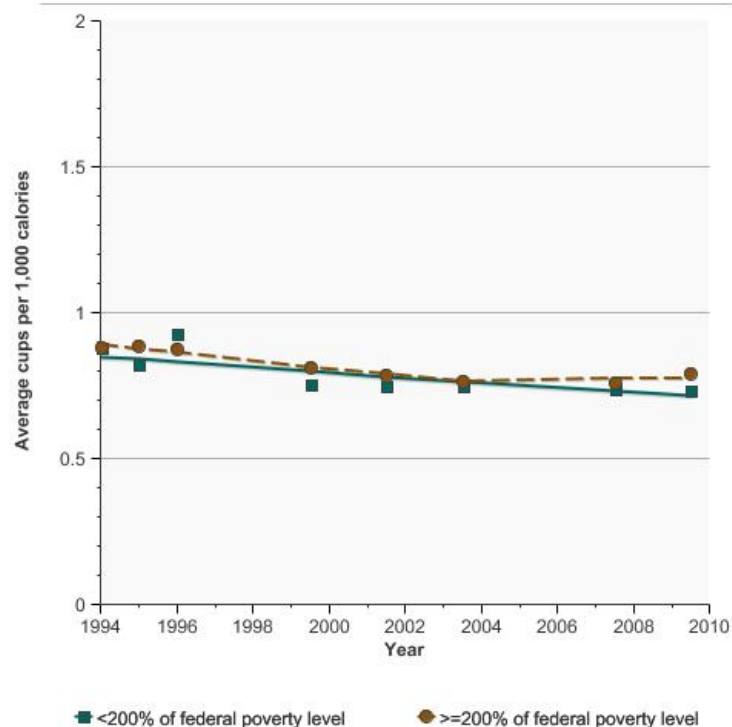
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By Poverty Income Level

Average cups of vegetables consumed per 1,000 calories by individuals aged 2 years and older by poverty income level, 1994-2010

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2009 to 2010)	
		Average cups per 1,000 calories	95% Confidence Interval
	<u><200% of federal poverty level</u>	0.7	(0.7 - 0.8)
	<u>>=200% of federal poverty level</u>	0.8	(0.7 - 0.8)

Average cups of vegetables consumed per 1,000 calories by individuals aged 2 years and older by poverty income level, 1994-2010



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Cancers Related to Fruit and Vegetable Consumption

Statistical summaries from NCI's SEER Cancer Stat Fact Sheets:

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Additional Information on Fruit and Vegetable Consumption For the public

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- [Usual Dietary Intakes: Food Intakes, U.S. Population, 2007–10](http://epi.grants.cancer.gov/diet/usualintakes/pop/2007-10/). (<http://epi.grants.cancer.gov/diet/usualintakes/pop/2007-10/>) National Cancer Institute.
- [What We Eat in America](http://www.ars.usda.gov/Services/services.htm?modecode=12-35-50-00). (<http://www.ars.usda.gov/Services/services.htm?modecode=12-35-50-00>) U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Red Meat Consumption

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Introduction

Red meat and processed meat are associated with an increased risk of colorectal cancer, and evidence also suggests their association with some other cancers, such as prostate cancer. Red meat refers to beef, pork, and lamb, although some studies include all processed meats (such as bacon, sausage, hot dogs, and cold cuts) in their definition, regardless of animal origin. Some research suggests that processed meat, but not fresh meat, may increase risk. More research is needed to understand how these meats influence cancer risk. The increased risk may be explained by the iron and fat content in red meat, and/or the salt and nitrates/nitrites in processed meat. Additionally, when meat is cooked at high temperatures, substances are formed that may cause cancer.

Measure

Average daily ounce equivalents of red meat for people aged 2 years and older. Red meat includes beef, lamb, and pork from all sources and does not include processed poultry.

Healthy People 2020 Target

- There is no Healthy People 2020 target for red meat consumption.

Healthy People 2020 is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Data Source

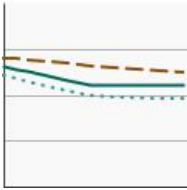
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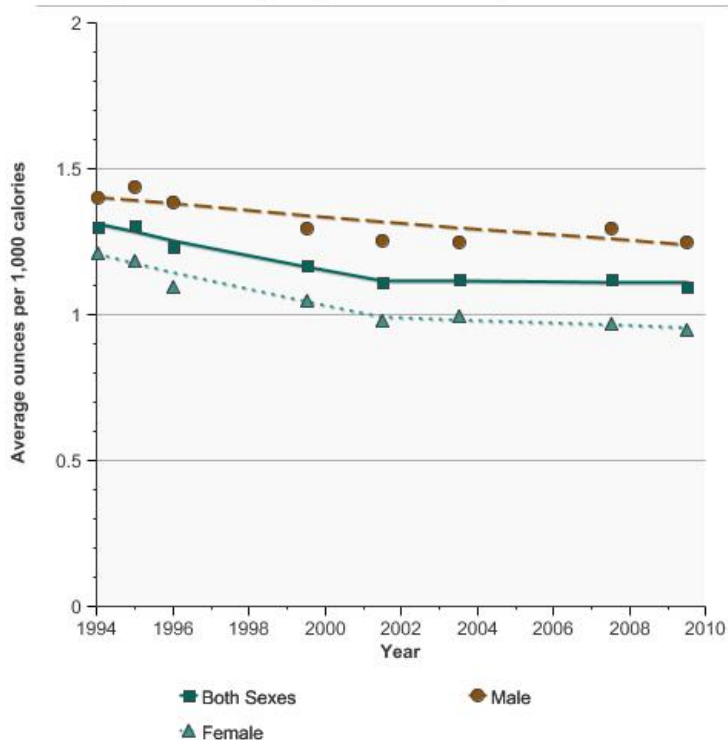
Trends and Most Recent Estimates

By Sex

Average ounces of red meat consumed per 1,000 calories by individuals aged 2 years and older by sex, 1994-2010

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2009 to 2010)	
		Average ounces per 1,000 calories	95% Confidence Interval
	<u>Both Sexes</u>	1.1	(1.0 - 1.2)
	<u>Male</u>	1.2	(1.2 - 1.3)
	<u>Female</u>	0.9	(0.9 - 1.0)

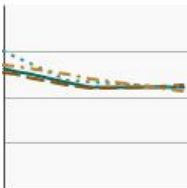
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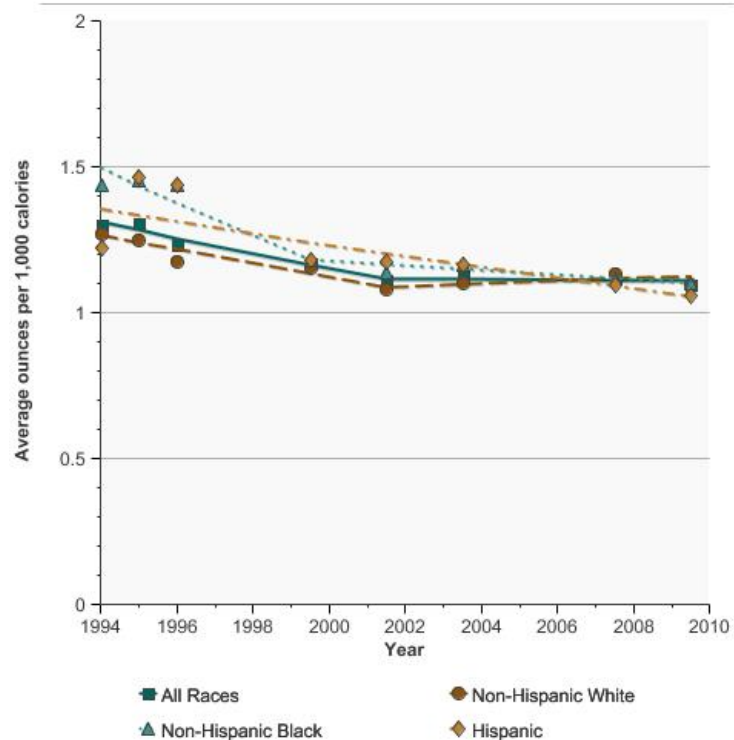
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By Race/Ethnicity

Average ounces of red meat consumed per 1,000 calories by individuals aged 2 years and older by race/ethnicity, 1994-2010

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2009 to 2010)	
		Average ounces per 1,000 calories	95% Confidence Interval
	All Races	1.1	(1.0 - 1.2)
	Non-Hispanic White	1.1	(1.0 - 1.2)
	Non-Hispanic Black	1.1	(1.0 - 1.2)
	Hispanic	1.1	(1.0 - 1.1)

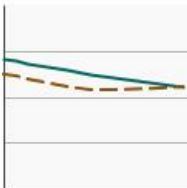
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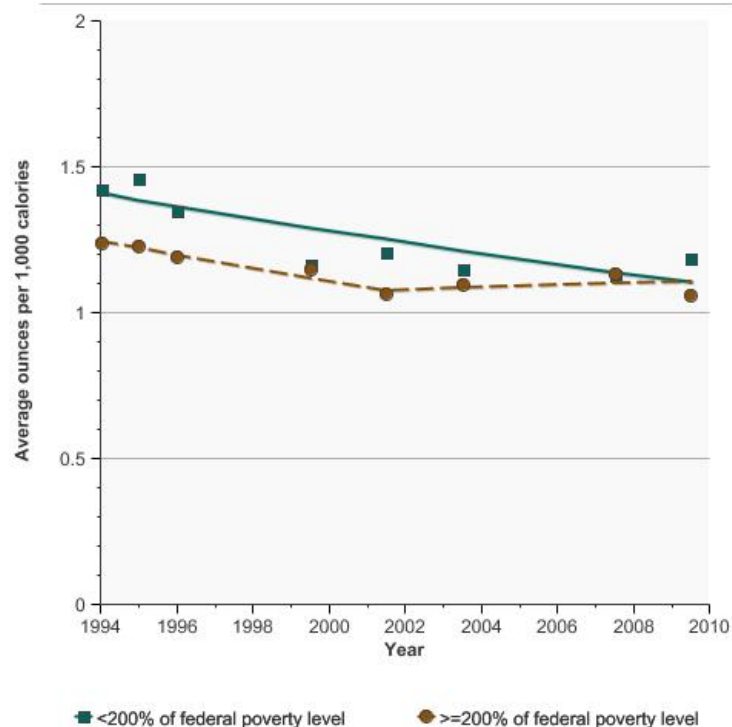
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By Poverty Income Level

Average ounces of red meat consumed per 1,000 calories by individuals aged 2 years and older by poverty income level, 1994-2010

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2009 to 2010)	
		Average ounces per 1,000 calories	95% Confidence Interval
	<200% of federal poverty level	1.2	(1.1 - 1.3)
	>=200% of federal poverty level	1.1	(1.0 - 1.1)

Average ounces of red meat consumed per 1,000 calories by individuals aged 2 years and older by poverty income level, 1994-2010



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- [Esophagus](http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/esoph.html)
- [Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma](http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/nhl.html)
- [Stomach](http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/stomach.html)

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Scientific reports

- [A large prospective study of meat consumption and colorectal cancer risk: an investigation of potential mechanisms underlying this association](http://cancerres.aacrjournals.org/content/70/6/2406.short).(http://cancerres.aacrjournals.org/content/70/6/2406.short) Cross AJ, Ferrucci LM, Risch A. Cancer Res 2010;70:2406.
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Fat Consumption

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Introduction

Some studies suggest that high-fat diets or high intakes of different types of fat in the diet may be linked to several cancers, including colon, lung, and postmenopausal breast cancer, as well as heart disease and other chronic diseases.

More research is needed to better understand which types of fat should be avoided and how much of each type alters cancer risk. Although monounsaturated and polyunsaturated fatty acids have been studied for a number of years, their effects are still unclear. More recent research on the effects of trans fatty acids also has yet to reach definitive conclusions.

The 2010 Dietary Guidelines for Americans, issued by the U.S. Department of Agriculture and the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, recommend getting less than 10 percent of calories from saturated fatty acids and keeping trans fatty acid consumption as low as possible for general health and the prevention of chronic disease, including cancer and heart disease. The guidelines also recommend keeping total fat intake between 20 and 35 percent of calories for adults, with most fats coming from sources of polyunsaturated and monounsaturated fatty acids, such as fish, nuts, and vegetable oils.

Measure

Intakes of total fat, and of the major fatty acids - saturated, monounsaturated, and polyunsaturated - as a percentage of total calories.

Healthy People 2020 Target

- Reduce to 16.7 percent the mean percentage of total daily calorie intake from solid fats for the population aged 2 years and older.
- Reduce to 9.5 percent the mean percentage of total daily calorie intake from saturated fat for the population aged 2 years and older.

Healthy People 2020 is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Data Source

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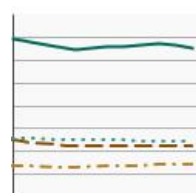
Trends and Most Recent Estimates Fat Intake Comparison

Fat intake as a percentage of total calories, 1989-2010

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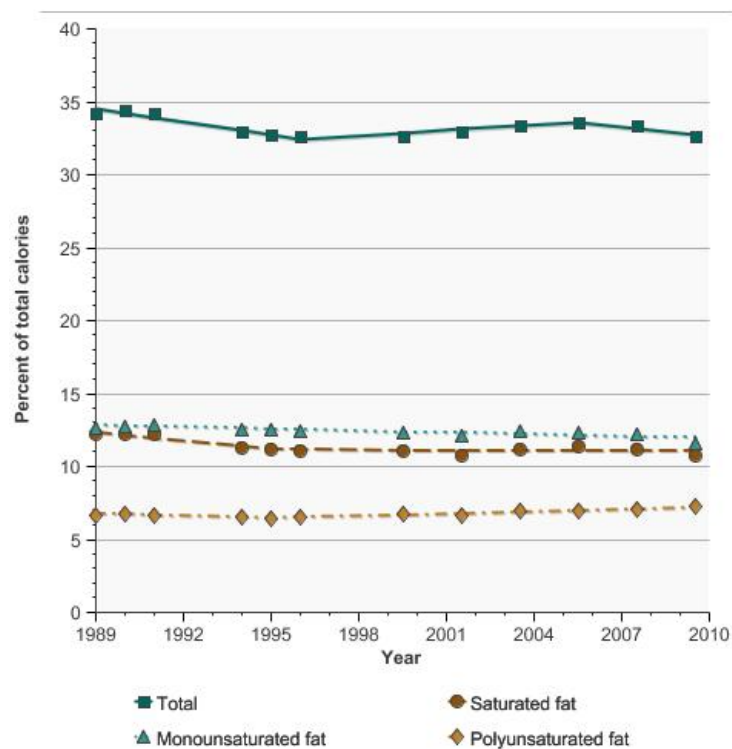
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Most Recent Estimates (2009 to 2010)



	Percent of total calories	95% Confidence Interval
Total	32.6	(32.2 - 32.9)
Saturated fat	10.8	(10.6 - 10.9)
Monounsaturated fat	11.6	(11.5 - 11.7)
Polyunsaturated fat	7.2	(7.1 - 7.4)

Fat intake as a percentage of total calories, 1989-2010



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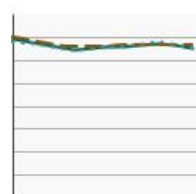
By Sex

Total fat intake as a percentage of total calories by sex, 1989-2010

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Most Recent Estimates (2009 to 2010)



[Both Sexes](#)

Percent of total calories

95% Confidence Interval

[Male](#)

32.6

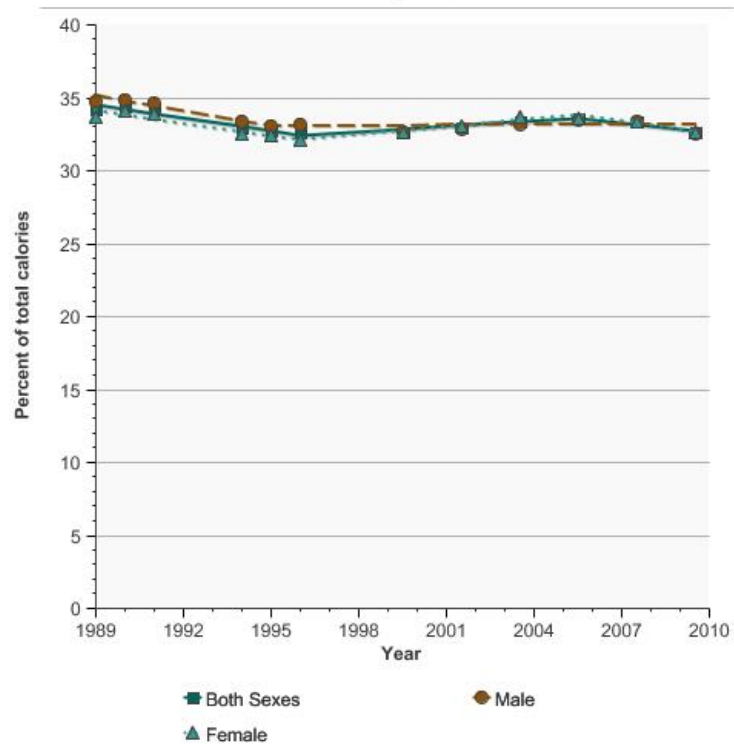
(32.2 - 32.9)

[Female](#)

32.6

(32.3 - 32.9)

Total fat intake as a percentage of total calories by sex, 1989-2010



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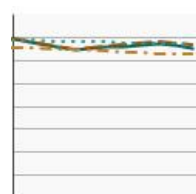
By Race/Ethnicity

Total fat intake as a percentage of total calories by race/ethnicity, 1989-2010

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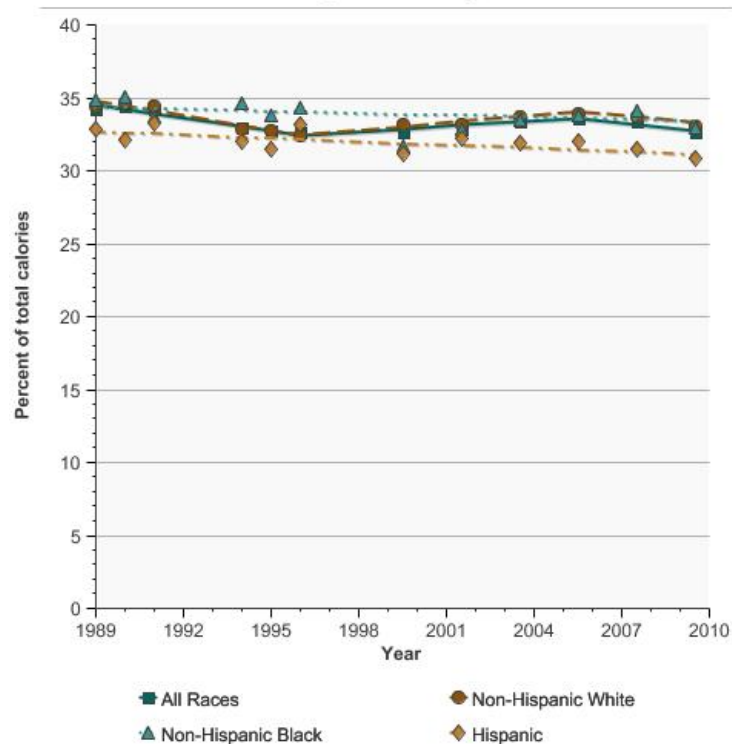
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Most Recent Estimates (2009 to 2010)



	Percent of total calories	95% Confidence Interval
All Races	32.6	(32.2 - 32.9)
Non-Hispanic White	33.0	(32.6 - 33.5)
Non-Hispanic Black	33.0	(32.3 - 33.6)
Hispanic	30.8	(30.4 - 31.2)

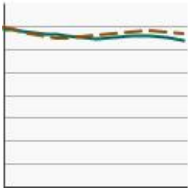
Total fat intake as a percentage of total calories by race/ethnicity, 1989-2010



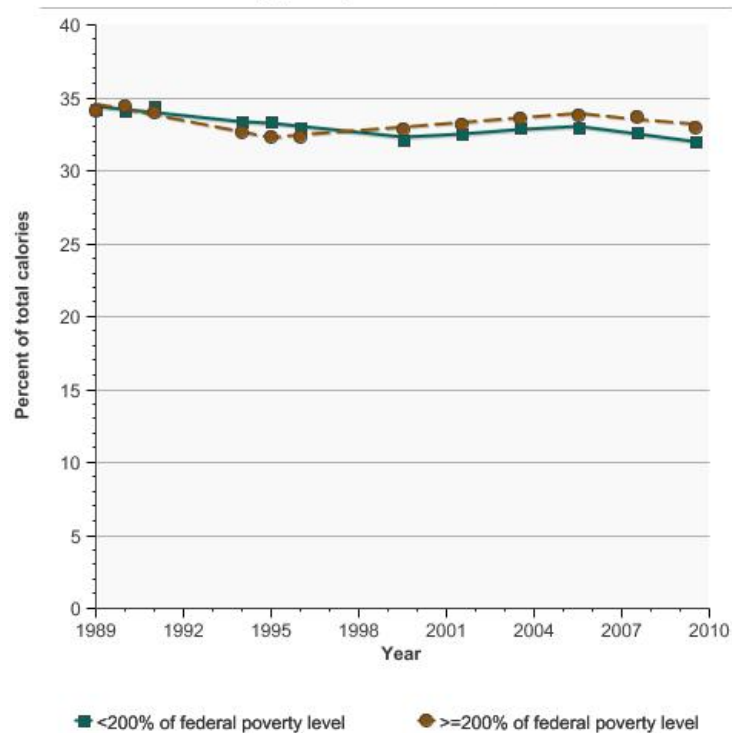
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By Poverty Income Level

Total fat intake as a percentage of total calories by poverty income level, 1989-2010

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2009 to 2010)	
		Percent of total calories	95% Confidence Interval
	<u><200% of federal poverty level</u>	32.0	(31.5 - 32.4)
	<u>>=200% of federal poverty level</u>	33.0	(32.5 - 33.5)

Total fat intake as a percentage of total calories by poverty income level, 1989-2010



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Saturated Fat Intake

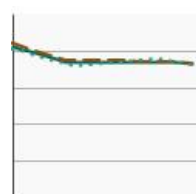
By Sex

Saturated fat intake as a percentage of total calories by sex, 1989-2010

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Most Recent Estimates (2009 to 2010)



[Both Sexes](#)

Percent of total calories

95% Confidence Interval

[Male](#)

10.8

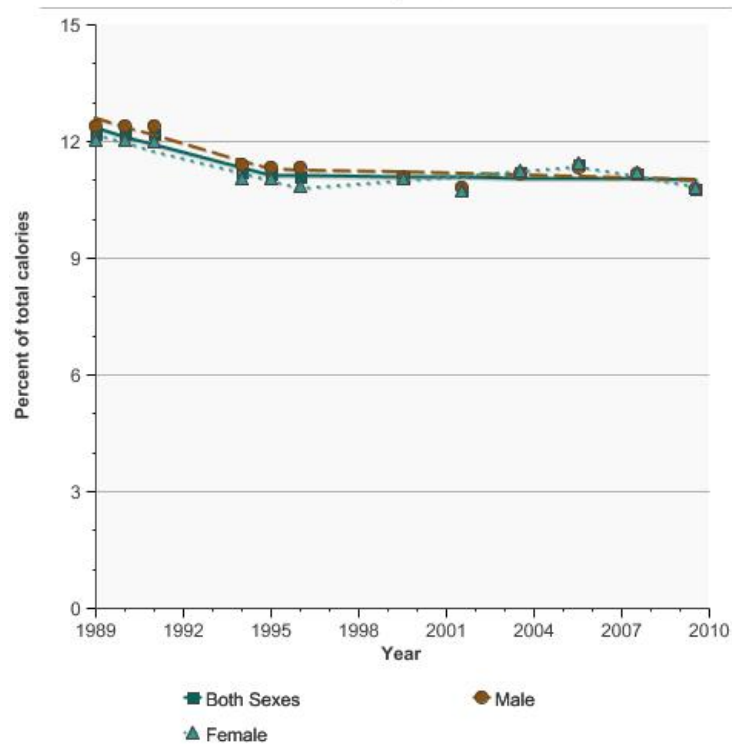
(10.6 - 10.9)

[Female](#)

10.8

(10.7 - 10.9)

Saturated fat intake as a percentage of total calories by sex, 1989-2010



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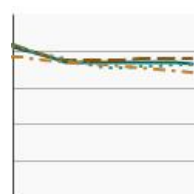
By Race/Ethnicity

Saturated fat intake as a percentage of total calories by race/ethnicity, 1989-2010

[Overview Graph](#)

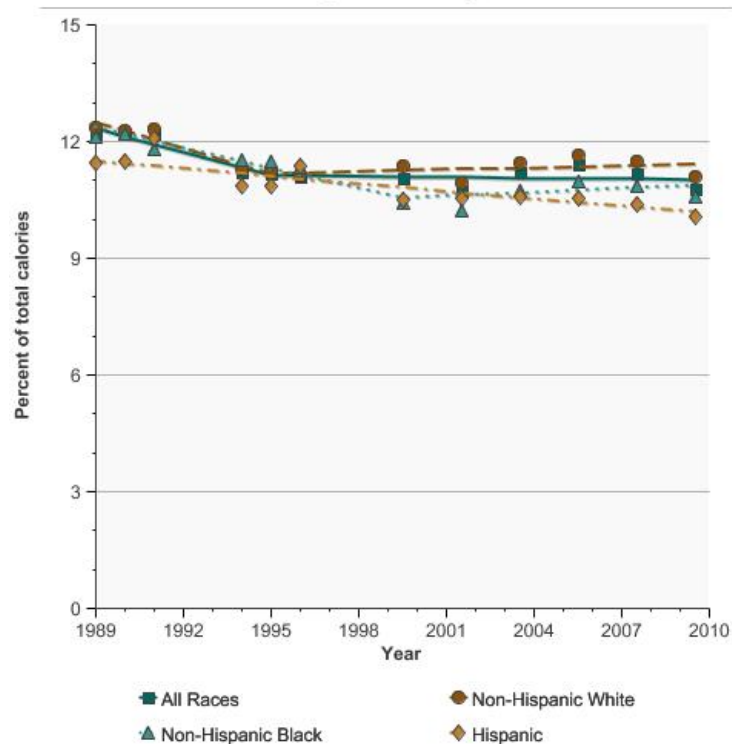
[Detailed Trend Graphs](#)

Most Recent Estimates (2009 to 2010)



	Percent of total calories	95% Confidence Interval
All Races	10.8	(10.6 - 10.9)
Non-Hispanic White	11.1	(10.9 - 11.2)
Non-Hispanic Black	10.6	(10.3 - 10.9)
Hispanic	10.1	(9.9 - 10.3)


Saturated fat intake as a percentage of total calories by race/ethnicity, 1989-2010



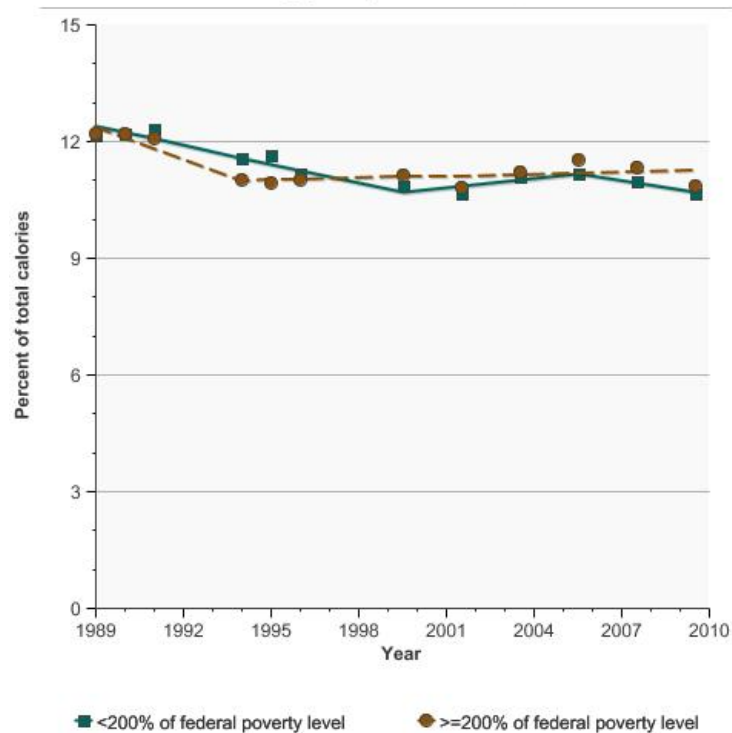
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By Poverty Income Level

Saturated fat intake as a percentage of total calories by poverty income level, 1989-2010

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2009 to 2010)	
		Percent of total calories	95% Confidence Interval
	<u><200% of federal poverty level</u>	10.7	(10.4 - 10.9)
	<u>>=200% of federal poverty level</u>	10.9	(10.7 - 11.1)

Saturated fat intake as a percentage of total calories by poverty income level, 1989-2010



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Monosaturated Fat Intake

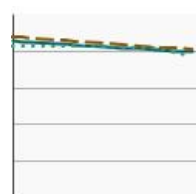
By Sex

Monosaturated fat intake as a percentage of total calories by sex, 1989-2010

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Most Recent Estimates (2009 to 2010)



[Both Sexes](#)

Percent of total calories

95% Confidence Interval

[Male](#)

11.6

(11.5 - 11.7)

[Female](#)

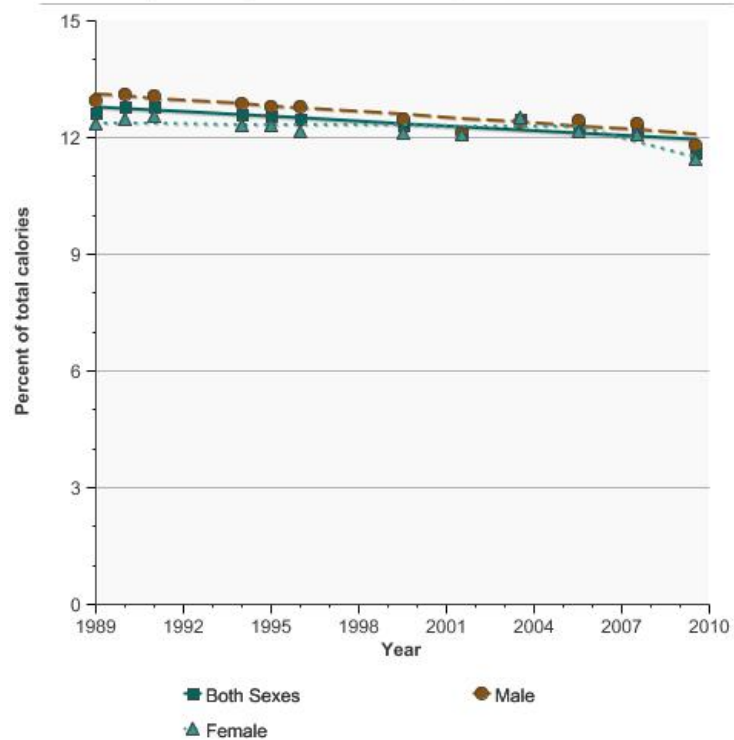
11.8

(11.6 - 12.0)

11.4

(11.4 - 11.5)

Monosaturated fat intake as a percentage of total calories by sex, 1989-2010



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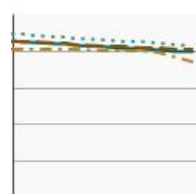
By Race/Ethnicity

Monosaturated fat intake as a percentage of total calories by race/ethnicity, 1989-2010

[Overview Graph](#)

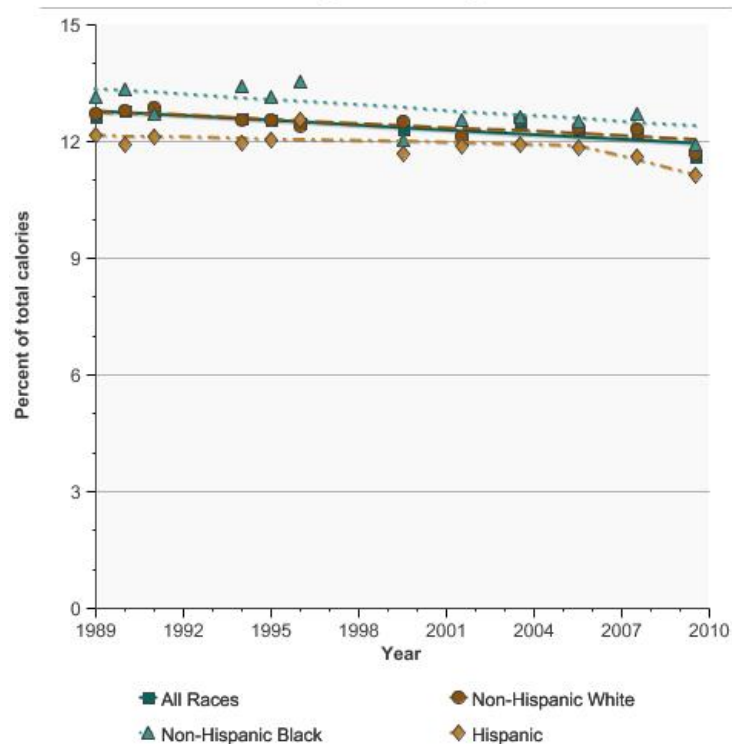
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Most Recent Estimates (2009 to 2010)



	Percent of total calories	95% Confidence Interval
All Races	11.6	(11.5 - 11.7)
Non-Hispanic White	11.7	(11.5 - 11.9)
Non-Hispanic Black	11.9	(11.7 - 12.1)
Hispanic	11.1	(10.9 - 11.3)

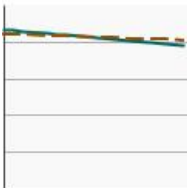
Monosaturated fat intake as a percentage of total calories by race/ethnicity, 1989-2010



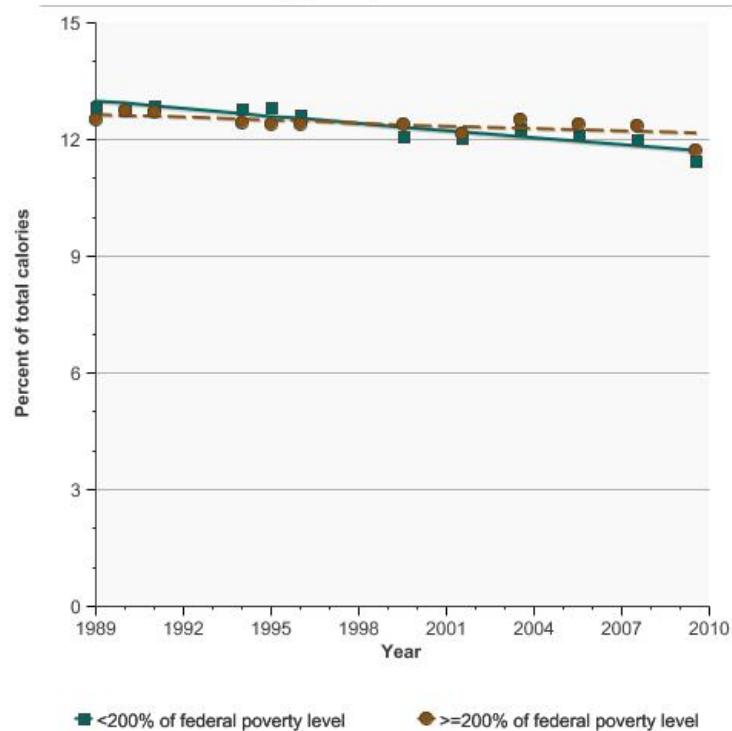
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By Poverty Income Level

Monosaturated fat intake as a percentage of total calories by poverty income level, 1989-2010

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2009 to 2010)	
		Percent of total calories	95% Confidence Interval
	<u><200% of federal poverty level</u>	11.4	(11.3 - 11.6)
	<u>>=200% of federal poverty level</u>	11.7	(11.5 - 11.9)

Monosaturated fat intake as a percentage of total calories by poverty income level, 1989-2010



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Polyunsaturated Fat Intake

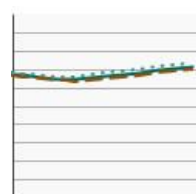
By Sex

Polyunsaturated fat intake as a percentage of total calories by sex, 1989-2010

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Most Recent Estimates (2009 to 2010)



[Both Sexes](#)

Percent of total calories

95% Confidence Interval

[Male](#)

7.2

(7.1 - 7.4)

[Female](#)

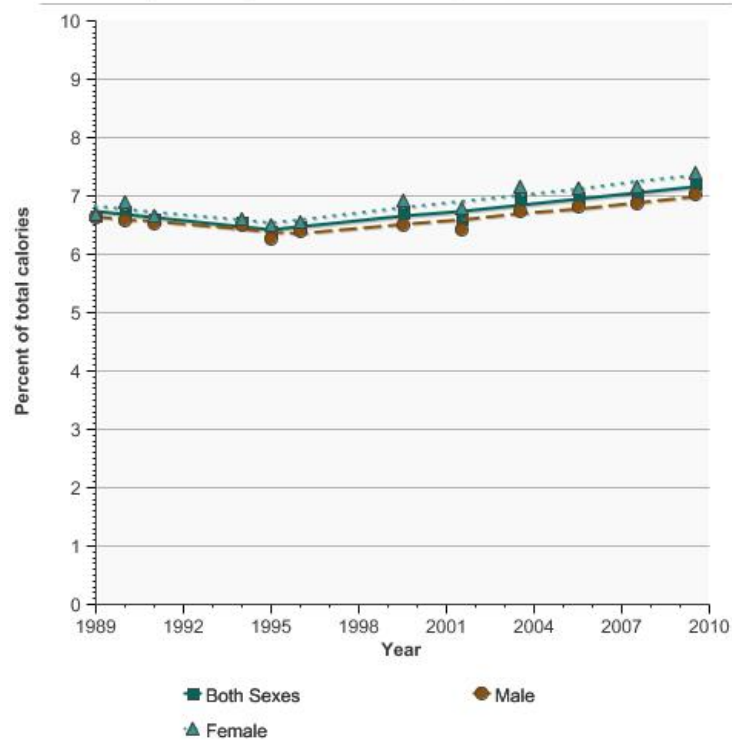
7.0

(6.8 - 7.2)

7.4

(7.3 - 7.5)

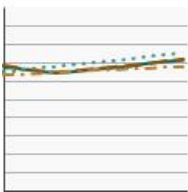
Polyunsaturated fat intake as a percentage of total calories by sex, 1989-2010



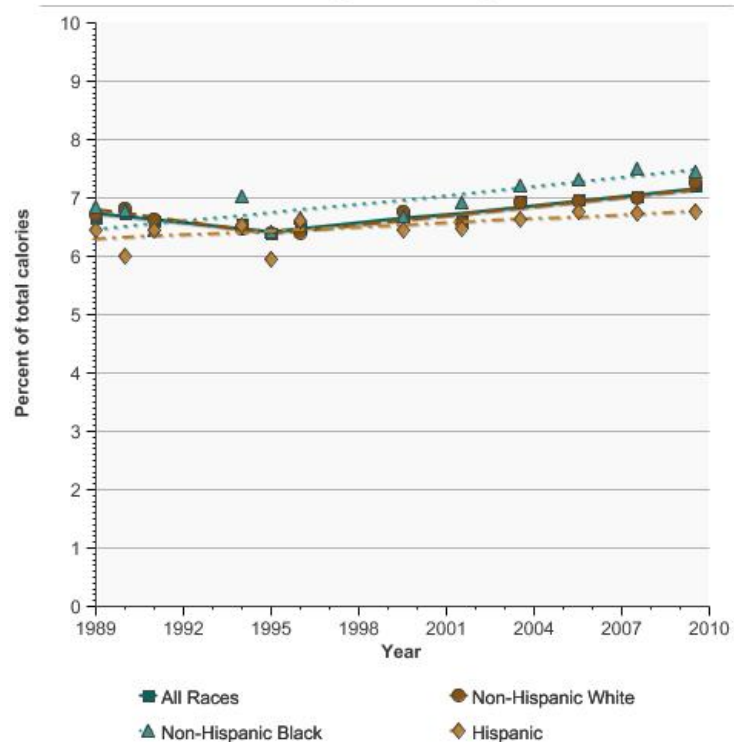
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By Race/Ethnicity

Polyunsaturated fat intake as a percentage of total calories by race/ethnicity, 1989-2010

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2009 to 2010)	
		Percent of total calories	95% Confidence Interval
	All Races	7.2	(7.1 - 7.4)
	Non-Hispanic White	7.3	(7.1 - 7.5)
	Non-Hispanic Black	7.4	(7.2 - 7.7)
	Hispanic	6.8	(6.6 - 6.9)

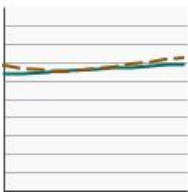
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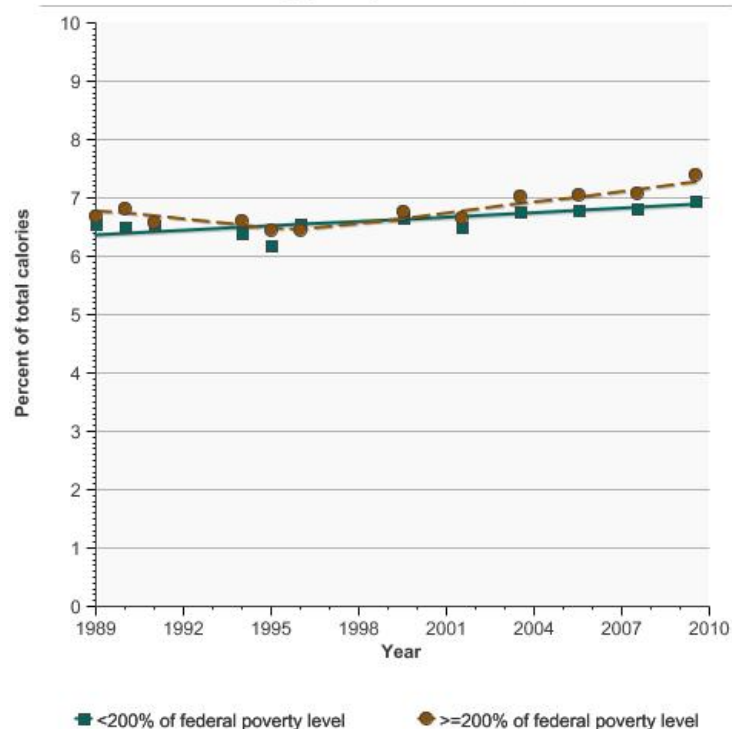
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By Poverty Income Level

Polyunsaturated fat intake as a percentage of total calories by poverty income level, 1989-2010

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2009 to 2010)	
		Percent of total calories	95% Confidence Interval
	<200% of federal poverty level	6.9	(6.9 - 7.0)
	>=200% of federal poverty level	7.4	(7.1 - 7.6)

Polyunsaturated fat intake as a percentage of total calories by poverty income level, 1989-2010



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Cancers Related to Fat Consumption

Statistical summaries from NCI's SEER Cancer Stat Fact Sheets:

- [Endometrial Cancer](http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/corp.html)(<http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/corp.html>)
- [Esophagus](http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/esoph.html)(<http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/esoph.html>)
- [Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma](http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/nhl.html)(<http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/nhl.html>)
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- [Stomach](http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/stomach.html)(<http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/stomach.html>)

Additional Information on Fat Consumption For the public

- [Living a Healthy Lifestyle](http://www.ahrq.gov/patients-consumers/prevention/lifestyle/index.html).(<http://www.ahrq.gov/patients-consumers/prevention/lifestyle/index.html>) Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.
- [ACS Guidelines on Nutrition and Physical Activity for Cancer Prevention](http://www.cancer.org/healthy/eathealthygetactive/acsguidelinesonnutritionphysicalactivityforcancerprevention/index).(<http://www.cancer.org/healthy/eathealthygetactive/acsguidelinesonnutritionphysicalactivityforcancerprevention/index>) American Cancer Society.
- [Diet and Physical Activity: What's the Cancer Connection](http://www.cancer.org/cancer/cancercauses/dietandphysicalactivity/diet-and-physical-activity).(<http://www.cancer.org/cancer/cancercauses/dietandphysicalactivity/diet-and-physical-activity>) American Cancer Society.
- [Cancer Prevention and Control](http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/dcpc/prevention/other.htm).(<http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/dcpc/prevention/other.htm>) Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- [Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity](http://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/dnpao/index.html).(<http://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/dnpao/index.html>) Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- [Dietary Guidelines for Americans 2010](http://www.health.gov/dietaryguidelines/dga2010/DietaryGuidelines2010.pdf).(<http://www.health.gov/dietaryguidelines/dga2010/DietaryGuidelines2010.pdf>) U.S. Department of Agriculture, and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.
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- [What We Eat in America, NHANES](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhanes.htm). (http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhanes.htm) U.S. Department of Agriculture, Agricultural Research Service, Beltsville Human Nutrition Research Center, Food Surveys Research Group (Beltsville, MD) and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics (Hyattsville, MD).
- [Food, Nutrition, Physical Activity, and the Prevention of Cancer: A Global Perspective](http://www.dietandcancerreport.org). (http://www.dietandcancerreport.org) World Cancer Research Fund, and the American Institute for Cancer Research.

For health professionals

- [Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity](http://www.cdc.gov/nccdcph/dnpao/index.html). (http://www.cdc.gov/nccdcph/dnpao/index.html) Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. State, Tribal, Local, and Territorial Public Health Professionals Gateway.
- [Dietary Guidelines for Americans 2010](http://www.health.gov/dietaryguidelines/dga2010/DietaryGuidelines2010.pdf). (http://www.health.gov/dietaryguidelines/dga2010/DietaryGuidelines2010.pdf) U.S. Department of Agriculture, and U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Scientific reports

- [American Cancer Society Guidelines on nutrition and physical activity for cancer prevention: reducing the risk of cancer with healthy food choices and physical activity](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/22237782). (http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/22237782) Kushi LH, Doyle C, McCullough M, et al. CA Cancer J Clin. 2012;62(1):30–67.
- [Food, nutrition, physical activity, and the prevention of cancer: a global perspective](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/18452640). (http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/18452640) Wiseman M. The second World Cancer Research Fund/American Institute for Cancer Research expert report. Proc Nutr Soc. 2008;67(3):253–6.
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- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. National Cancer Statistics. National Health Interview Survey](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis.htm). (http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis.htm)
- [Healthy People 2020, 2020 Topics & Objectives – Nutrition and Weight Status](http://www.healthypeople.gov/2020/topics-objectives/topic/nutrition-and-weight-status). (http://www.healthypeople.gov/2020/topics-objectives/topic/nutrition-and-weight-status)
- [Usual Dietary Intakes: Food Intakes, U.S. Population, 2007–10](http://epi.grants.cancer.gov/diet/usualintakes/pop/2007-10/). (http://epi.grants.cancer.gov/diet/usualintakes/pop/2007-10/) National Cancer Institute.
- [What We Eat in America](http://www.ars.usda.gov/Services/services.htm?modecode=12-35-50-00). (http://www.ars.usda.gov/Services/services.htm?modecode=12-35-50-00) U.S. Department of Agriculture.

Alcohol Consumption

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Introduction

Drinking alcohol increases the risk of cancers of the mouth, esophagus, pharynx, larynx, and liver in men and women and of breast cancer in women. In general, these risks increase after about one daily drink for women and two daily drinks for men. (A drink is defined as 12 ounces of regular beer, 5 ounces of wine, or 1.5 ounces of 80-proof liquor.)

The chances of getting liver cancer increase markedly with five or more drinks per day. Heavy alcohol use may also increase the risk of colorectal cancer and leads to greater increases in risk for most of the alcohol-related cancers. The sooner long-term, heavy alcohol use begins, the greater the cancer risk. Also, using alcohol with tobacco is riskier than using either one alone because it further increases the chances of getting cancers of the mouth, throat, and esophagus.

Measure

Per capita alcohol consumption: The estimated number of gallons of pure alcohol consumed per person (aged 14 years and older), per year. This measure accounts for the varying alcohol content of wine, beer, and liquor. People as young as 14 are included because a large number of adolescents begin drinking at an early age.

Healthy People 2020 Target

- Reduce average annual alcohol consumption by individuals aged 14 years and older to 2.1 gallons.

Healthy People 2020 is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Data Source

National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. Surveillance report #102 – Apparent per capita alcohol consumption: national, state, and regional trends, 1977–2013. (<http://pubs.niaaa.nih.gov/publications/surveillance102/CONS13.htm>) April 2015.

Trends and Most Recent Estimates

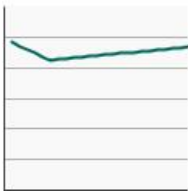
Alcohol Consumption

Annual per capita alcohol consumption in gallons by individuals aged 14 years and older, 1990-2013

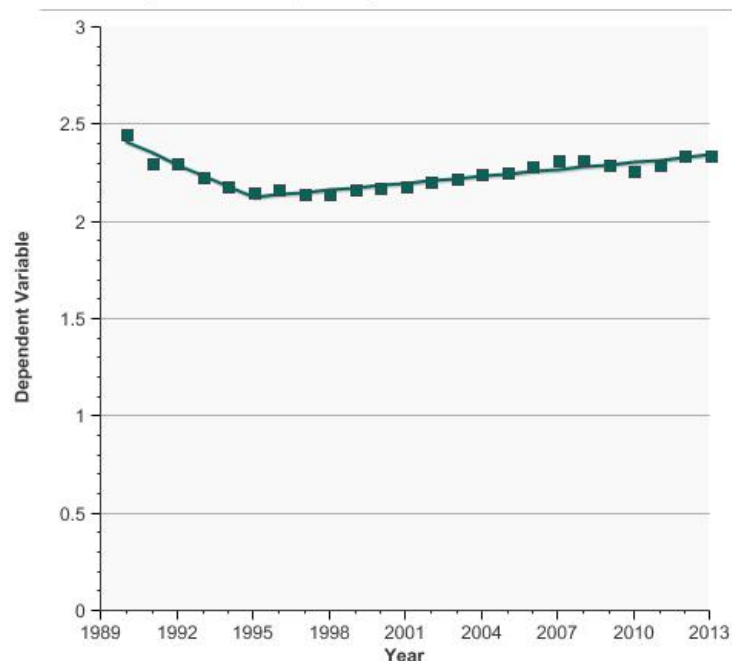
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Most Recent Estimates (2013)

	Dependent Variable	Confidence Interval
	All Types of Alcoholic Beverages	2.3
		Not available

Annual per capita alcohol consumption in gallons by individuals aged 14 years and older, 1990-2013



Source: Haughwout, S.P., LaVallee, R.A.; and Castle, I.P. Surveillance Report #102: Apparent Per Capita Alcohol Consumption: National, State, and Regional Trends, 1977-2013. Bethesda, MD: National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism, Division of Epidemiology and Prevention Research (April 2015). Data are not age-adjusted.

Cancers Related to Alcohol Consumption

Statistical summaries from NCI's SEER Cancer Stat Fact Sheets:

- [Breast cancer](http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/breast.html)
- [Colon and Rectum](http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/colorect.html)
- [Esophagus](http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/esoph.html)
- [Larynx](http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/laryn.html)
- [Liver and Intrahepatic Bile Duct](http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/livibd.html)
- [Oral Cavity and Pharynx](http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/oralcav.html)

Additional Information on Alcohol Consumption For the public

- [Alcohol Use and Cancer](http://www.cancer.org/Cancer/CancerCauses/DietandPhysicalActivity/alcohol-use-and-cancer). (http://www.cancer.org/Cancer/CancerCauses/DietandPhysicalActivity/alcohol-use-and-cancer) American Cancer Society.
- [Publications – NIAAA resources on alcohol consumption and alcohol-related problems](http://www.niaaa.nih.gov/publications). (http://www.niaaa.nih.gov/publications) National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism.
- [Food, Nutrition, Physical Activity, and the Prevention of Cancer: A Global Perspective](http://www.dietandcancerreport.org). (http://www.dietandcancerreport.org) World Cancer Research Fund, American Institute for Cancer Research.

For health professionals

- [Screening and Behavioral Counseling Interventions in Primary Care to Reduce Alcohol Misuse](http://www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org/Page/Topic/recommendation-summary/alcohol-misuse-screening-and-behavioral-counseling-interventions-). (http://www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org/Page/Topic/recommendation-summary/alcohol-misuse-screening-and-behavioral-counseling-interventions-)

Scientific reports

- [What is Moderate Drinking? Defining "Drinks" and Drinking Levels.](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/10890793)(<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/10890793>) Dufour, MC. Alcohol Res Health 1999;23(1):5–14.
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- [Surveillance Report #97 – Apparent per capita alcohol consumption: national, state, and regional trends 1977–2011.](http://pubs.niaaa.nih.gov/publications/surveillance97/CONS11.htm)(<http://pubs.niaaa.nih.gov/publications/surveillance97/CONS11.htm>) National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism. July 2013.
- [Food Intakes, U.S. Population, 2001–04: Usual Intake of Alcohol.](http://epi.grants.cancer.gov/diet/usualintakes/pop/2001-04/alcohol.html?url=/diet/usualintakes/pop/2001-04/alcohol.html) (<http://epi.grants.cancer.gov/diet/usualintakes/pop/2001-04/alcohol.html?url=/diet/usualintakes/pop/2001-04/alcohol.html>)National Cancer Institute.

Physical Activity

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Introduction

Maintaining a healthy lifestyle has the potential to reduce both cancer- and non-cancer-related morbidity. In particular, physical activity may reduce the risk of several types of cancer, including breast, colon, endometrium (lining of the uterus), and advanced prostate cancers, and it may also lower a person's risk of other health problems such as heart disease, high blood pressure, diabetes, and osteoporosis (bone thinning). Being active may also help to prevent weight gain and obesity, which can reduce the risk of developing cancers that have been linked to excess body weight.

Physical activity also improves the quality of life among cancer patients and survivors. Studies are beginning to explore the potential for physical activity, including aerobic, strength, and flexibility training, to improve cancer survival rates.

Several national groups offer recommendations for engaging in regular physical activity. The U.S. Department of Health and Human Services recommends at least 1 hour of physical activity every day for children and adolescents, and 2.5 hours of moderate-intensity aerobic activity, or 1 hour and 15 minutes of vigorous-intensity aerobic activity, for adults each week.

Measure

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who reported no leisure-time physical activity during the past month.

Healthy People 2020 Target

- Reduce the percentage of adults who engage in no leisure-time physical activity to 32.6 percent.

Healthy People 2020 is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Data Source

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Health Interview Survey 1992–2012.

Trends and Most Recent Estimates

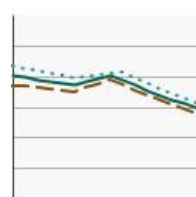
By Sex

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older reporting no physical activity in their leisure time by sex, 1997-2012

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Most Recent Estimates (2012)



[Both Sexes](#)

Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

[Male](#)

29.6

(28.8 - 30.5)

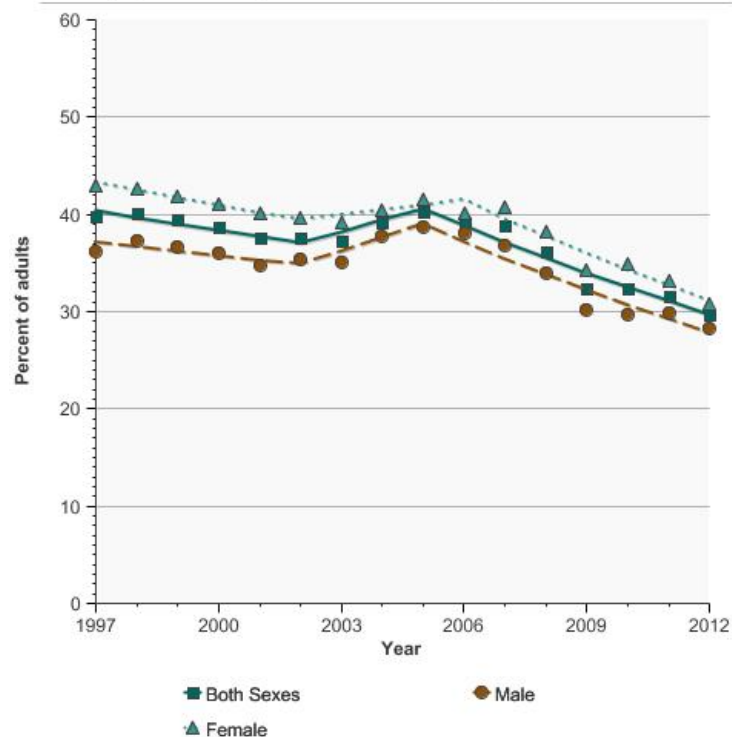
[Female](#)

28.3

(27.2 - 29.5)

(29.8 - 31.7)

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older reporting no physical activity in their leisure time by sex, 1997-2012



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. National Health Interview Survey. Data are age-adjusted to the 2000 US standard population using age groups: 18-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45-64, 65+.

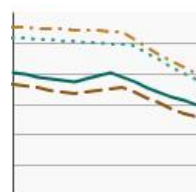
By Race/Ethnicity

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older reporting no physical activity in their leisure time by race/ethnicity, 1997-2012

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Most Recent Estimates (2012)



[All Races](#)

Percent of adults

29.6

95% Confidence Interval

(28.8 - 30.5)

[Non-Hispanic White](#)

25.9

(24.9 - 27.0)

[Non-Hispanic Black](#)

38.3

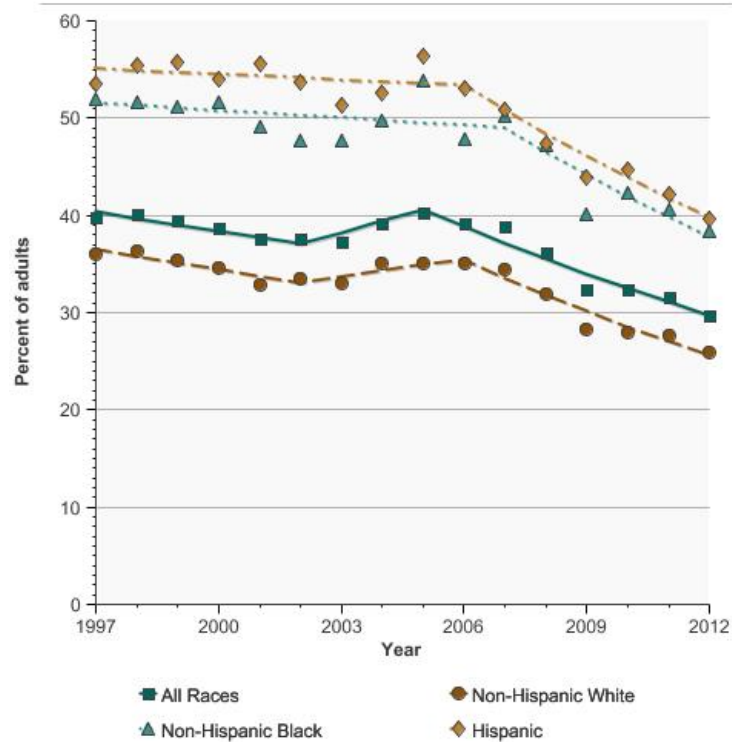
(36.7 - 39.9)

[Hispanic](#)

39.6

(37.7 - 41.6)

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older reporting no physical activity in their leisure time by race/ethnicity, 1997-2012



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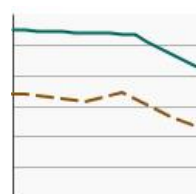
By Poverty Income Level

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older reporting no physical activity in their leisure time by poverty income level, 1997-2012

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Most Recent Estimates (2012)



<200% of federal poverty level

Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

43.2

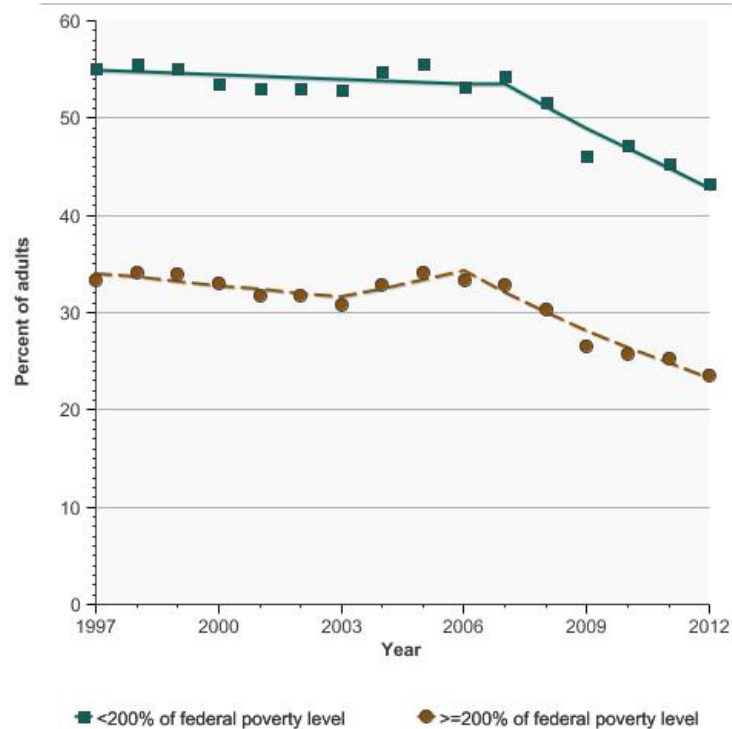
(41.8 - 44.6)

>=200% of federal poverty level

23.5

(22.6 - 24.5)

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older reporting no physical activity in their leisure time by poverty income level, 1997-2012



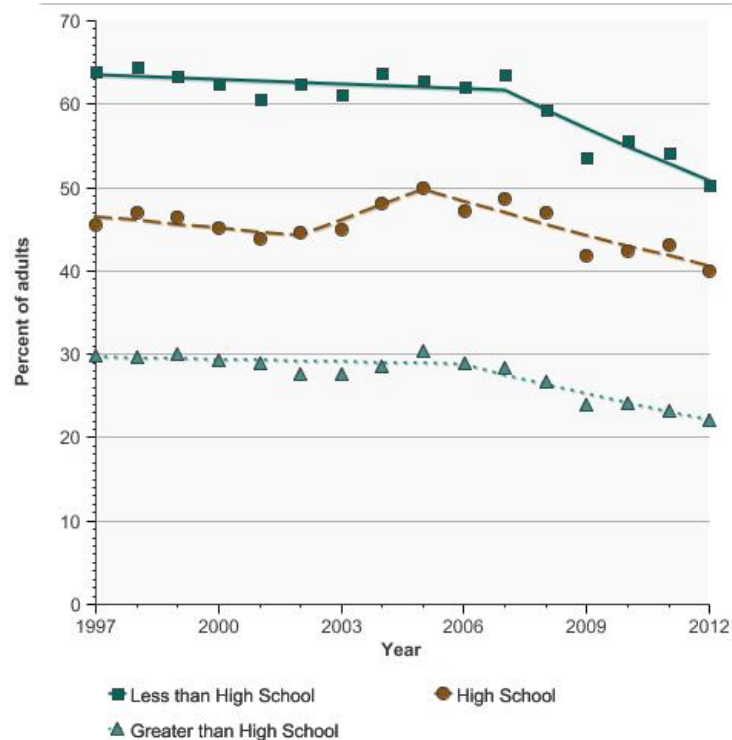
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By Education Level

Percentage of adults aged 25 years and older reporting no physical activity in their leisure time by highest level of education obtained, 1997-2012

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2012)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	<u>Less than High School</u>	50.3	(48.2 - 52.4)
	<u>High School</u>	40.1	(38.4 - 41.7)
	<u>Greater than High School</u>	22.1	(21.2 - 23.1)

Percentage of adults aged 25 years and older reporting no physical activity in their leisure time by highest level of education obtained, 1997-2012



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. National Health Interview Survey. Data are age-adjusted to the 2000 US standard population using age groups: 25-34, 35-44, 45-64, 65+.

Cancers Related to Physical Activity

Statistical summaries from NCI's SEER Cancer Stat Fact Sheets:

- [Breast Cancer](http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/breast.html)
- [Colon and Rectum](http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/colorect.html)
- [Endometrial cancer](http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/corp.html)

Additional Information on Physical Activity For the public

- [ACS Guidelines on Nutrition and Physical Activity for Cancer Prevention](http://www.cancer.org/healthy/eathealthygetactive/acsguidelinesonnutritionphysicalactivityforcancerprevention/index). American Cancer Society.
- [Cancer Prevention and Control](http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/dcpc/prevention/other.htm). Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- [Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity](http://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/dnpao/index.html). Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- [Physical Activity](http://www.cdc.gov/physicalactivity/everyone/guidelines/index.html). Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- [Physical Activity for a Healthy Weight](http://www.cdc.gov/healthyweight/physical_activity/index.html). Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
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Statistics

- [FastStats – Exercise or Physical Activity.](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/fastats/exercise.htm) (http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/fastats/exercise.htm)Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- [Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Cancer Statistics, National Health Interview Survey.](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis.htm) (http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis.htm)
- [Healthy People 2020, 2020 Topics & Objectives – Physical Activity.](http://www.healthypeople.gov/2020/topics-objectives/topic/physical-activity) (http://www.healthypeople.gov/2020/topics-objectives/topic/physical-activity)

Weight

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Introduction

Compelling evidence indicates that preventing excess body weight and obesity reduces the risk of several types of cancer, including colorectal, breast (among women who have gone through menopause), uterine, esophageal, renal cell (kidney), and pancreatic cancers.

Research has also identified an association between obesity and worse [prognosis](http://www.cancer.gov/dictionary?Cdrid=45849) and [outcomes](http://www.cancer.gov/dictionary?Cdrid=467853) among some cancer patients, particularly those with breast, prostate, and colon cancer. Excess body weight is thought to contribute to as many as one in five cancer-related deaths in the United States.

While there is still much to be learned about the link between excess weight and cancer, people who are overweight or obese are encouraged to lose weight and maintain a healthy lifestyle. Doing so has the potential to reduce both cancer- and non-cancer-related morbidity.

Measure

The percentage of adults aged 20 years and older who are at a healthy weight, overweight, or obese. These weight groups are defined by a measurement called body mass index (BMI), which is calculated by dividing weight in kilograms by height in meters squared. For most adults, experts consider a BMI within the range of 18.5 to 24.9 to be healthy, a BMI between 25 and 29.9 to be overweight, and a BMI of 30 and over to be obese.

Healthy People 2020 Target

- Increase to 33.9 percent the proportion of adults who are at a healthy weight.
- Reduce to 30.5 percent the proportion of adults who are obese.

Healthy People 2020 is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Data Source

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey, 1971–2012.

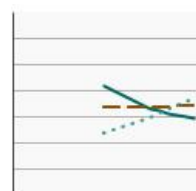
Trends and Most Recent Estimates Body Weight Comparison

Percent of adults aged 20 years and older who were at a healthy weight, overweight, or obese, 1971-2012

[Overview Graph](#)

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Most Recent Estimates (2011 to 2012)



[Healthy Weight](#)

Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

[Overweight](#)

29.7

(27.1 - 32.3)

[Obese](#)

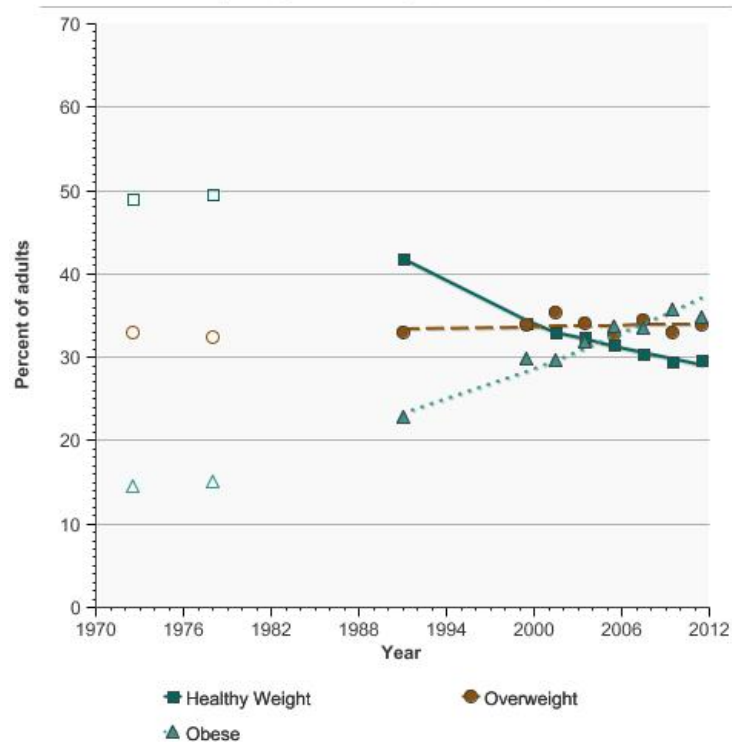
33.9

(31.5 - 36.3)

34.8

(32.1 - 37.5)

Percent of adults aged 20 years and older who were at a healthy weight, overweight, or obese, 1971-2012



Source: National Center for Health Statistics. National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey.
The open data symbols represent ages 20-74 from the NHANES 1 and NHANES 2 surveys.
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Healthy Weight

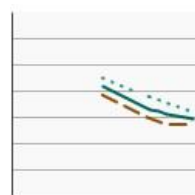
By Sex

Percent of adults aged 20 years and older who were at a healthy weight by sex, 1971-2012

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Most Recent Estimates (2011.5)



[Both Sexes](#)

Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

[Male](#)

29.7

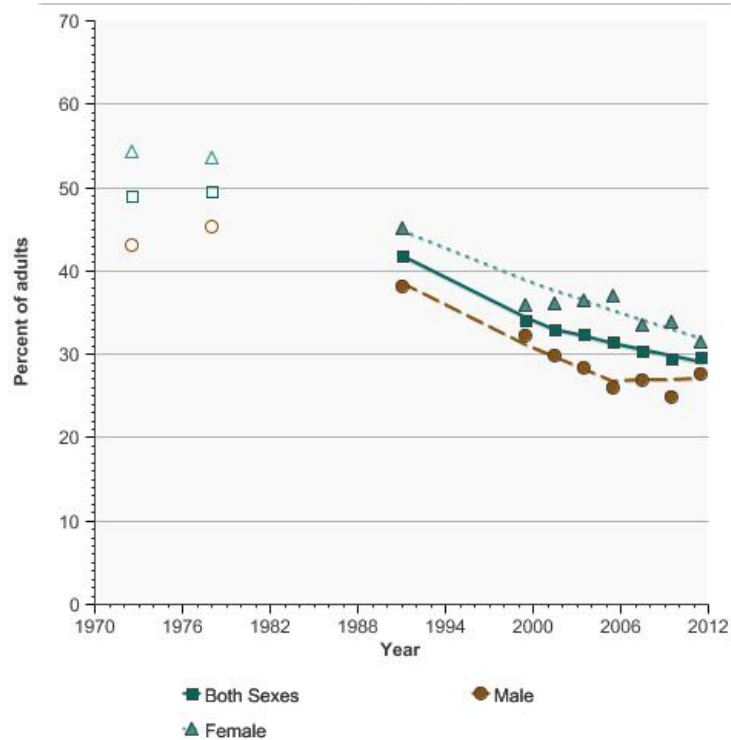
(27.1 - 32.3)

[Female](#)

31.5

(28.2 - 34.8)

Percent of adults aged 20 years and older who were at a healthy weight by sex, 1971-2012



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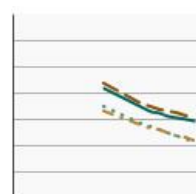
By Race/Ethnicity

Percent of adults aged 20 years and older who were at a healthy weight by race/ethnicity, 1971-2012

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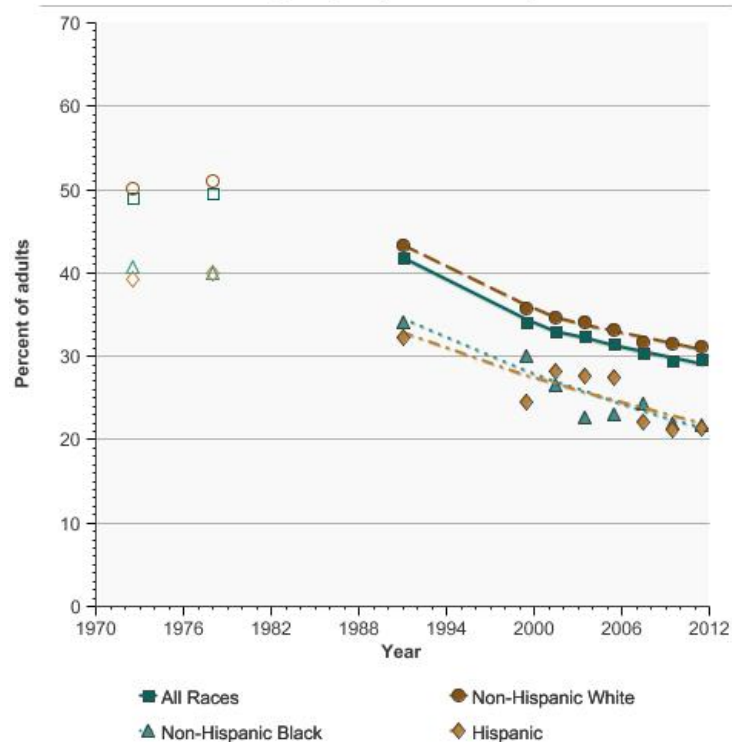
[Detailed Trend Graphs](#)

Most Recent Estimates (2011.5)



	Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
All Races	29.7	(27.1 - 32.3)
Non-Hispanic White	31.0	(27.5 - 34.6)
Non-Hispanic Black	21.7	(19.6 - 23.9)
Hispanic	21.4	(18.2 - 24.7)

Percent of adults aged 20 years and older who were at a healthy weight by race/ethnicity, 1971-2012



Source: National Center for Health Statistics. National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey.
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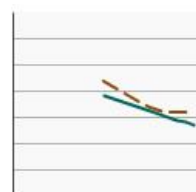
By Poverty Income Level

Percent of adults aged 20 years and older who were at a healthy weight by poverty status, 1971-2012

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Most Recent Estimates (2011.5)



<200% of federal poverty level

Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

26.8

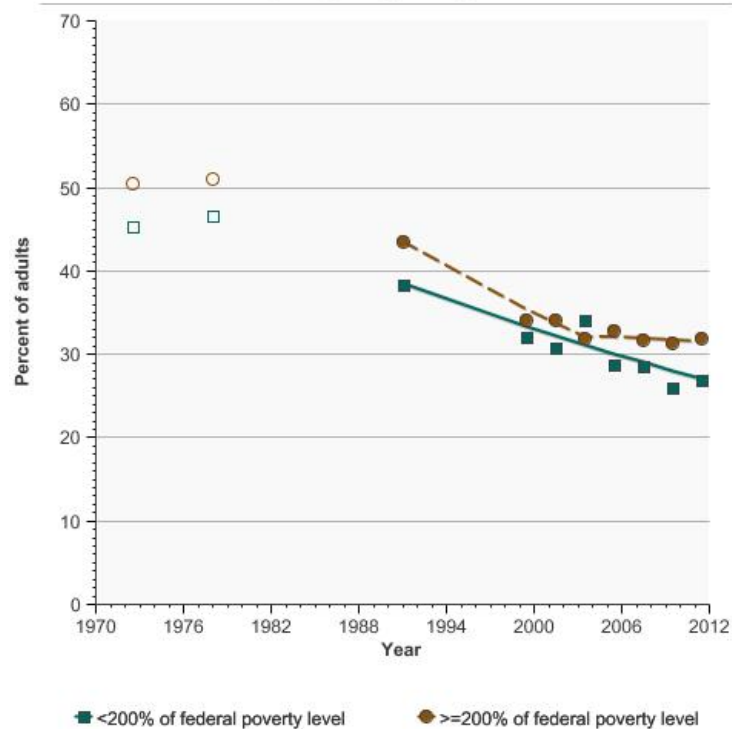
(24.4 - 29.3)

>=200% of federal poverty level

31.9

(28.1 - 35.7)

Percent of adults aged 20 years and older who were at a healthy weight by poverty status, 1971-2012



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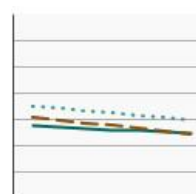
By Education Level

Percent of adults aged 25 years and older who were at a healthy weight by highest level of education obtained, 1999-2012

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Most Recent Estimates (2011.5)



[Less than High School](#)

Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

[High School](#)

25.7

(22.0 - 29.3)

[Greater than High School](#)

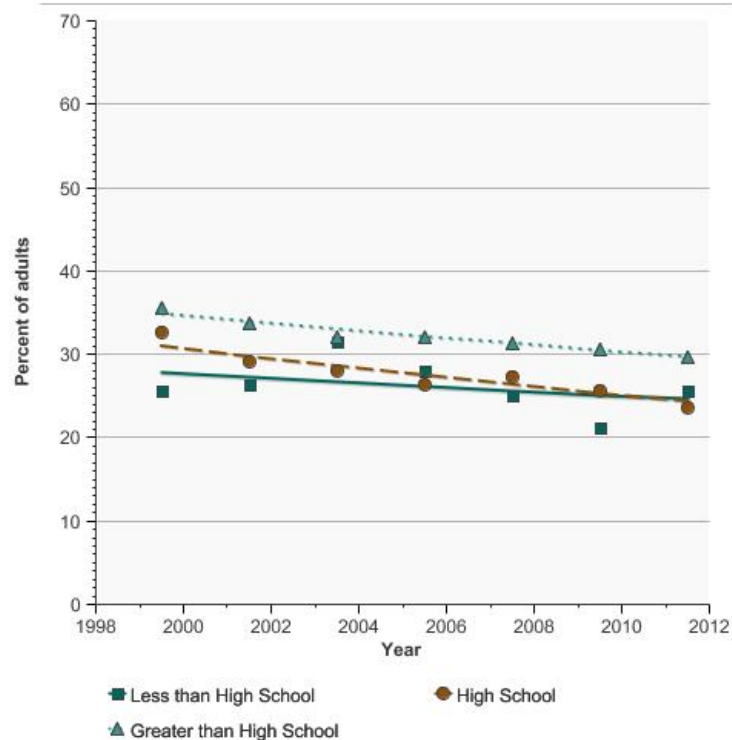
23.6

(18.5 - 28.6)

29.7

(27.1 - 32.3)

Percent of adults aged 25 years and older who were at a healthy weight by highest level of education obtained, 1999-2012



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Overweight

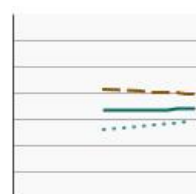
By Sex

Percent of adults aged 20 years and older who were overweight by sex, 1971-2012

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Most Recent Estimates (2011.5)



[Both Sexes](#)

Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

[Male](#)

33.9

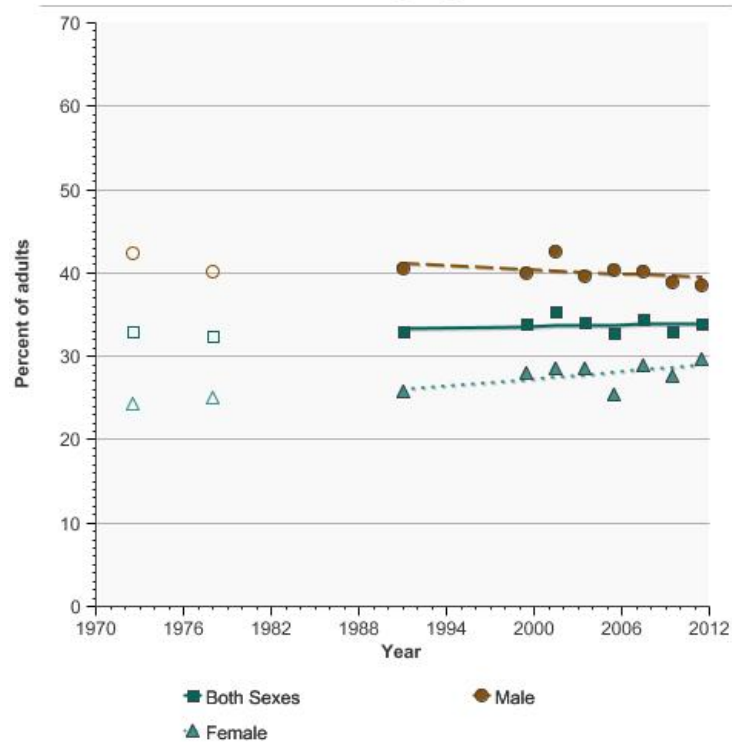
(31.5 - 36.3)

[Female](#)

29.7

(26.6 - 32.8)

Percent of adults aged 20 years and older who were overweight by sex, 1971-2012



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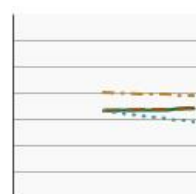
By Race/Ethnicity

Percent of adults aged 20 years and older who were overweight by race/ethnicity, 1971-2012

[Overview Graph](#)

[Detailed Trend Graphs](#)

Most Recent Estimates (2011.5)



[All Races](#)

Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

[Non-Hispanic White](#)

33.9

(31.5 - 36.3)

[Non-Hispanic Black](#)

34.9

(32.0 - 37.9)

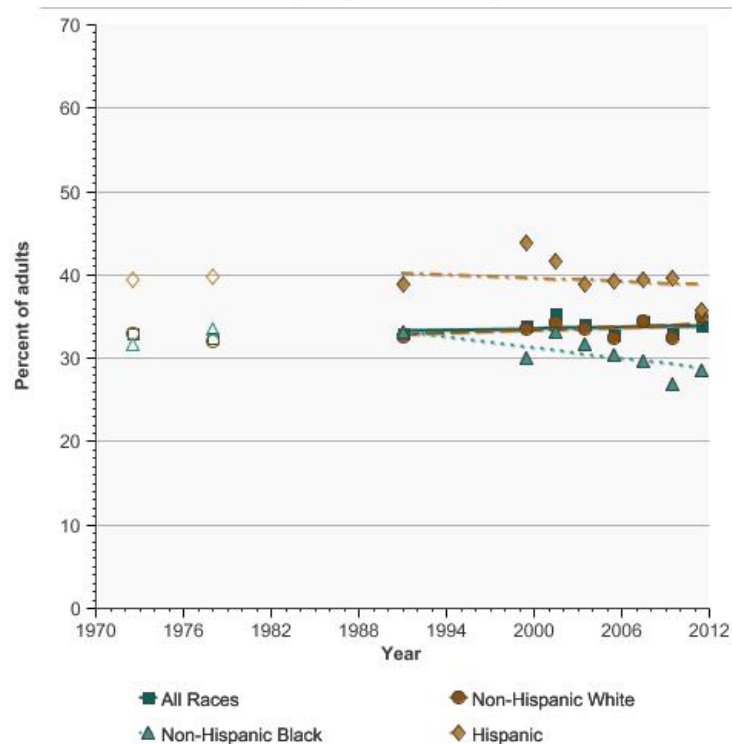
[Hispanic](#)

28.5

(25.4 - 31.6)

(32.2 - 39.3)

Percent of adults aged 20 years and older who were overweight by race/ethnicity, 1971-2012



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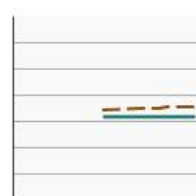
By Poverty Income Level

Percent of adults aged 20 years and older who were overweight by poverty status, 1971-2012

[Overview Graph](#)

Detailed Trend Graphs

Most Recent Estimates (2011.5)



<200% of federal poverty level

Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

31.2

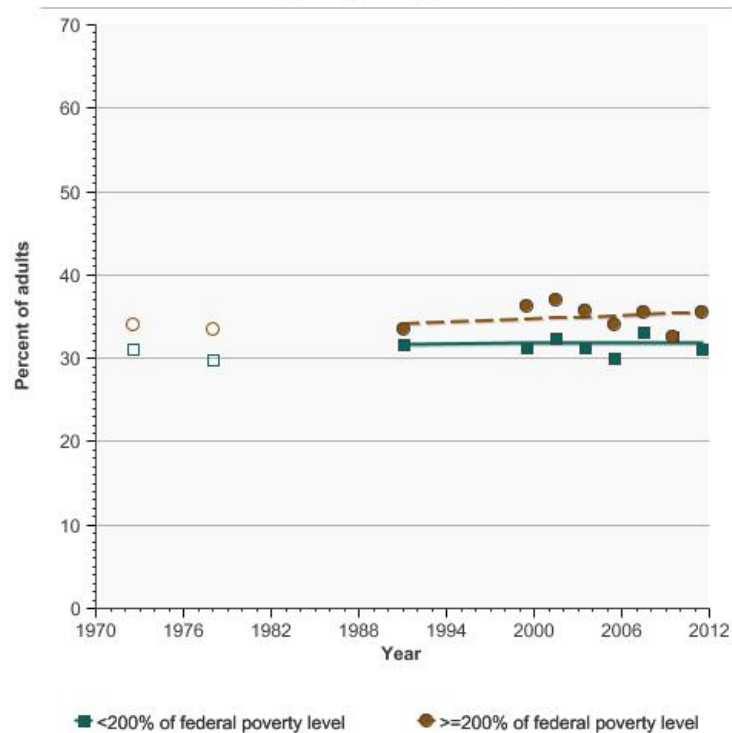
(29.0 - 33.4)

>=200% of federal poverty level

35.6

(32.5 - 38.7)

Percent of adults aged 20 years and older who were overweight by poverty status, 1971-2012



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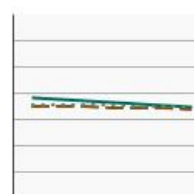
By Education Level

Percent of adults aged 25 years and older who were overweight by highest level of education obtained, 1999-2012

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Most Recent Estimates (2011.5)



[Less than High School](#)

Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

[High School](#)

33.8

(30.2 - 37.4)

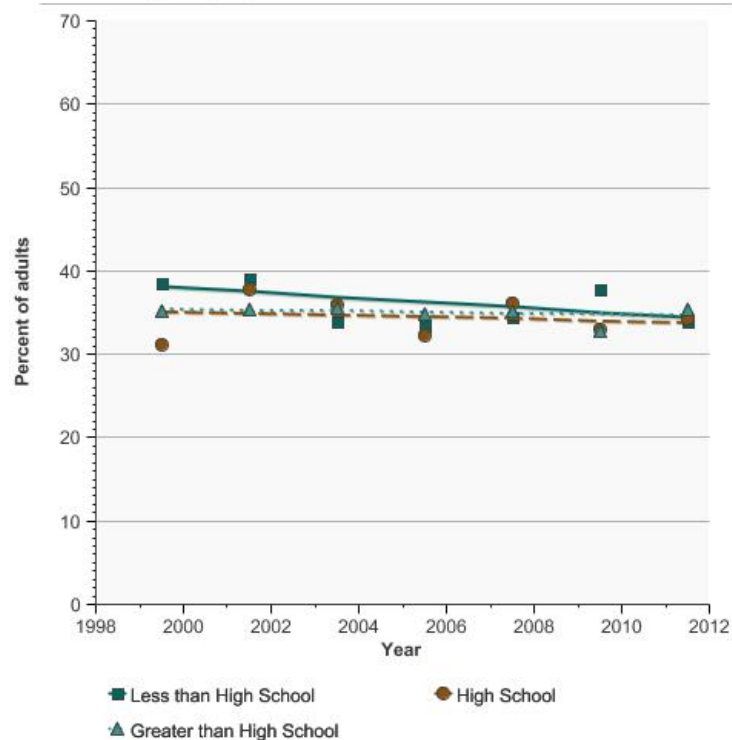
[Greater than High School](#)

34.3

(29.7 - 38.8)

(32.9 - 37.9)

Percent of adults aged 25 years and older who were overweight by highest level of education obtained, 1999-2012



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Obese

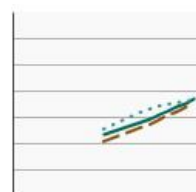
By Sex

Percent of adults aged 20 years and older who were obese by sex, 1971-2012

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Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

[Male](#)

34.8

(32.1 - 37.5)

[Female](#)

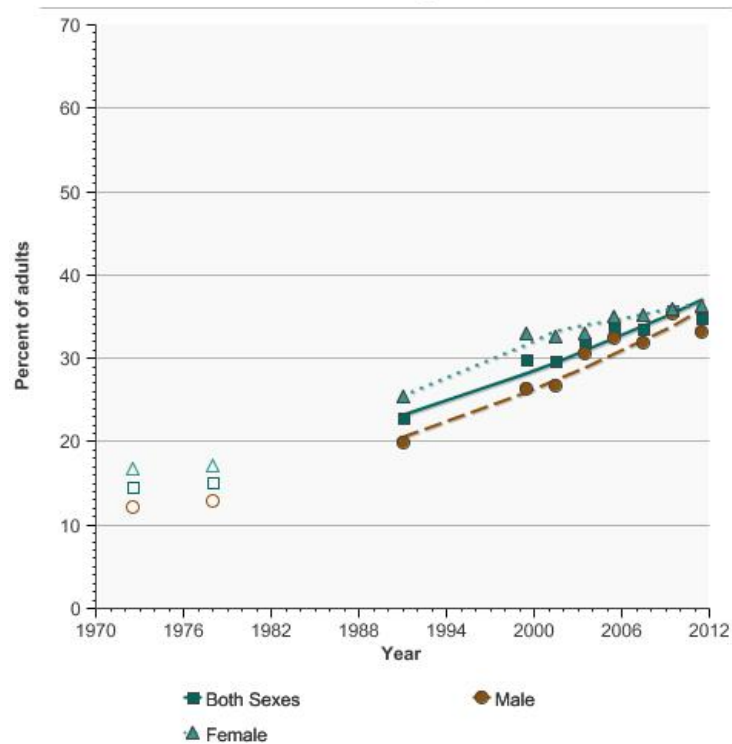
33.2

(30.6 - 35.8)

36.2

(32.9 - 39.6)

Percent of adults aged 20 years and older who were obese by sex, 1971-2012



Source: National Center for Health Statistics. National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey.
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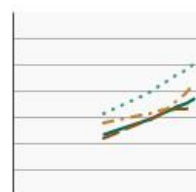
By Race/Ethnicity

Percent of adults aged 20 years and older who were obese by race/ethnicity, 1971-2012

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[All Races](#)

Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

[Non-Hispanic White](#)

34.8

(32.1 - 37.5)

[Non-Hispanic Black](#)

32.4

(29.0 - 35.8)

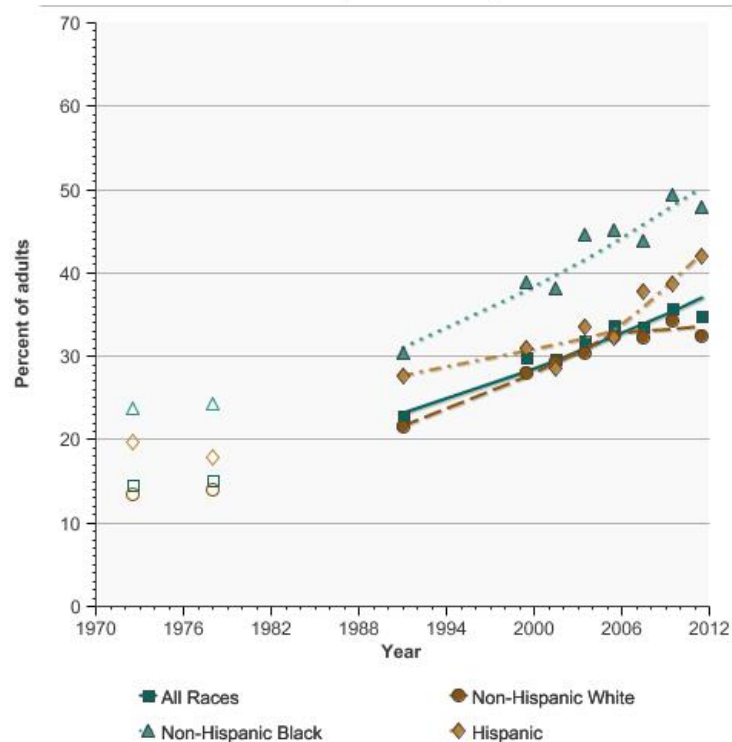
[Hispanic](#)

47.9

(44.3 - 51.4)

(38.5 - 45.5)

Percent of adults aged 20 years and older who were obese by race/ethnicity, 1971-2012



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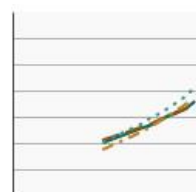
Males by Race/Ethnicity

Percent of males aged 20 years and older who were obese by race/ethnicity, 1971-2012

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[All Races](#)

Percent of males

95% Confidence Interval

[Non-Hispanic White](#)

33.2

(30.6 - 35.8)

[Non-Hispanic Black](#)

31.9

(29.3 - 34.5)

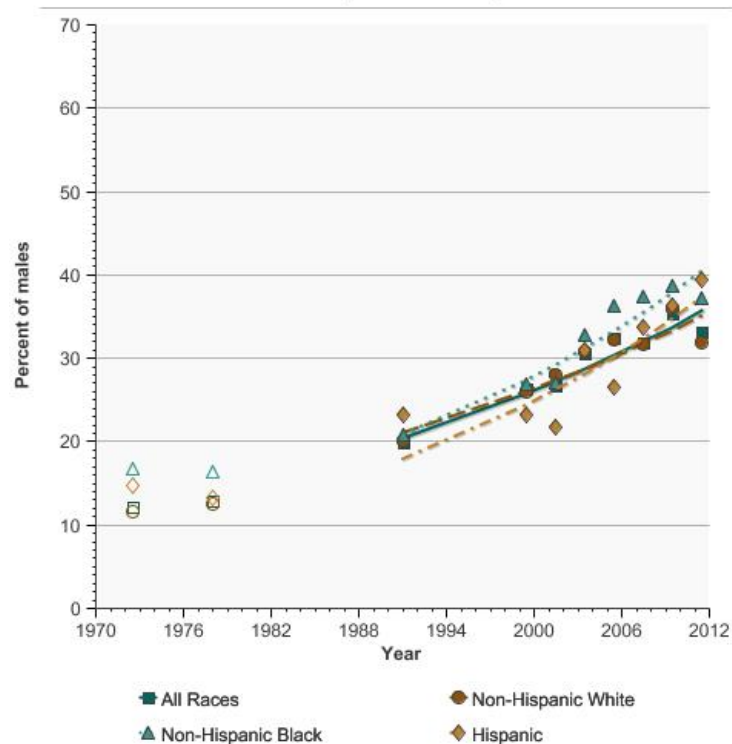
[Hispanic](#)

37.2

(32.8 - 41.6)

(35.3 - 43.4)

Percent of males aged 20 years and older who were obese by race/ethnicity, 1971-2012



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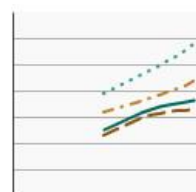
Females by Race/Ethnicity

Percent of females aged 20 years and older who were obese by race/ethnicity, 1971-2012

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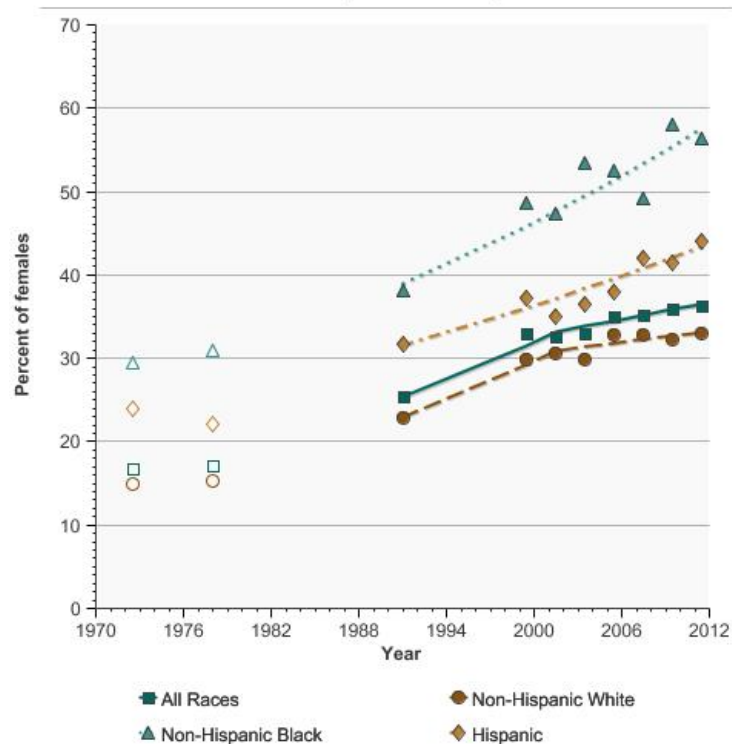
[Detailed Trend Graphs](#)

Most Recent Estimates (2011.5)



	Percent of females	95% Confidence Interval
All Races	36.2	(32.9 - 39.6)
Non-Hispanic White	33.0	(27.9 - 38.1)
Non-Hispanic Black	56.4	(52.2 - 60.6)
Hispanic	44.1	(39.8 - 48.4)

Percent of females aged 20 years and older who were obese by race/ethnicity, 1971-2012



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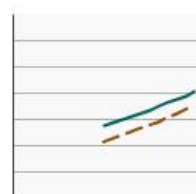
By Education Level

Percent of adults aged 20 years and older who were obese by poverty status, 1971-2012

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<200% of federal poverty level

Percent of adults

40.1

95% Confidence Interval

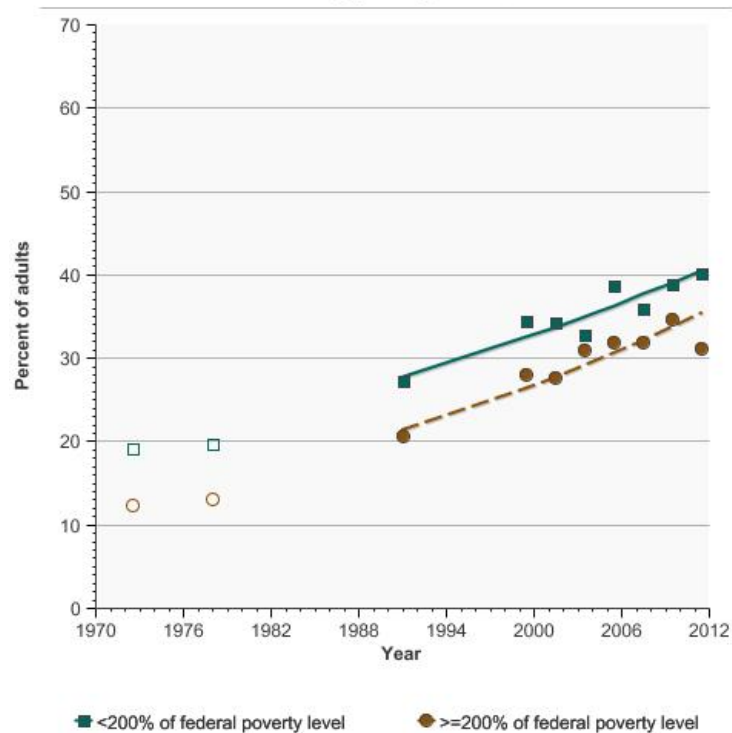
(37.7 - 42.5)

>=200% of federal poverty level

31.2

(27.9 - 34.5)

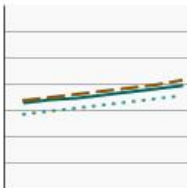
Percent of adults aged 20 years and older who were obese by poverty status, 1971-2012



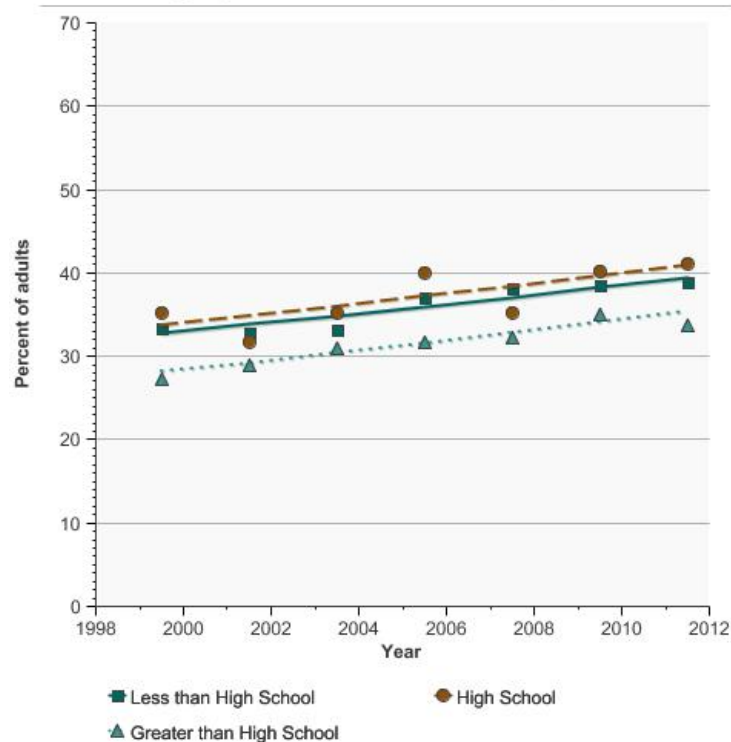
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By Education Level

Percent of adults aged 25 years and older who were obese by highest level of education obtained, 1999-2012

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2011.5)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	Less than High School	38.9	(36.2 - 41.6)
	High School	41.1	(36.1 - 46.0)
	Greater than High School	33.7	(30.8 - 36.7)

Percent of adults aged 25 years and older who were obese by highest level of education obtained, 1999-2012



Source: National Center for Health Statistics. National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey. Data are age-adjusted to the 2000 US standard population using age groups 25-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, 80+.

Cancers Related to Weight

Statistical summaries from NCI's SEER Cancer Stat Fact Sheets:

- [Breast Cancer](http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/breast.html)
- [Colon and Rectum](http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/colorect.html)
- [Endometrial Cancer](http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/corp.html)
- [Ovary](http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/ovary.html)
- [Pancreas](http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/pancreas.html)

Additional Information on Weight For the public

- [Living a Healthy Lifestyle](http://www.ahrq.gov/patients-consumers/prevention/lifestyle/index.html). Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.
- [ACS Guidelines on Nutrition and Physical Activity for Cancer Prevention](http://www.cancer.org/healthy/eathealthygetactive/acsguidelinesonnutritionphysicalactivityforcancerprevention/index). American Cancer Society.
- [Take Control of Your Weight](http://www.cancer.org/healthy/eathealthygetactive/takecontrolofyourweight). American Cancer Society.
- [Cancer Prevention and Control](http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/dccp/prevention/other.htm). Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- [Nutrition, Physical Activity, and Obesity](http://www.cdc.gov/nccdphp/dnpao/index.html). Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
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- [Physical Activity for a Healthy Weight](http://www.cdc.gov/healthyweight/physical_activity/index.html). Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- [Body Mass Index Table](http://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/guidelines/obesity/bmi_tbl.htm). National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute.

For health professionals

- [Clinical Guidelines on the Identification, Evaluation, and Treatment of Overweight and Obesity in Adults](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK2003/)(<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK2003/>). National Heart, Lung, and Blood Institute.
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- [Screening for Obesity in Children and Adolescents \(January 2010\)](http://www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org/uspstf/uspschobes.htm)(<http://www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org/uspstf/uspschobes.htm>). U.S. Preventive Services Task Force.

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- [Prevalence of obesity and trends in the distribution of body mass index among US adults, 1999–2010](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/22253363)(<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/22253363>). Flegal KM, Carroll MD, Kit BK, and Ogden CL. JAMA 2012;307(5):491–7.
- [American Cancer Society Guidelines on nutrition and physical activity for cancer prevention: reducing the risk of cancer with healthy food choices and physical activity](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/22237782)(<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/22237782>). Kushi LH, Doyle C, McCullough M, et al. CA Cancer J Clin. 2012;62(1):30–67.
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- [Nutrition and physical activity cancer prevention guidelines, cancer risk, and mortality in the women's health initiative](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/24403289)(<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/24403289>). Thomson CA, McCullough ML, Wertheim BC, et al. Cancer Prev Res (Phila) 2014;1:42–53.
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- [Healthy People 2020, 2020 Topics & Objectives – Nutrition and Weight Status](http://www.healthypeople.gov/2020/topics-objectives/topic/nutrition-and-weight-status)(<http://www.healthypeople.gov/2020/topics-objectives/topic/nutrition-and-weight-status>).

UV Exposure and Sun Protective Practices

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Introduction

Skin cancer incidence rates have been increasing for decades. While the rates of most cancers are decreasing, skin cancer remains one of the few cancers with increasing rates.

There are three main types of skin cancer: basal cell carcinoma (BCC), squamous cell carcinoma (SCC), and melanoma. BCC and SCC are the most common forms of skin cancer and are collectively referred to as nonmelanoma skin cancers. Although 40 to 50 percent of Americans who live to age 65 will have nonmelanoma skin cancer at least once, most of these cancers—as well as melanoma, the deadliest form of skin cancer—can be prevented.

Studies suggest that reducing unprotected exposure to the sun and avoiding artificial ultraviolet (UV) light from indoor tanning beds, tanning booths, and sun lamps can lower the risk of skin cancer. Avoiding sunburns, intermittent high-intensity sun exposure, indoor UV tanning, and other damage from these sources—especially in children, teens, and young adults—reduces the chances of getting melanoma skin cancer.

Still, skin cancer does affect people of all ages and skin types. While most common in light-skinned people, skin cancer when detected in darker skinned people is more often diagnosed at a later stage when survival is poorer.

In July 2014, the first time in the history of Surgeon Generals, a Surgeon General's Call To Action to Prevent Skin Cancer Report was released. In the same year, the Food and Drug Administration (FDA) increased the stringency of regulations related to indoor tanning equipment and facilities that provide indoor tanning services, and changed the classification of such devices to a Class II from a Class I. FDA has also improved standards for sunscreen content and labeling within the last two years.

Measure

Sun-protective behaviors: The percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who reported that they usually or always practice at least one of three sun-protective behaviors—using sunscreen, wearing protective clothing (a long-sleeve shirt ,and/or wide brimmed hat shading the face, ears, and neck, and/or long pants/long skirt), or seeking shade when going outside on a sunny day for more than an hour.

Beginning in 2005, the question on hat use (as part of protective clothing) was modified to more accurately distinguish baseball caps (which do not fully protect the face, neck, and ears) from other types of fully protective hats. Graphic illustrations of different hats were used, and respondents were asked a separate question about baseball cap and sun visor use. Also, long pants/long skirt was an item added in 2005.

In certain sections of this report, the protective clothing and sunscreen measures were defined according to the Healthy People 2020 objectives with data available since 2005, allowing for only short-term trends. HP2020 defines use of protective clothing as wearing one or more of the following -- a wide-brimmed hat that shades the face, ears, and neck, long sleeves, and long pants or long skirt. HP2020 guidelines for sunscreen use refer to sunscreens with a sun protective factor (SPF) of 15 or higher.

Indoor tanning: The percentage of teens aged 14 to 17 years who have used an indoor tanning device one or more times during the past 12 months, as reported by a knowledgeable adult household respondent. The National Health Interview Survey Cancer Control Supplement (NHIS-CCS) data began to track indoor tanning use by adolescents in 2005. Self-reports of use of the same devices by adults aged 18 years and older are given here for 2010 and 2013. Although NHIS-CCS also collected this data for adults in 2005 and 2008, the methodology used then likely resulted in overestimates and so that data was not included here.

Sunburn: The percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who reported having been sunburned in the past 12 months.

Healthy People 2020 Target

- (Developmental) Reduce the proportion of adolescents in grades 9 through 12 who report sunburn.
- Reduce to 33.8 percent the proportion of adults aged 18 years and older who report at least one sunburn in the past 12 months.
- Reduce to 14 percent the proportion of adolescents in grades 9 through 12 who report using artificial sources of ultraviolet light for tanning.
- Reduce to 3.6 percent the proportion of adults aged 18 years and older who report using artificial sources of ultraviolet light for tanning.
- Increase to 11.2 percent the proportion of adolescents in grades 9 through 12 who follow protective measures that may reduce the risk of skin cancer.
- Increase to 73.7 percent the proportion of adults aged 18 years and older who follow protective measures that may reduce the risk of skin cancer.

Healthy People 2020 is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Data Source

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. National Health Interview Survey NCI and CDC co-sponsored Cancer Control Supplement, 1992-2010, 2005-2010.

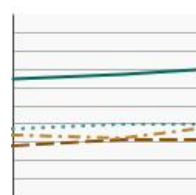
Trends and Most Recent Estimates Sun Protection Methods

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who usually or always protect themselves from the sun by type of protective measure, 2005-2010

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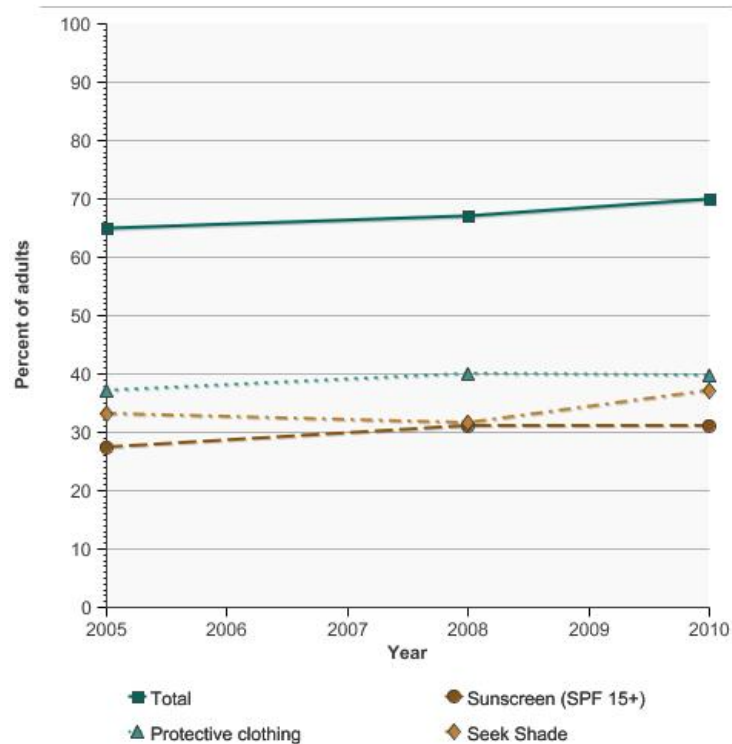
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Most Recent Estimates (2010)



	Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
<u>Total</u>	70.0	(69.2 - 70.8)
<u>Sunscreen (SPF 15+)</u>	31.0	(30.1 - 31.8)
<u>Protective clothing</u>	39.8	(39.0 - 40.7)
<u>Seek Shade</u>	37.2	(36.3 - 38.0)

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who usually or always protect themselves from the sun by type of protective measure, 2005-2010



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Use Some Type of Protection

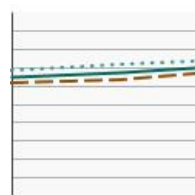
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Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who usually or always protect themselves from the sun by sex, 2005-2010

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[Both Sexes](#)

Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

[Male](#)

70.0

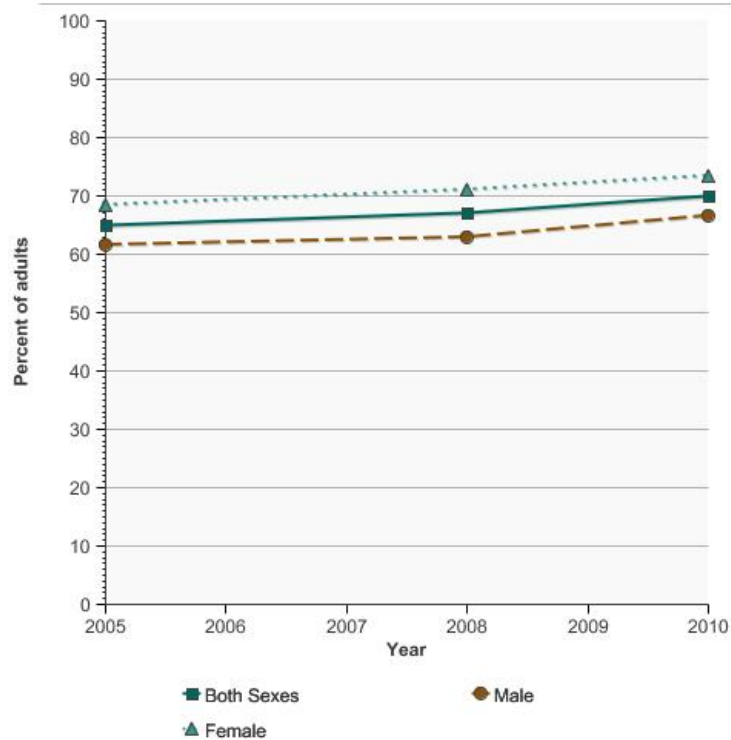
(69.2 - 70.8)

[Female](#)

73.4

(72.3 - 74.4)

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who usually or always protect themselves from the sun by sex, 2005-2010



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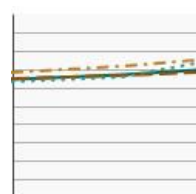
By Race/Ethnicity

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who usually or always protect themselves from the sun by race/ethnicity, 2005-2010

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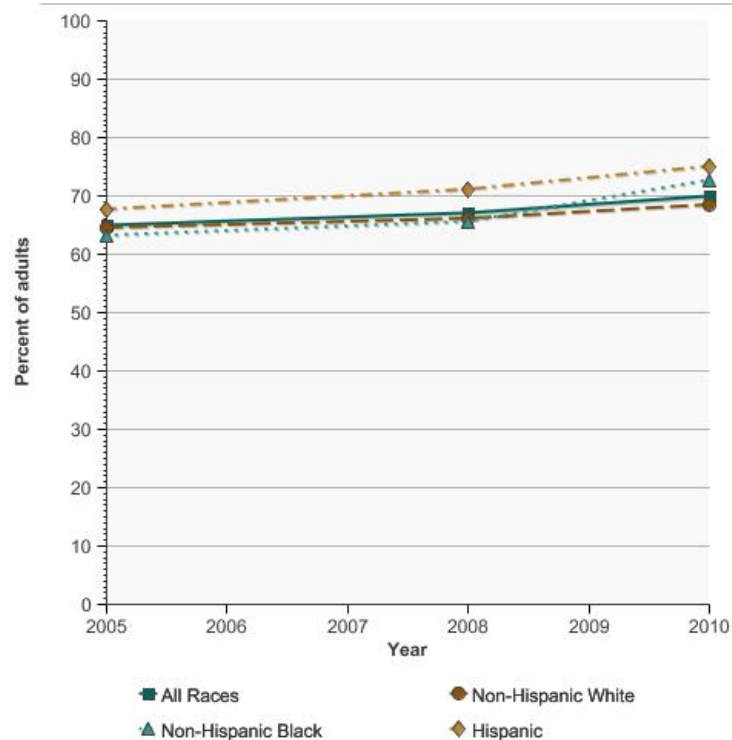
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Most Recent Estimates (2010)



	Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
All Races	70.0	(69.2 - 70.8)
Non-Hispanic White	68.3	(67.3 - 69.3)
Non-Hispanic Black	72.7	(70.5 - 74.9)
Hispanic	74.9	(73.5 - 76.4)

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who usually or always protect themselves from the sun by race/ethnicity, 2005-2010



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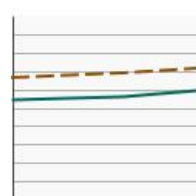
By Age

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who usually or always protect themselves from the sun by age, 2005-2010

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Ages 18-24

Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

59.4

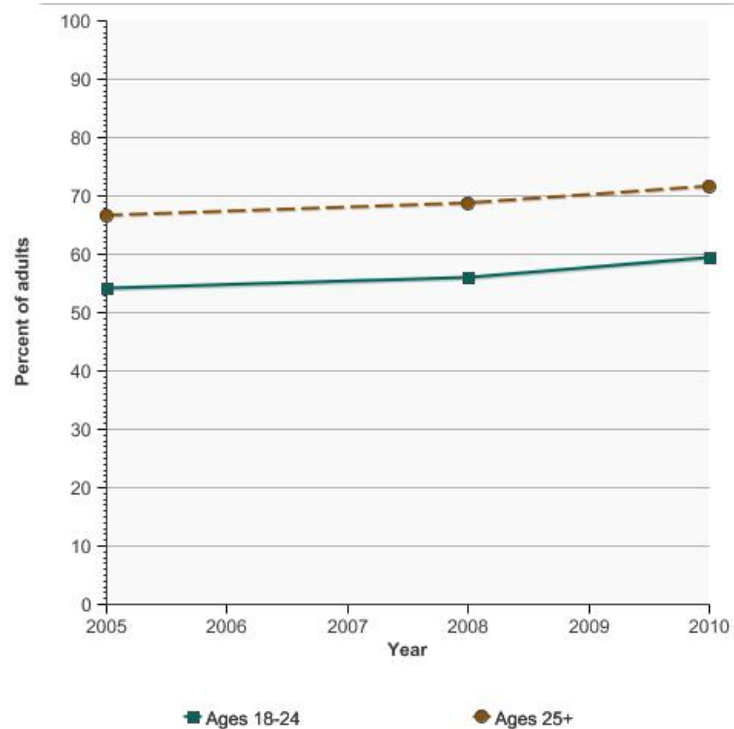
(57.1 - 61.7)

Ages 25+

71.5

(70.7 - 72.3)

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who usually or always protect themselves from the sun by age, 2005-2010



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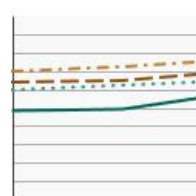
By Sex and Age

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who usually or always protect themselves from the sun by sex and age, 2005-2010

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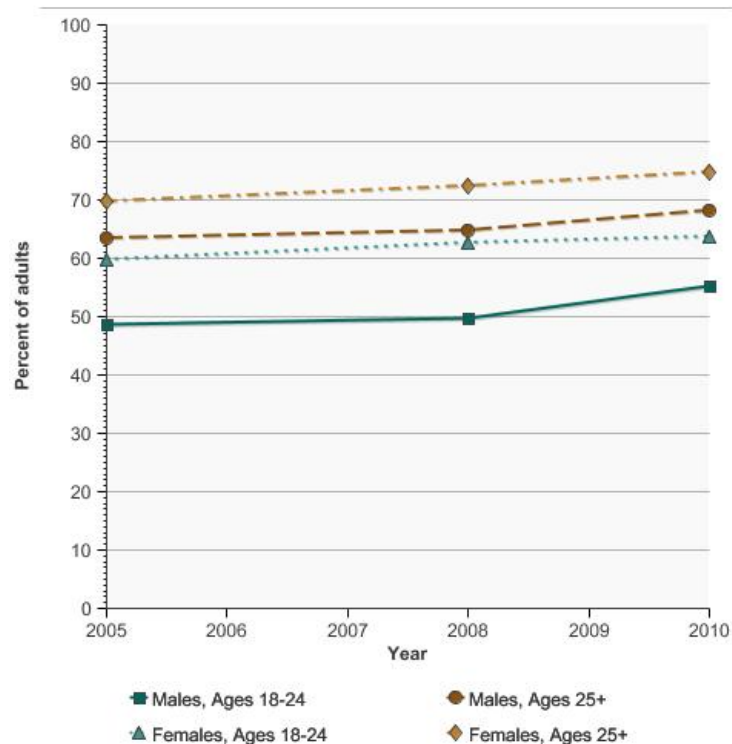
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Most Recent Estimates (2010)



	Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
Males, Ages 18-24	55.2	(51.9 - 58.6)
Males, Ages 25+	68.2	(67.1 - 69.3)
Females, Ages 18-24	63.7	(60.7 - 66.7)
Females, Ages 25+	74.8	(73.7 - 75.9)

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who usually or always protect themselves from the sun by sex and age, 2005-2010



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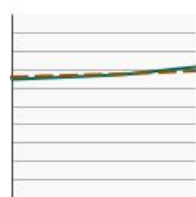
By Poverty Income Level

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who usually or always protect themselves from the sun by poverty income level, 2005-2010

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Most Recent Estimates (2010)



< 200% of the federal poverty level

Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

71.2

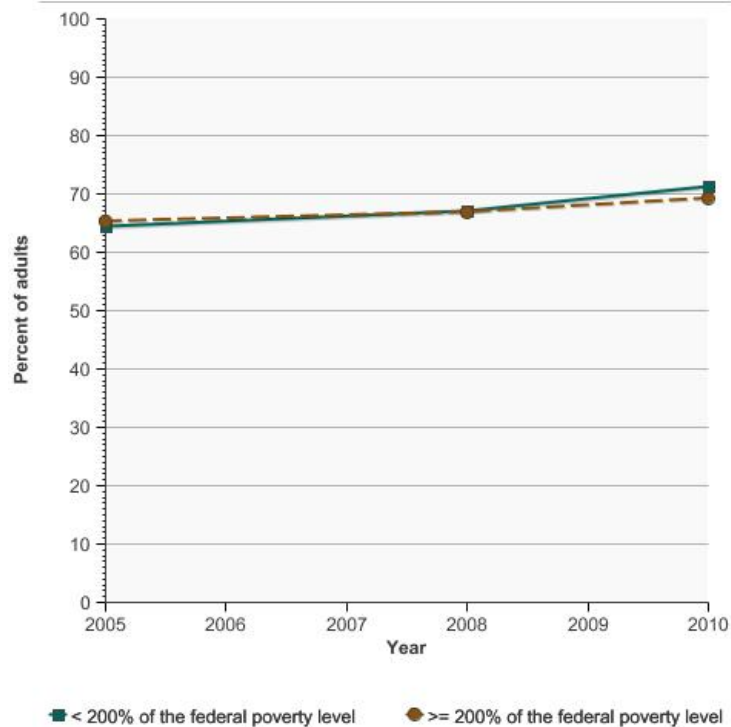
(69.9 - 72.5)

>= 200% of the federal poverty level

69.3

(68.3 - 70.3)

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who usually or always protect themselves from the sun by poverty income level, 2005-2010



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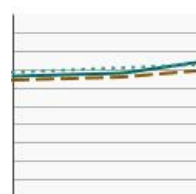
By Education Level

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who usually or always protect themselves from the sun by highest level of education obtained, 2005-2010

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[Less than High School](#)

Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

[High School](#)

74.0

(71.9 - 76.0)

[Greater than High School](#)

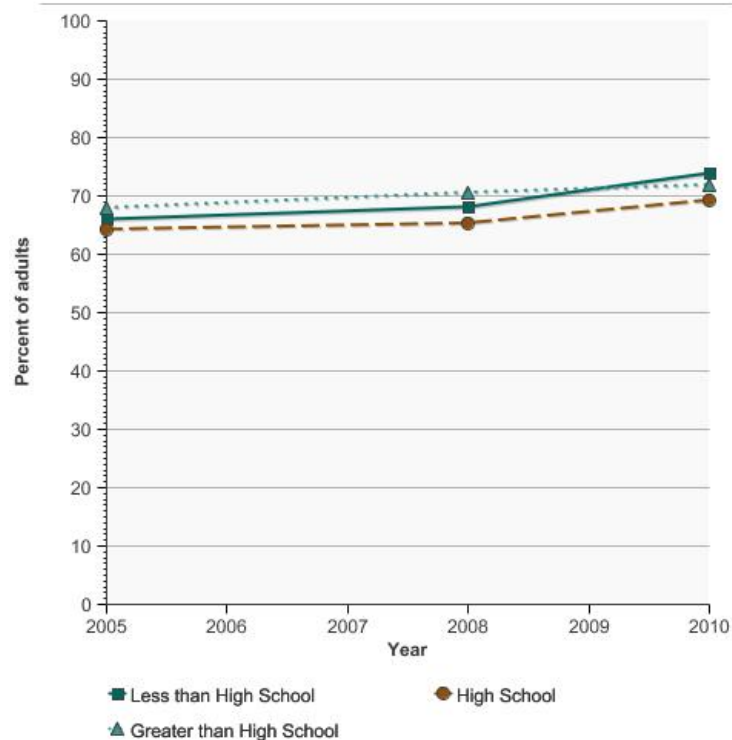
69.1

(67.6 - 70.6)

71.9

(70.8 - 72.9)

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who usually or always protect themselves from the sun by highest level of education obtained, 2005-2010



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Use Sunscreen

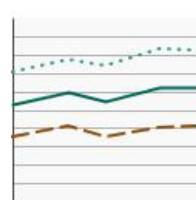
By Sex

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who usually or always protect themselves from the sun by using SPF 15 or higher sunscreen by sex, 2000-2010

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Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

[Male](#)

31.0

(30.1 - 31.8)

[Female](#)

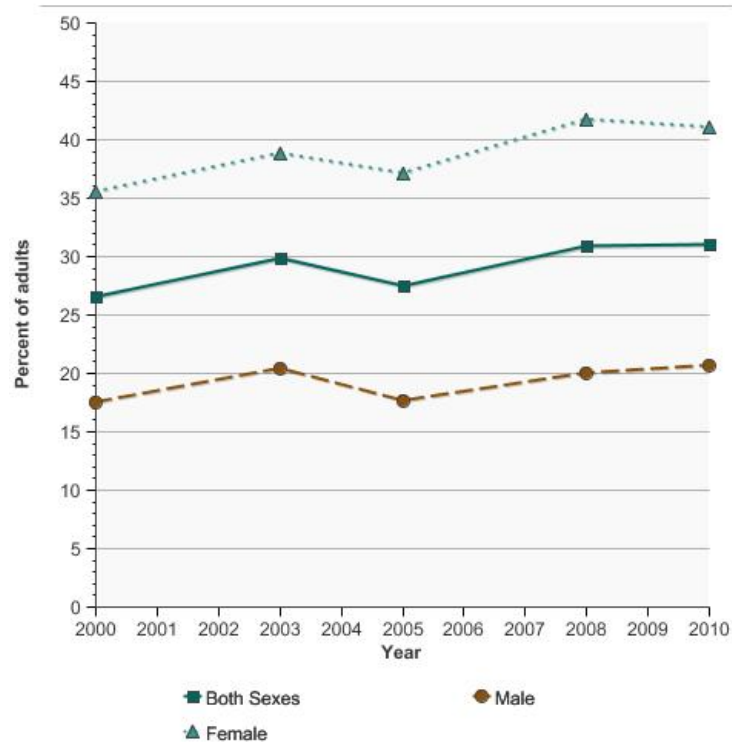
20.7

(19.7 - 21.6)

41.0

(39.8 - 42.2)

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who usually or always protect themselves from the sun by using SPF 15 or higher sunscreen by sex, 2000-2010



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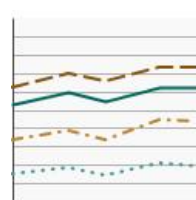
By Race/Ethnicity

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who usually or always protect themselves from the sun by using SPF 15 or higher sunscreen by race/ethnicity, 2000-2010

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[All Races](#)

Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

[Non-Hispanic White](#)

31.0

(30.1 - 31.8)

[Non-Hispanic Black](#)

9.8

(35.5 - 37.7)

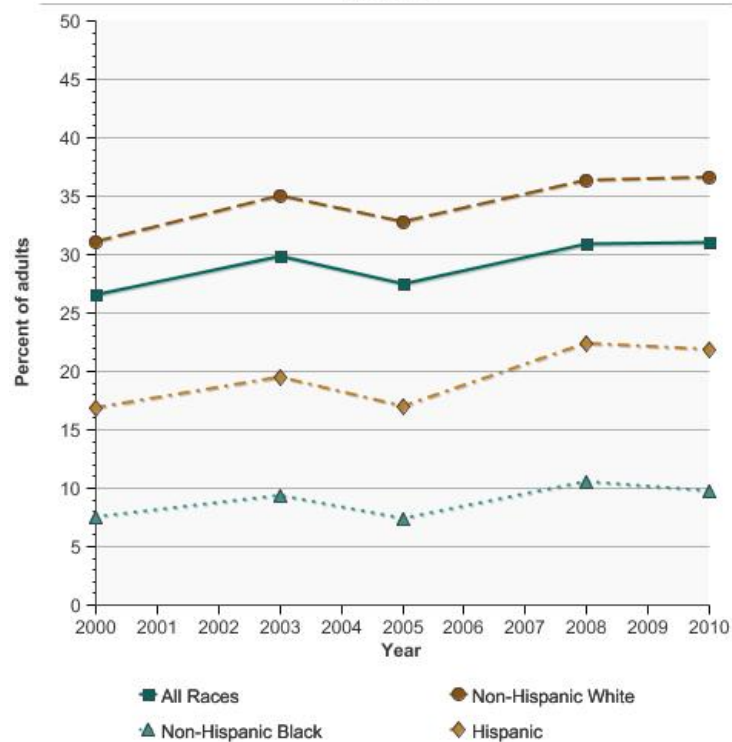
[Hispanic](#)

21.8

(8.4 - 11.1)

(20.3 - 23.3)

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who usually or always protect themselves from the sun by using SPF 15 or higher sunscreen by race/ethnicity, 2000-2010



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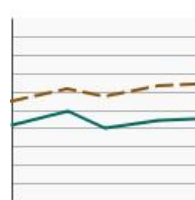
By Age

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who usually or always protect themselves from the sun by using SPF 15 or higher sunscreen by age, 2000-2010

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Ages 18-24

Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

22.9

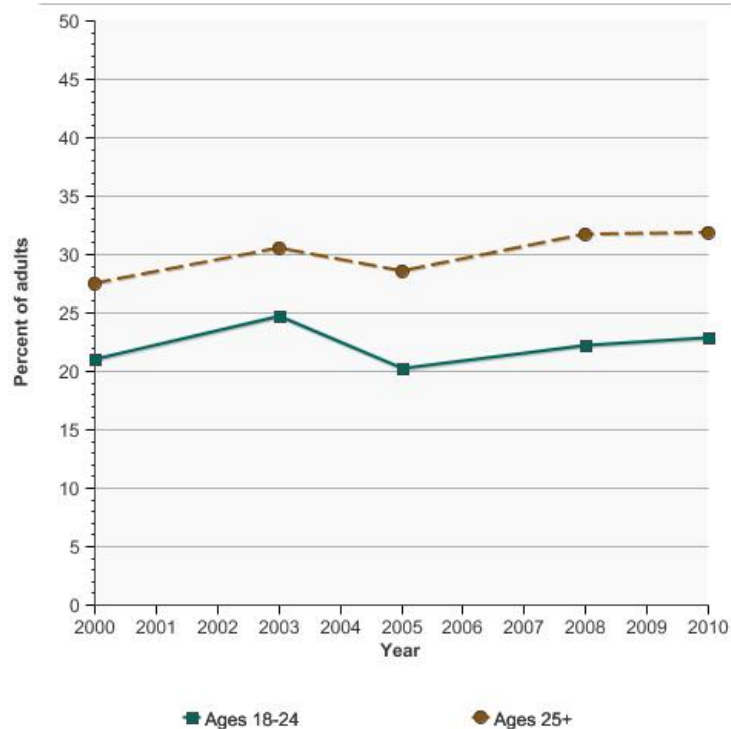
(20.8 - 25.0)

Ages 25+

31.8

(31.0 - 32.7)

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who usually or always protect themselves from the sun by using SPF 15 or higher sunscreen by age, 2000-2010



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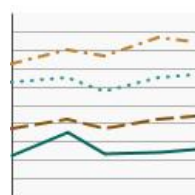
By Sex and Age

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who usually or always protect themselves from the sun by using SPF 15 or higher sunscreen by sex and age, 2000-2010

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[Males Ages 18-24](#)

Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

[Males Ages 25+](#)

13.0

(10.8 - 15.2)

[Females Ages 18-24](#)

21.8

(20.8 - 22.8)

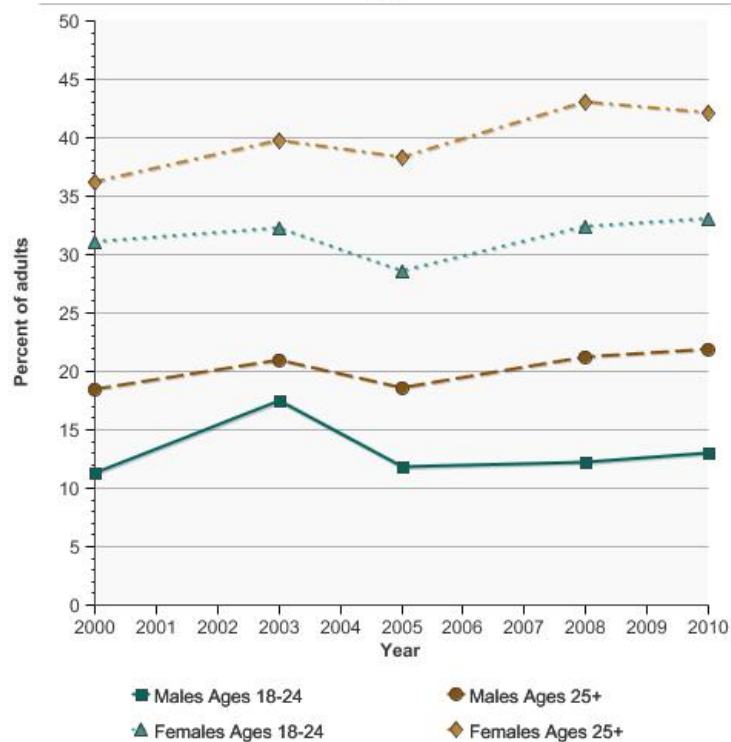
[Females Ages 25+](#)

33.0

(29.8 - 36.3)

(40.9 - 43.3)

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who usually or always protect themselves from the sun by using SPF 15 or higher sunscreen by sex and age, 2000-2010



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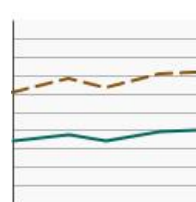
By Poverty Income Level

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who usually or always protect themselves from the sun by using SPF 15 or higher sunscreen by poverty income level, 2000-2010

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< 200% of the federal poverty level

Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

20.0

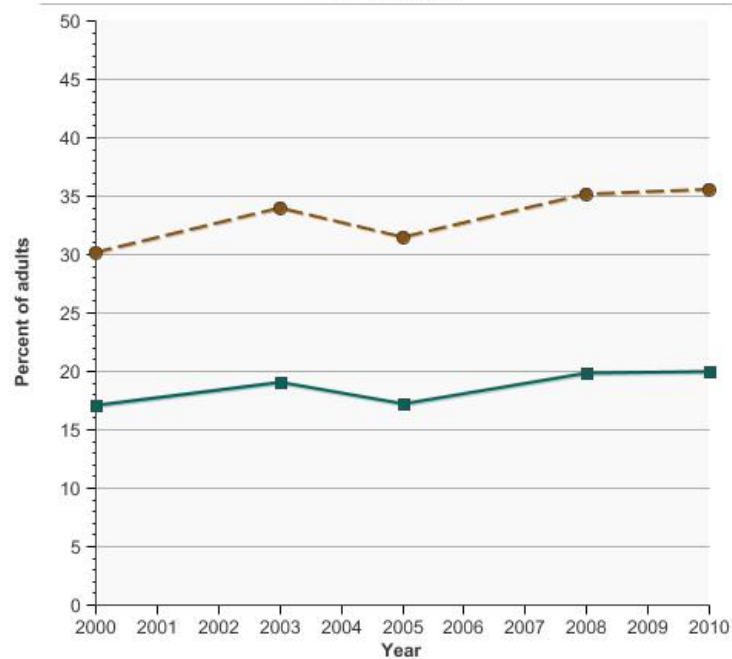
(19.0 - 21.1)

>= 200% of the federal poverty level

35.6

(34.5 - 36.6)

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who usually or always protect themselves from the sun by using SPF 15 or higher sunscreen by poverty income level, 2000-2010



■ < 200% of the federal poverty level ● >= 200% of the federal poverty level

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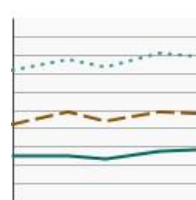
By Education Level

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who usually or always protect themselves from the sun by using SPF 15 or higher sunscreen by highest level of education obtained, 2000-2010

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[Less than High School](#)

Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

[High School](#)

14.4

(13.1 - 15.7)

[Greater than High School](#)

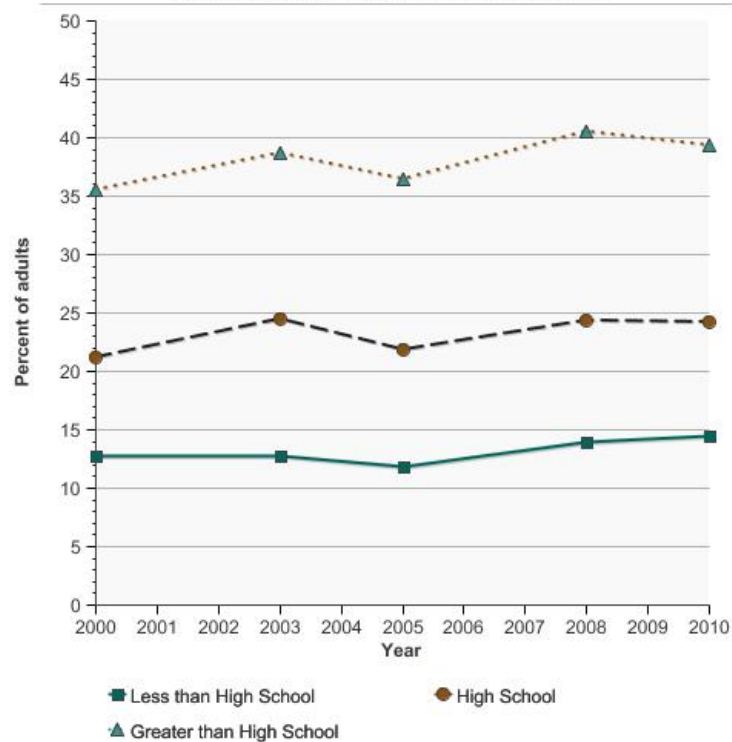
24.1

(22.6 - 25.7)

39.4

(38.2 - 40.5)

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who usually or always protect themselves from the sun by using SPF 15 or higher sunscreen by highest level of education obtained, 2000-2010



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Wear Protective Clothing

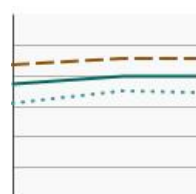
By Sex

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who usually or always protect themselves from the sun by wearing protective clothing by sex, 2005-2010

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[Both Sexes](#)

Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

[Male](#)

39.8

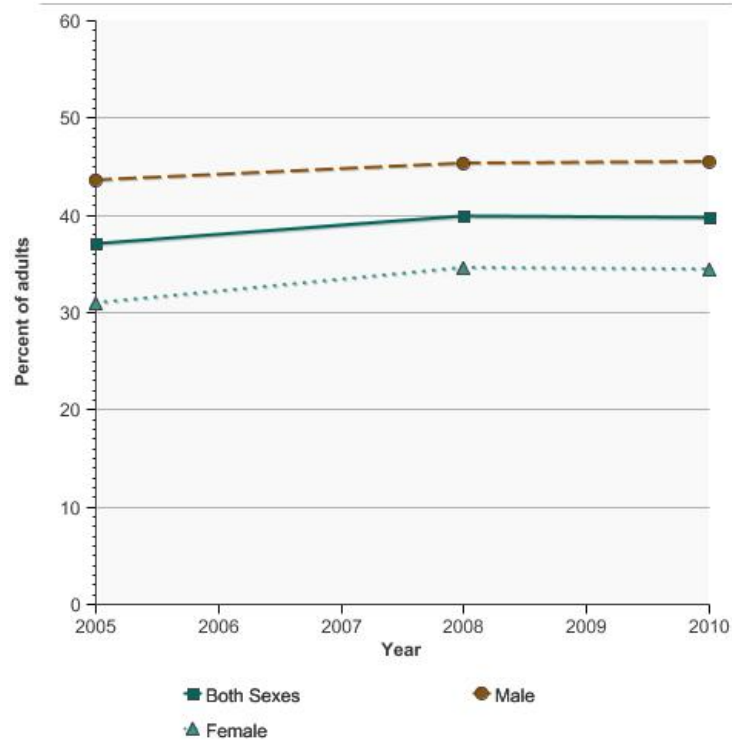
(39.0 - 40.7)

[Female](#)

34.3

(33.4 - 35.3)

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who usually or always protect themselves from the sun by wearing protective clothing by sex, 2005-2010



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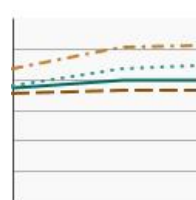
By Race/Ethnicity

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who usually or always protect themselves from the sun by wearing protective clothing by race/ethnicity, 2005-2010

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[All Races](#)

Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

[Non-Hispanic White](#)

39.8

(39.0 - 40.7)

[Non-Hispanic Black](#)

36.2

(35.2 - 37.3)

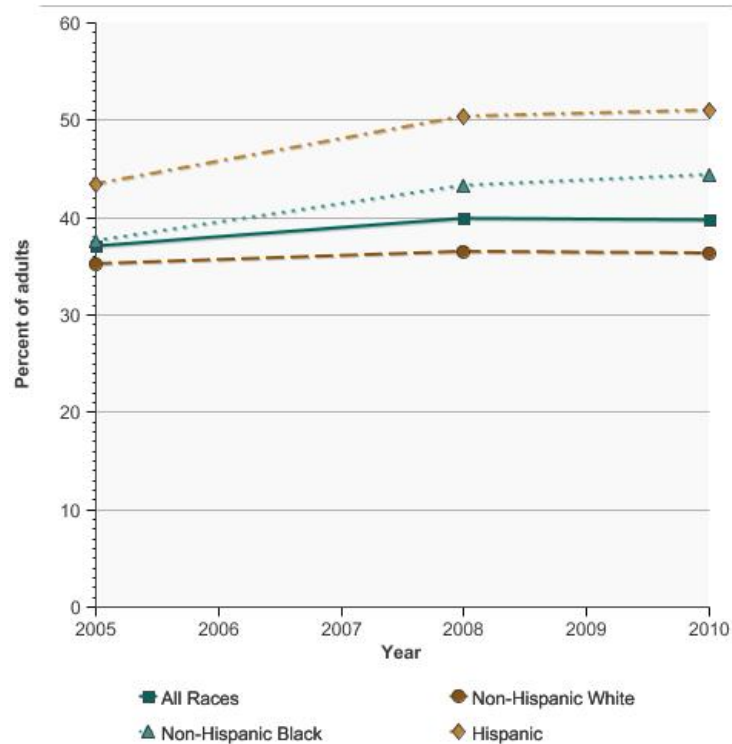
[Hispanic](#)

44.3

(42.1 - 46.6)

(49.2 - 52.7)

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who usually or always protect themselves from the sun by wearing protective clothing by race/ethnicity, 2005-2010



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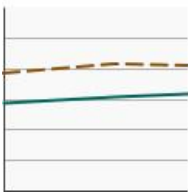
By Age

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who usually or always protect themselves from the sun by wearing protective clothing by age, 2005-2010

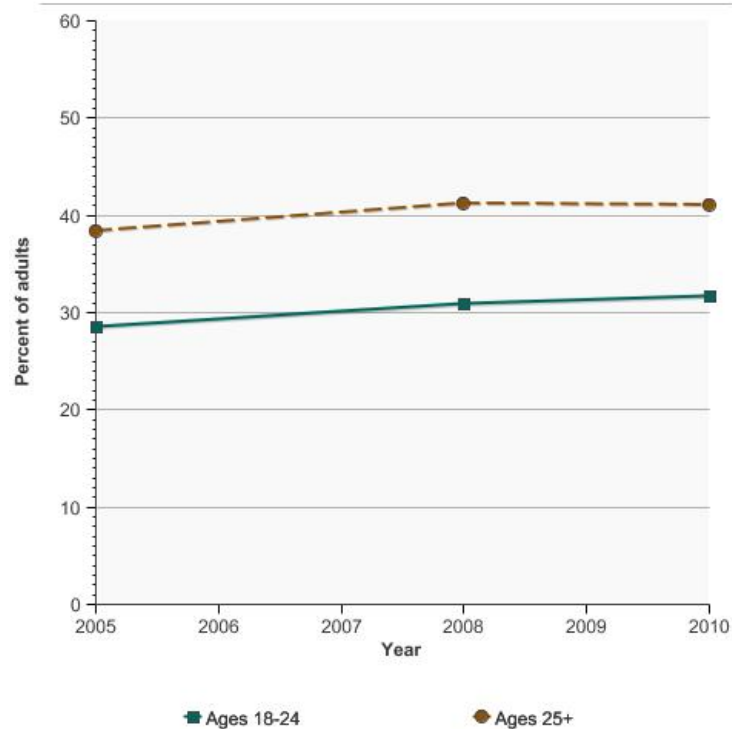
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		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	Ages 18-24	31.8	(29.5 - 34.1)
	Ages 25+	41.0	(40.1 - 41.9)

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who usually or always protect themselves from the sun by wearing protective clothing by age, 2005-2010



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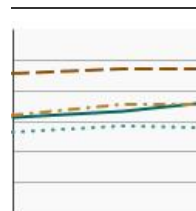
By Sex and Age

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who usually or always protect themselves from the sun by wearing protective clothing by sex and age, 2005-2010

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[Males, Ages 18-24](#)

Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

[Males, Ages 25+](#)

35.8

(32.3 - 39.3)

[Females, Ages 18-24](#)

47.0

(45.7 - 48.2)

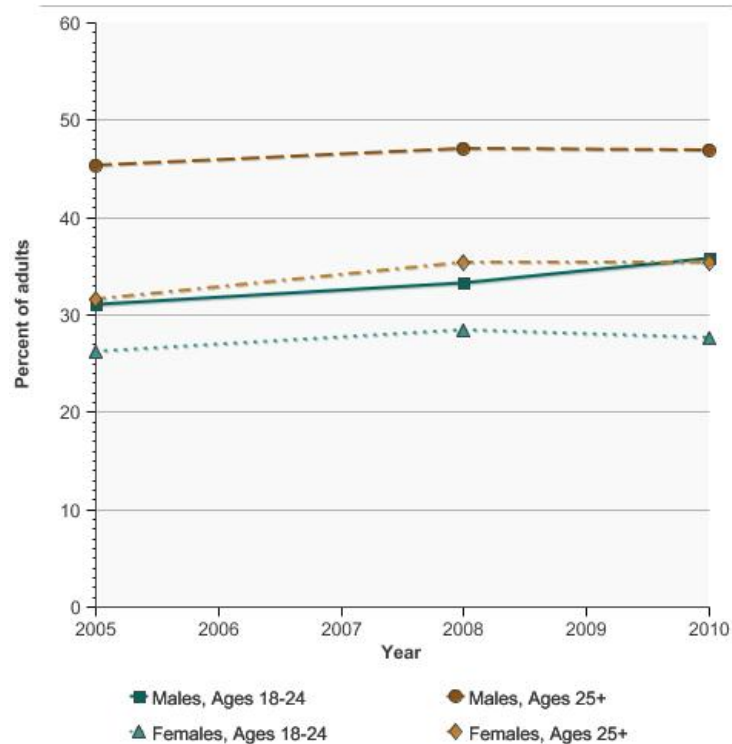
[Females, Ages 25+](#)

27.7

(24.8 - 30.6)

(34.3 - 36.4)

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who usually or always protect themselves from the sun by wearing protective clothing by sex and age, 2005-2010



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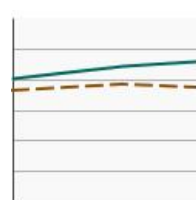
By Poverty Income Level

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who usually or always protect themselves from the sun by wearing protective clothing by poverty income level, 2005-2010

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< 200% of the federal poverty level

Percent of adults

46.0

95% Confidence Interval

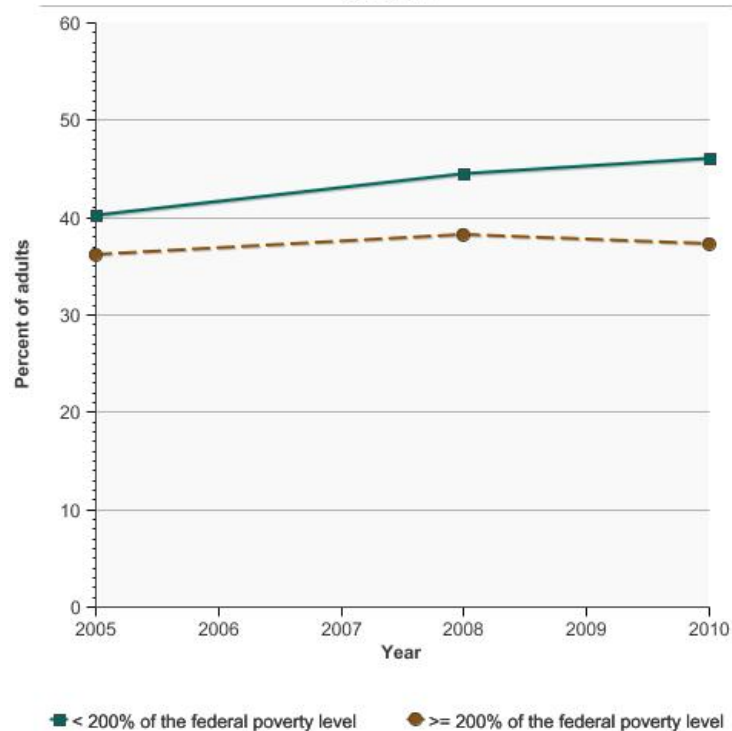
(44.8 - 47.3)

>= 200% of the federal poverty level

37.2

(36.1 - 38.3)

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who usually or always protect themselves from the sun by wearing protective clothing by poverty income level, 2005-2010



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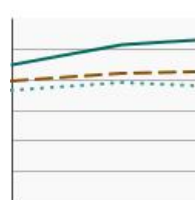
By Education Level

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who usually or always protect themselves from the sun by wearing protective clothing by highest level of education obtained, 2005-2010

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[Less than High School](#)

Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

[High School](#)

52.8

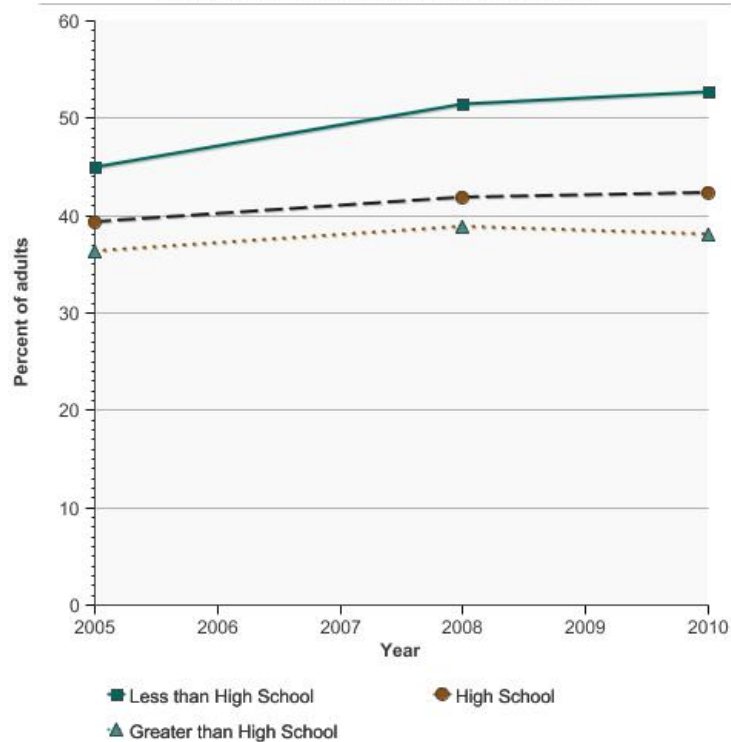
(50.7 - 54.8)

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38.1

(36.9 - 39.2)

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who usually or always protect themselves from the sun by wearing protective clothing by highest level of education obtained, 2005-2010



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Seek Shade

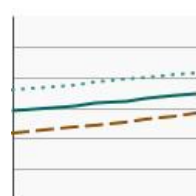
By Sex

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who usually or always protect themselves from the sun by seeking shade by sex, 1992-2010

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[Both Sexes](#)

Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

[Male](#)

30.5

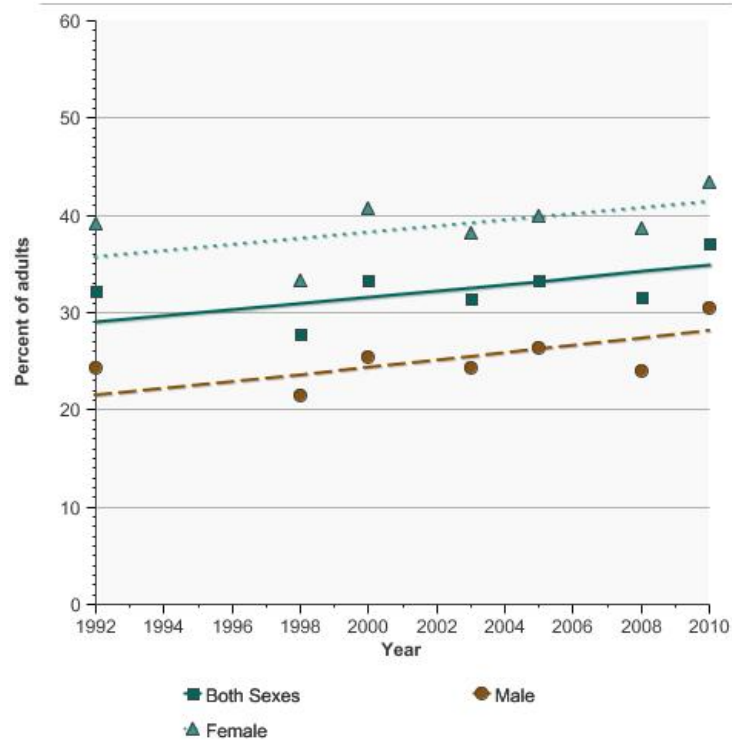
(29.4 - 31.6)

[Female](#)

43.5

(42.3 - 44.7)

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who usually or always protect themselves from the sun by seeking shade by sex, 1992-2010



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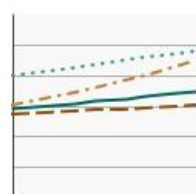
By Race/Ethnicity

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who usually or always protect themselves from the sun by seeking shade by race/ethnicity, 1992-2010

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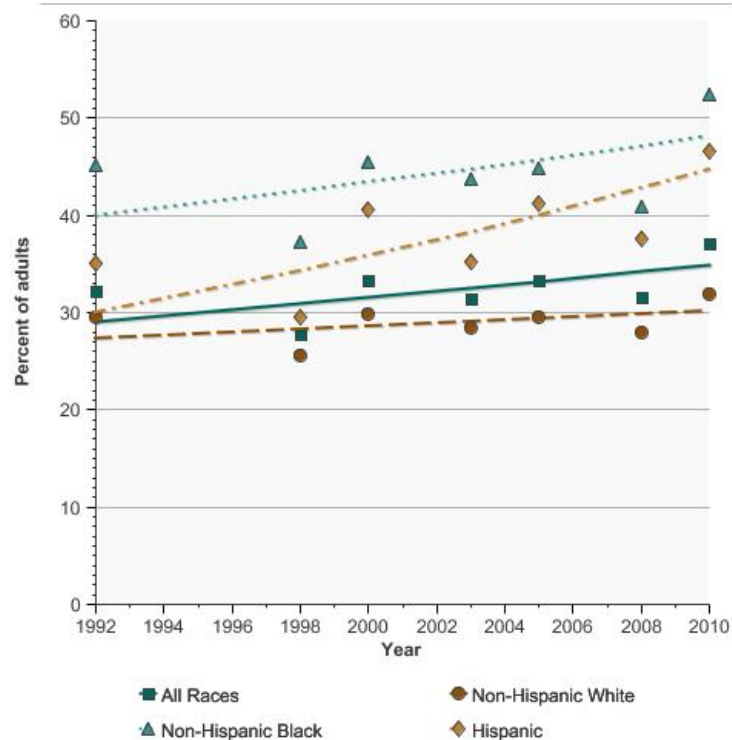
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	Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
All Races	37.2	(36.3 - 38.0)
Non-Hispanic White	31.9	(30.9 - 32.9)
Non-Hispanic Black	52.4	(50.1 - 54.6)
Hispanic	46.6	(44.8 - 48.4)

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who usually or always protect themselves from the sun by seeking shade by race/ethnicity, 1992-2010



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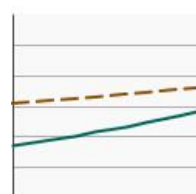
By Age

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who usually or always protect themselves from the sun by seeking shade by age, 1992-2010

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[Ages 18-24](#)

Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

29.2

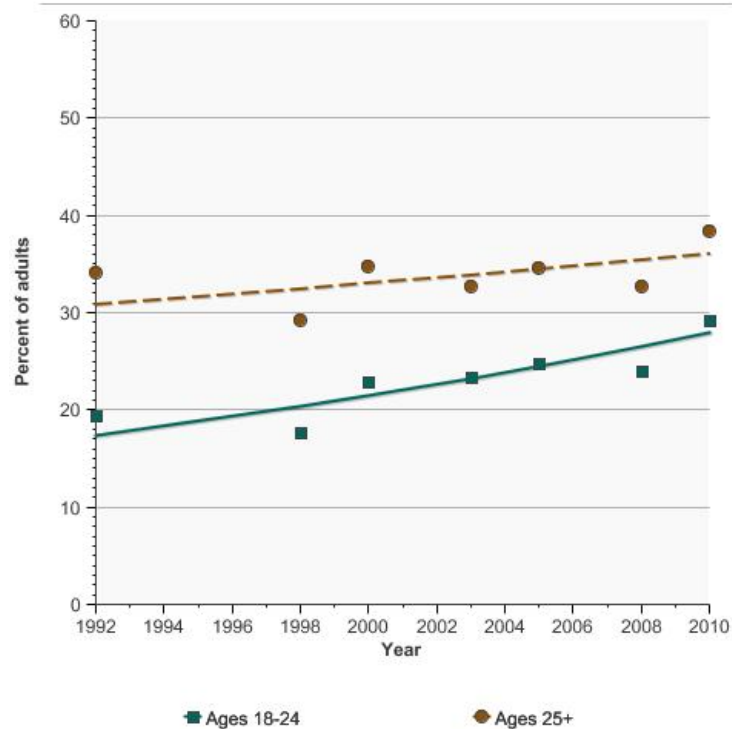
(27.0 - 31.4)

[Ages 25+](#)

38.3

(37.5 - 39.2)

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who usually or always protect themselves from the sun by seeking shade by age, 1992-2010



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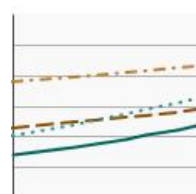
By Sex and Age

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who usually or always protect themselves from the sun by seeking shade by sex and age, 1992-2010

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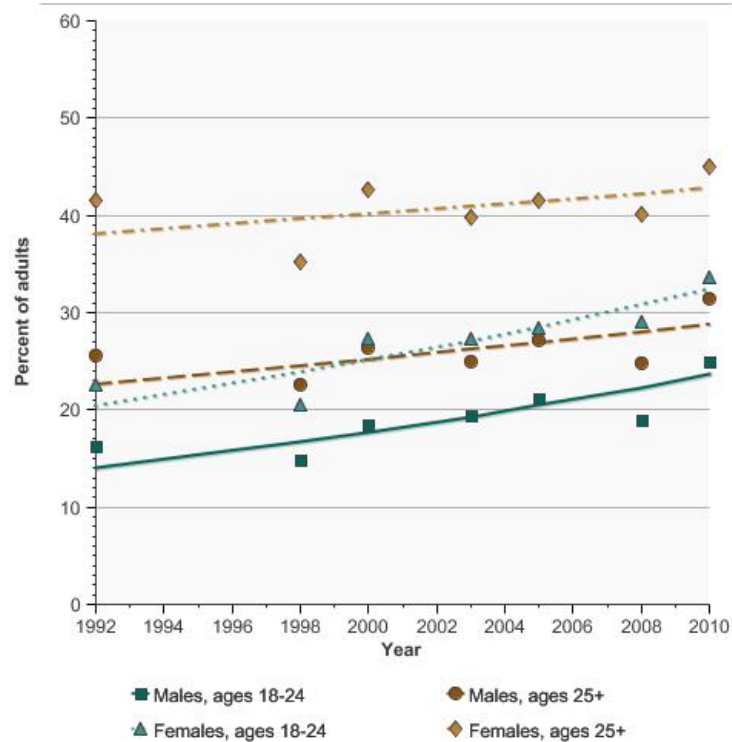
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	Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
Males, ages 18-24	24.9	(22.0 - 27.9)
Males, ages 25+	31.4	(30.2 - 32.5)
Females, ages 18-24	33.6	(30.4 - 36.8)
Females, ages 25+	44.9	(43.7 - 46.1)

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who usually or always protect themselves from the sun by seeking shade by sex and age, 1992-2010



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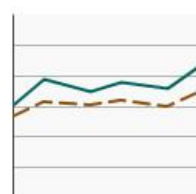
By Poverty Income Level

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who usually or always protect themselves from the sun by seeking shade by poverty income level, 1998-2010

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< 200% of the federal poverty level

Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

43.1

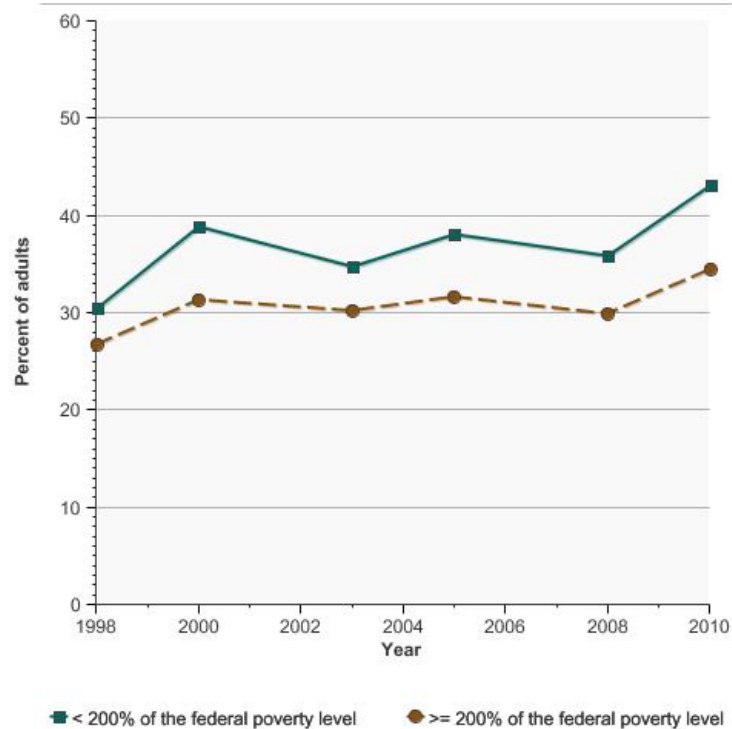
(41.6 - 44.5)

>= 200% of the federal poverty level

34.4

(33.5 - 35.4)

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who usually or always protect themselves from the sun by seeking shade by poverty income level, 1998-2010



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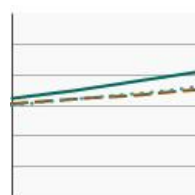
By Education Level

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who usually or always protect themselves from the sun by seeking shade by highest level of education obtained, 1992-2010

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[Less than High School](#)

Percent of adults

44.9

95% Confidence Interval

(42.8 - 47.0)

[High School](#)

38.1

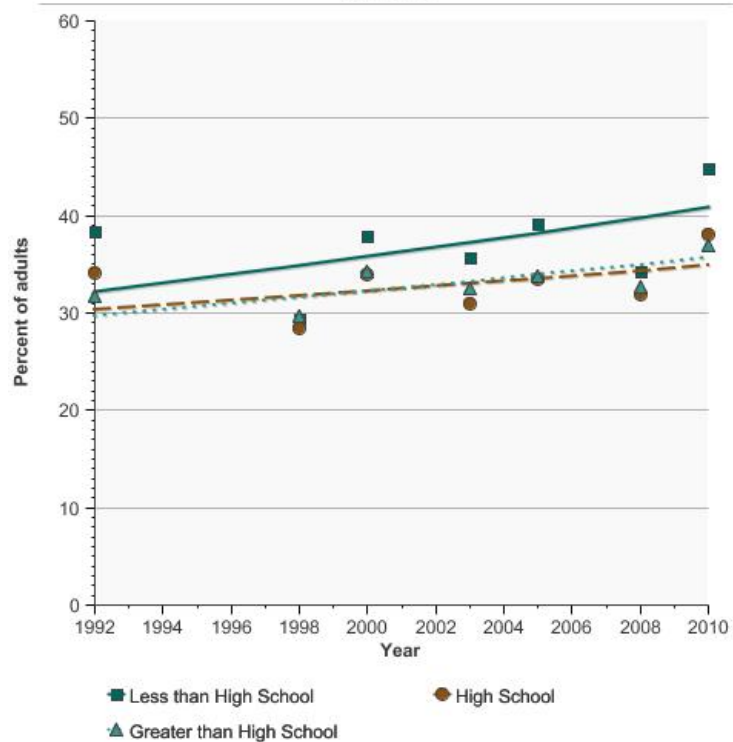
(36.5 - 39.7)

[Greater than High School](#)

37.0

(36.0 - 38.0)

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who usually or always protect themselves from the sun by seeking shade by highest level of education obtained, 1992-2010



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Sunburn

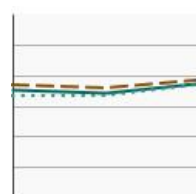
By Sex

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who were sunburned in the past year by sex, 2000-2010

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Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

[Male](#)

37.5

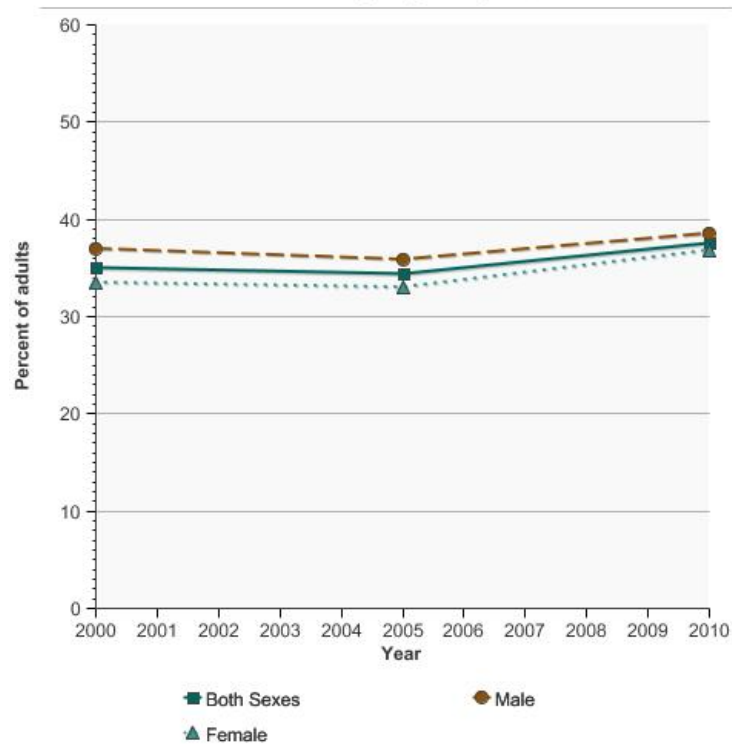
(36.8 - 38.3)

[Female](#)

36.8

(35.8 - 37.7)

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who were sunburned in the past year by sex, 2000-2010



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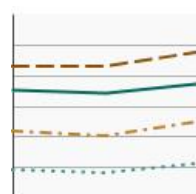
By Race/Ethnicity

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who were sunburned in the past year by race/ethnicity, 2000-2010

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[All Races](#)

Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

[Non-Hispanic White](#)

37.5

(36.8 - 38.3)

[Non-Hispanic Black](#)

47.4

(46.5 - 48.3)

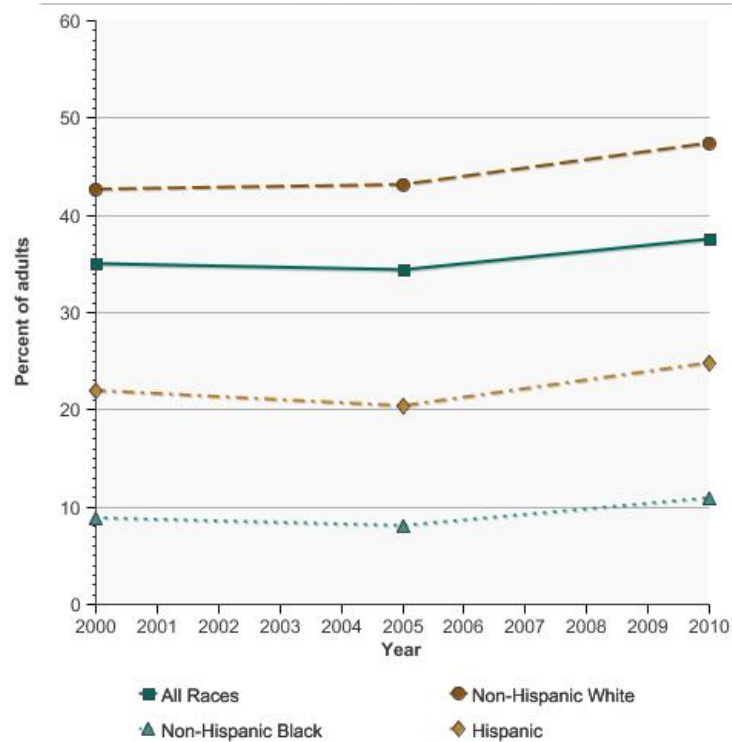
[Hispanic](#)

10.9

(9.7 - 12.1)

(23.2 - 26.4)

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who were sunburned in the past year by race/ethnicity, 2000-2010



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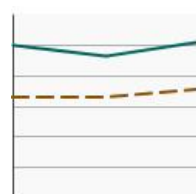
By Age

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who were sunburned in the past year by age, 2000-2010

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Ages 18-24

Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

50.9

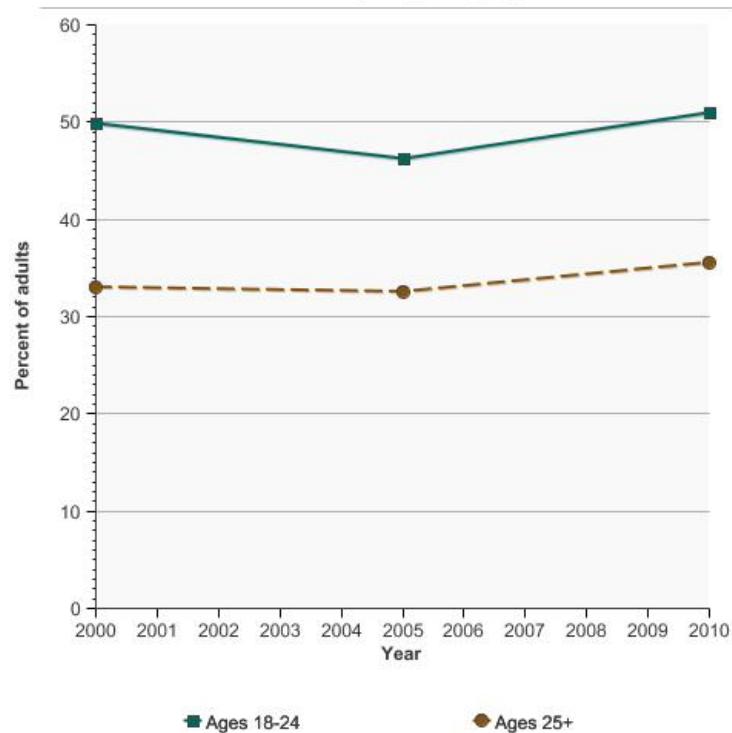
(48.4 - 53.4)

Ages 25+

35.5

(34.8 - 36.3)

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who were sunburned in the past year by age, 2000-2010



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. National Health Interview Survey.

Data are age-adjusted to the 2000 US standard population. Ages 18-24 are age-adjusted using age groups: 18-19, 20-24. Ages 25+ are age-adjusted using age groups: 25-34, 35-44, 45-64, 65+.

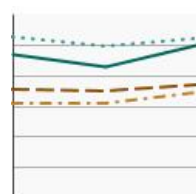
By Sex and Age

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who were sunburned in the past year by sex and age, 2000-2010

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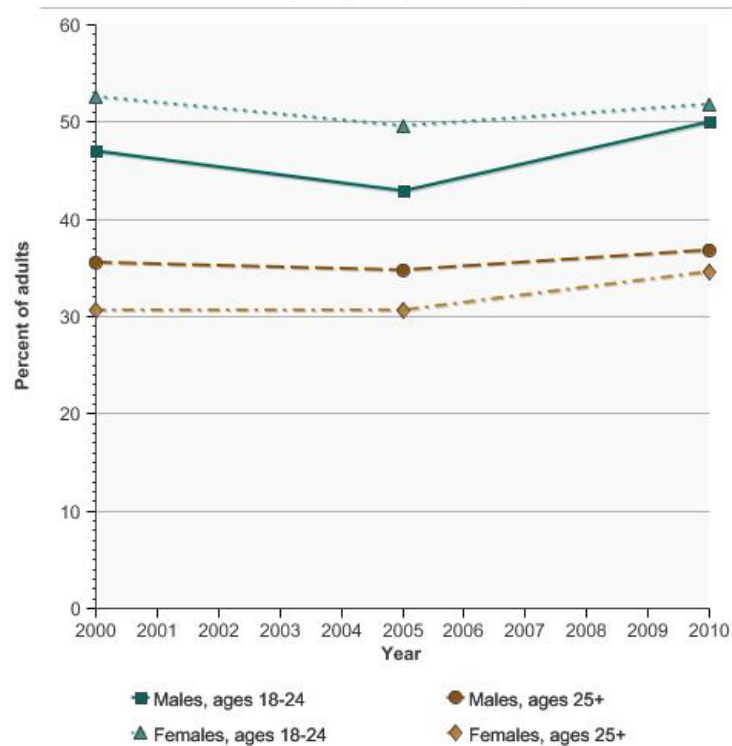
[Detailed Trend Graphs](#)

Most Recent Estimates (2010)



	Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
Males, ages 18-24	50.0	(46.5 - 53.6)
Males, ages 25+	36.7	(35.7 - 37.8)
Females, ages 18-24	51.9	(48.4 - 55.4)
Females, ages 25+	34.5	(33.5 - 35.5)

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who were sunburned in the past year by sex and age, 2000-2010



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. National Health Interview Survey. Data are age-adjusted to the 2000 US standard population. Ages 18-24 are age-adjusted using age groups: 18-19, 20-24. Ages 25+ are age-adjusted using age groups: 25-34, 35-44, 45-64, 65+.

By Poverty Income Level

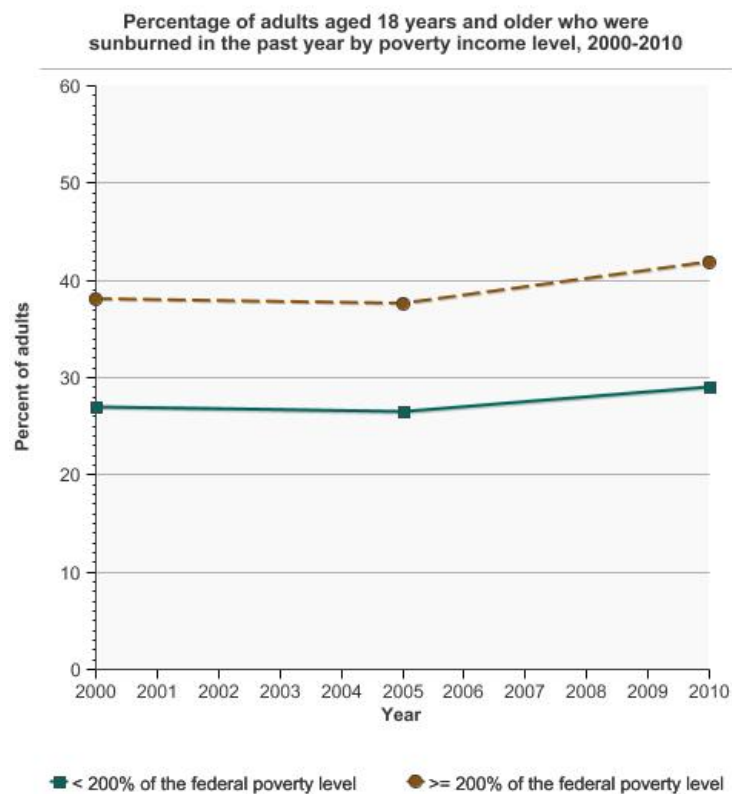
Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who were sunburned in the past year by poverty income level, 2000-2010

[Overview Graph](#)

[Detailed Trend Graphs](#)

Most Recent Estimates (2010)

	Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
< 200% of the federal poverty level	29.0	(27.7 - 30.2)
>= 200% of the federal poverty level	41.8	(40.9 - 42.7)



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. National Health Interview Survey. Data are age-adjusted to the 2000 US standard population using age groups: 18-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45-64, 65+.

By Education Level

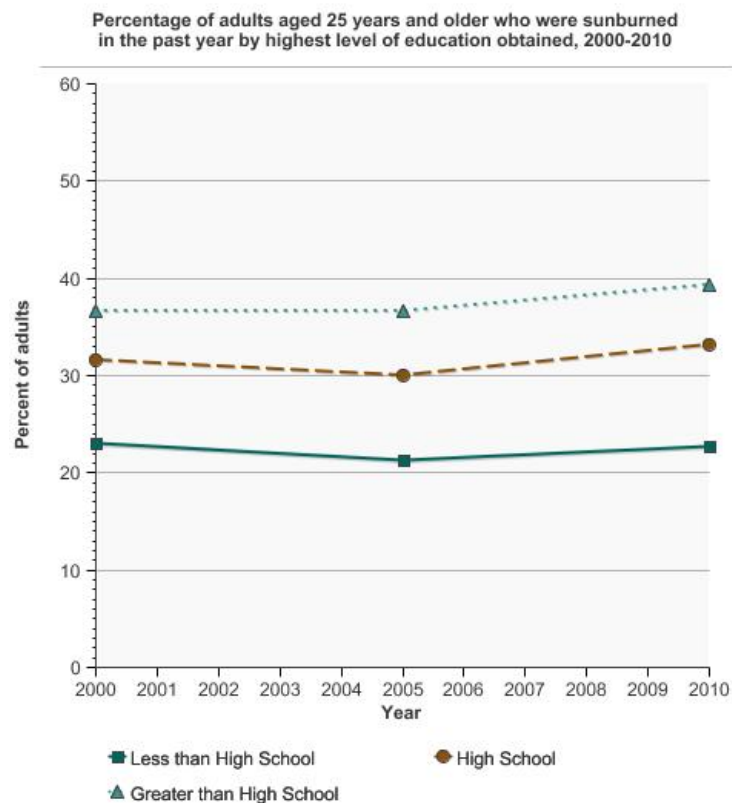
Percentage of adults aged 25 years and older who were sunburned in the past year by highest level of education obtained, 2000-2010

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[Detailed Trend Graphs](#)

Most Recent Estimates (2010)

	Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
Less than High School	22.8	(20.8 - 24.8)
High School	33.1	(31.4 - 34.7)
Greater than High School	39.3	(38.4 - 40.2)



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. National Health Interview Survey. Data are age-adjusted to the 2000 US standard population using age groups: 25-34, 35-44, 45-64, 65+.

Indoor Tanning

Adolescents by Sex

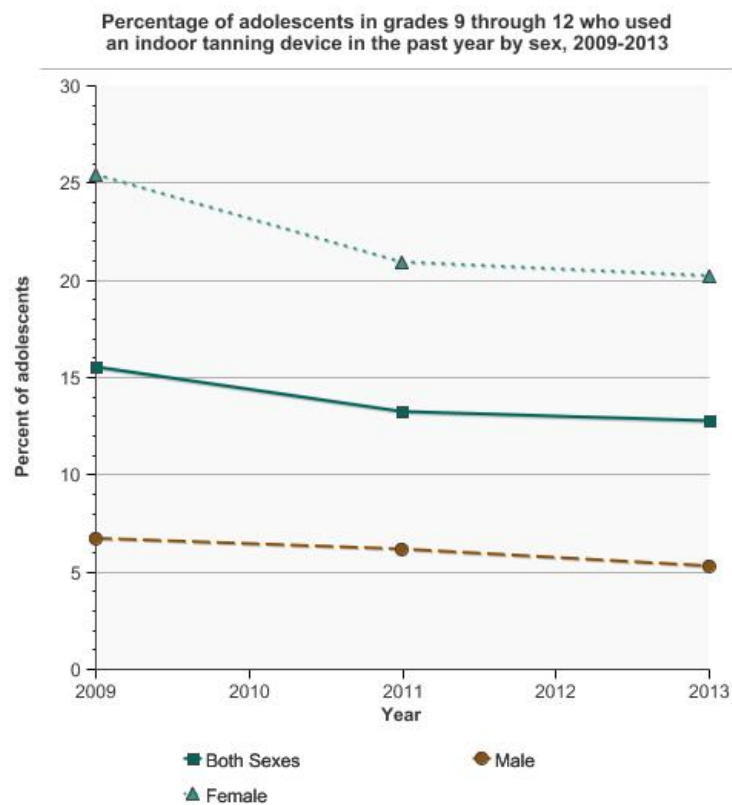
Percentage of adolescents in grades 9 through 12 who used an indoor tanning device in the past year by sex, 2009-2013

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[Detailed Trend Graphs](#)

Most Recent Estimates (2013)

	Percent of adolescents	95% Confidence Interval
Both Sexes	12.8	(10.5 - 15.2)
Male	5.3	(4.4 - 6.2)
Female	20.2	(15.8 - 24.6)



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). 1991-2013 High School Youth Risk Behavior Survey Data. Available at <http://nccd.cdc.gov/youthonline/>. Accessed on 12-12-2014.
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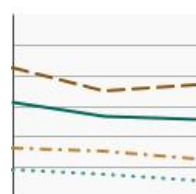
Adolescents by Race/Ethnicity

Percentage of adolescents in grades 9 through 12 who used an indoor tanning device in the past year by race/ethnicity, 2009-2013

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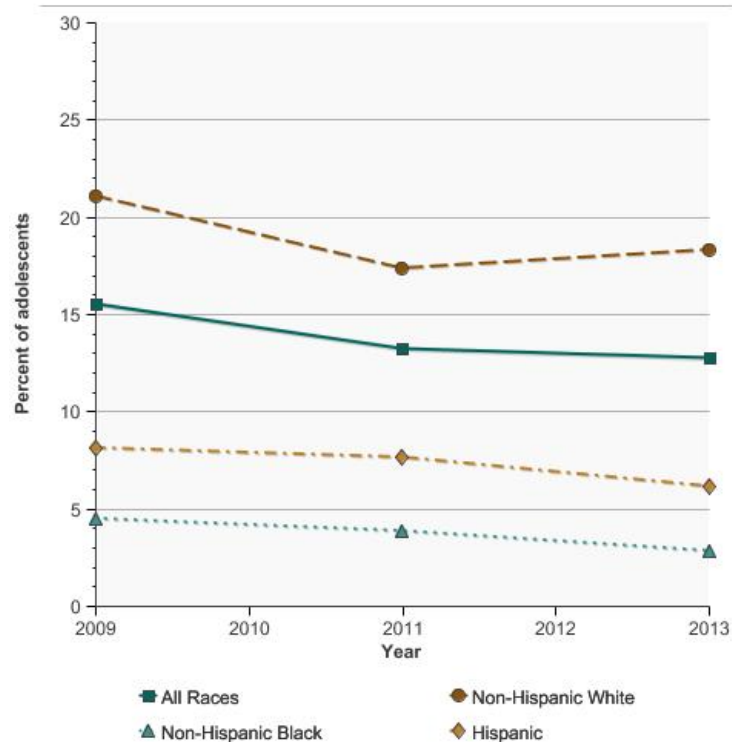
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Most Recent Estimates (2013)



	Percent of adolescents	95% Confidence Interval
All Races	12.8	(10.5 - 15.2)
Non-Hispanic White	18.3	(15.4 - 21.2)
Non-Hispanic Black	2.8	(2.1 - 3.6)
Hispanic	6.2	(4.1 - 8.2)

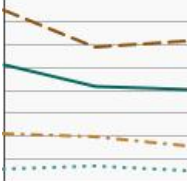
Percentage of adolescents in grades 9 through 12 who used an indoor tanning device in the past year by race/ethnicity, 2009-2013



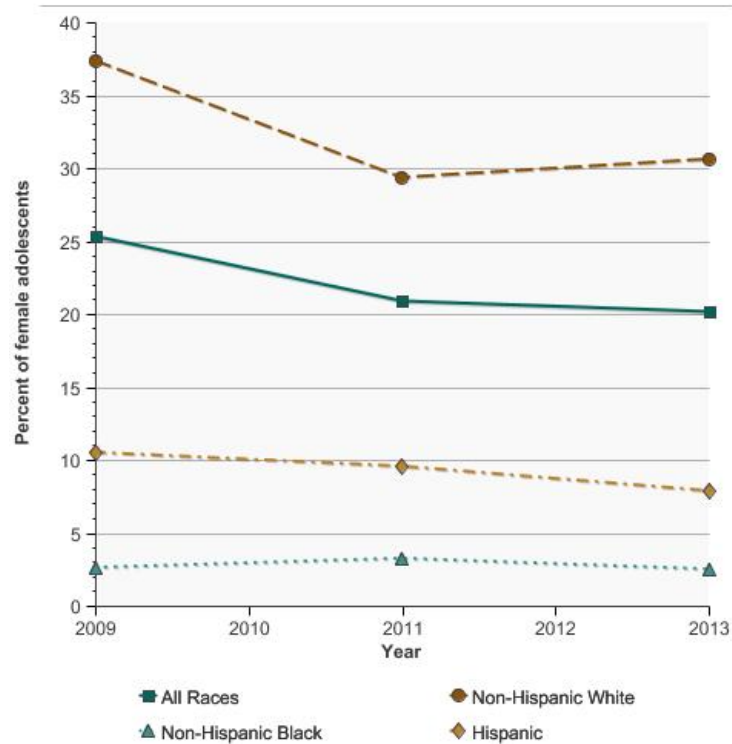
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Female Adolescents by Race/Ethnicity

Percentage of female adolescents in grades 9 through 12 who used an indoor tanning device in the past year by race/ethnicity, 2009-2013

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2013)	
		Percent of female adolescents	95% Confidence Interval
	<u>All Races</u>	20.2	(15.8 - 24.6)
	<u>Non-Hispanic White</u>	30.7	(25.6 - 35.8)
	<u>Non-Hispanic Black</u>	2.5	(1.4 - 3.5)
	<u>Hispanic</u>	7.8	(4.7 - 11.0)

Percentage of female adolescents in grades 9 through 12 who used an indoor tanning device in the past year by race/ethnicity, 2009-2013



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). 1991-2013 High School Youth Risk Behavior Survey Data. Available at <http://nccd.cdc.gov/youthonline/>. Accessed on 12-12-2014.
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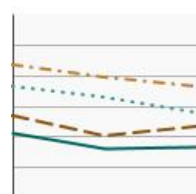
Adolescents by Grade Level

Percentage of adolescents in grades 9 through 12 who used an indoor tanning device in the past year by grade level, 2009-2013

[Overview Graph](#)

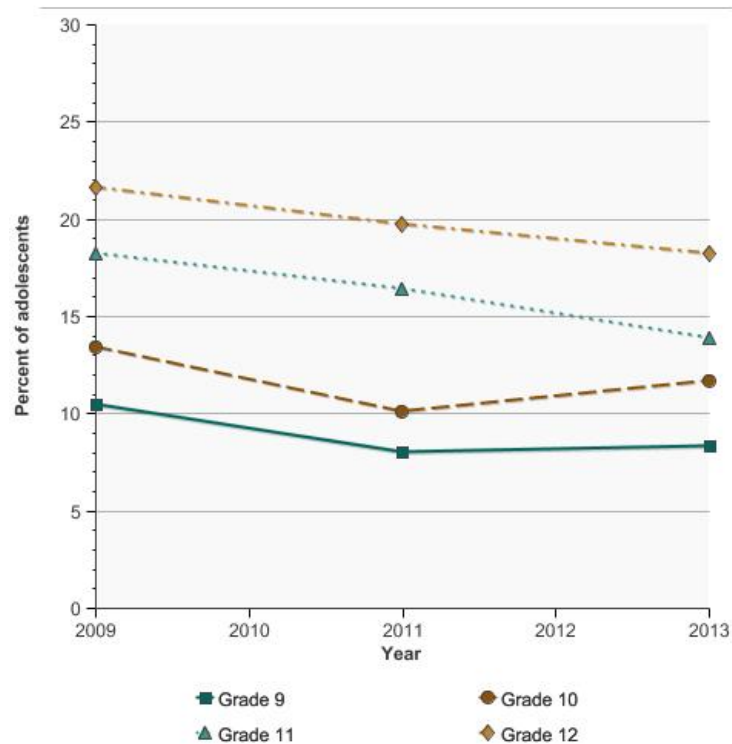
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Most Recent Estimates (2013)



	Percent of adolescents	95% Confidence Interval
Grade 9	8.4	(6.2 - 10.6)
Grade 10	11.7	(8.9 - 14.5)
Grade 11	13.9	(10.8 - 16.9)
Grade 12	18.2	(15.2 - 21.2)

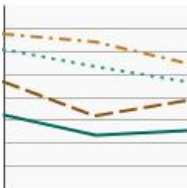
Percentage of adolescents in grades 9 through 12 who used an indoor tanning device in the past year by grade level, 2009-2013



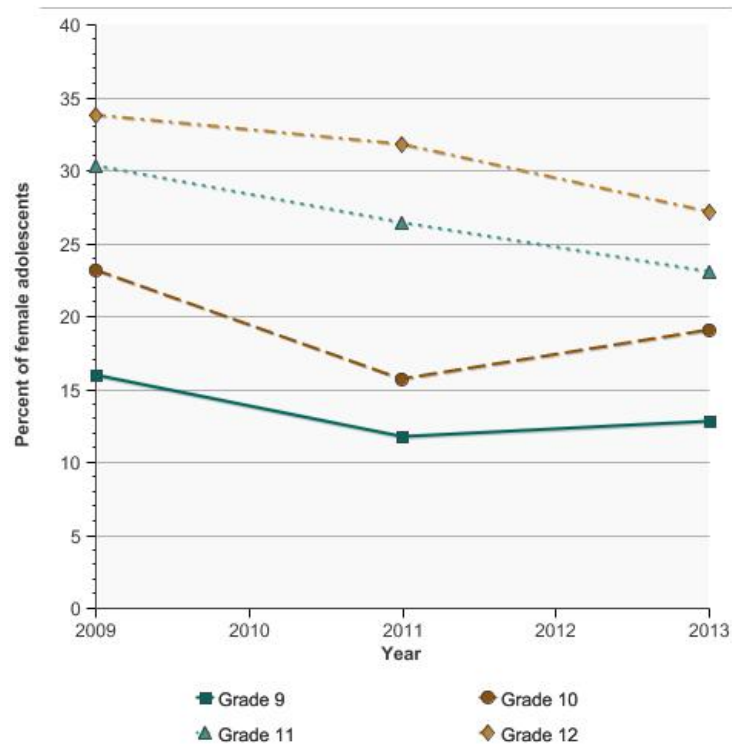
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Females Adolescents by Grade Level

Percentage of female adolescents in grades 9 through 12 who used an indoor tanning device in the past year by grade level, 2009-2013

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2013)	
		Percent of female adolescents	95% Confidence Interval
	Grade 9	12.8	(9.0 - 16.7)
	Grade 10	19.0	(13.7 - 24.3)
	Grade 11	23.0	(17.0 - 29.1)
	Grade 12	27.2	(22.0 - 32.3)

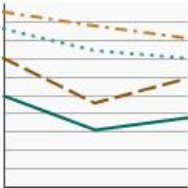
Percentage of female adolescents in grades 9 through 12 who used an indoor tanning device in the past year by grade level, 2009-2013



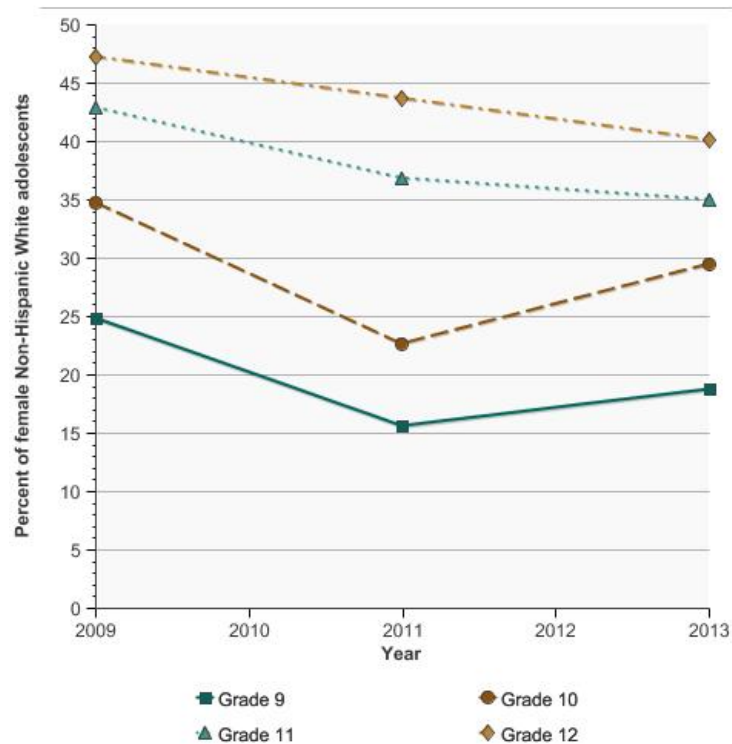
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Non-Hispanic White Females Adolescents by Age

Percentage of Non-Hispanic White female adolescents in grades 9 through 12 who used an indoor tanning device in the past year by age, 2009-2013

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2013)	
		Percent of female Non-Hispanic White adolescents	95% Confidence Interval
	Grade 9	18.9	(13.1 - 24.6)
	Grade 10	29.4	(22.0 - 36.9)
	Grade 11	35.0	(27.2 - 42.7)
	Grade 12	40.2	(34.3 - 46.0)

Percentage of Non-Hispanic White female adolescents in grades 9 through 12 who used an indoor tanning device in the past year by age, 2009-2013



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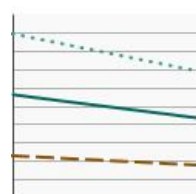
Adults by Sex

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who used an indoor tanning device in the past year by sex, 2010-2013

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Most Recent Estimates (2013)



[Both Sexes](#)

Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

[Male](#)

1.8

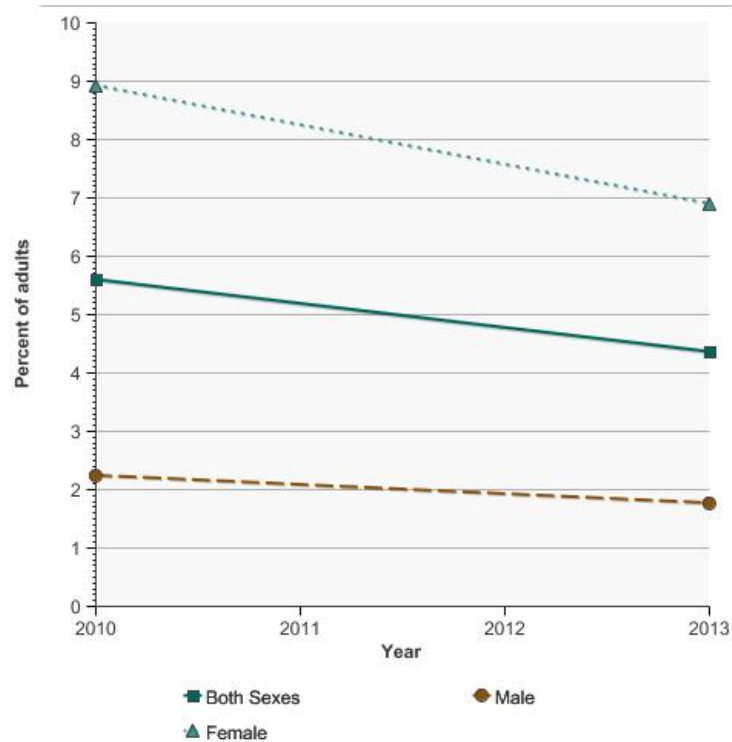
(1.5 - 2.1)

[Female](#)

6.9

(6.4 - 7.4)

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who used an indoor tanning device in the past year by sex, 2010-2013



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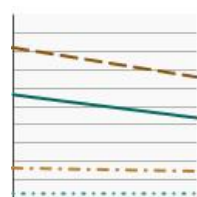
Adults by Race/Ethnicity

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who used an indoor tanning device in the past year by race/ethnicity, 2010-2013

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Most Recent Estimates (2013)



[All Races](#)

Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

[Non-Hispanic White](#)

4.4

(4.1 - 4.7)

[Non-Hispanic Black](#)

6.5

(6.1 - 7.0)

[Hispanic](#)

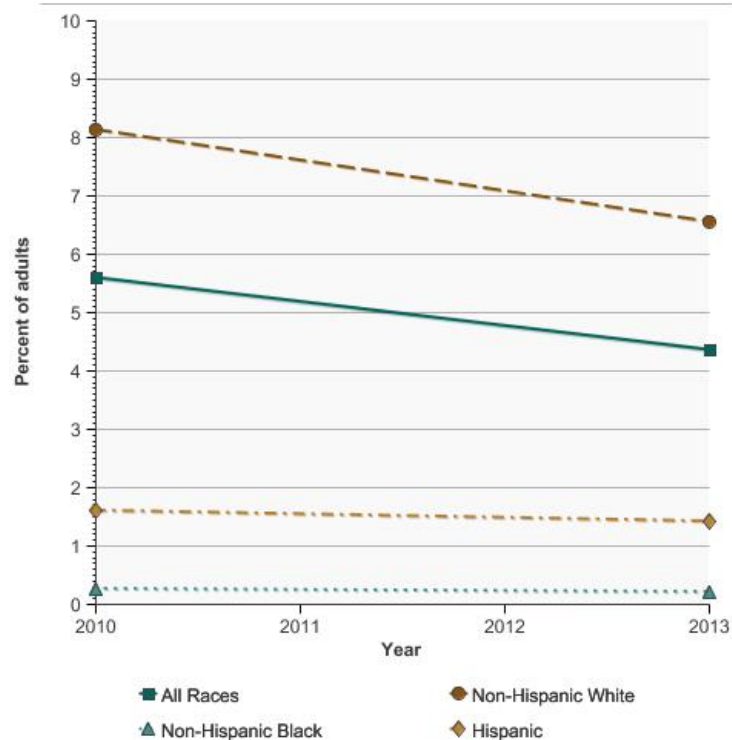
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(0.1 - 0.4)

1.4

(1.1 - 1.8)

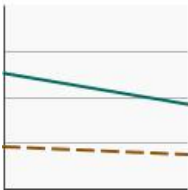
Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who used an indoor tanning device in the past year by race/ethnicity, 2010-2013



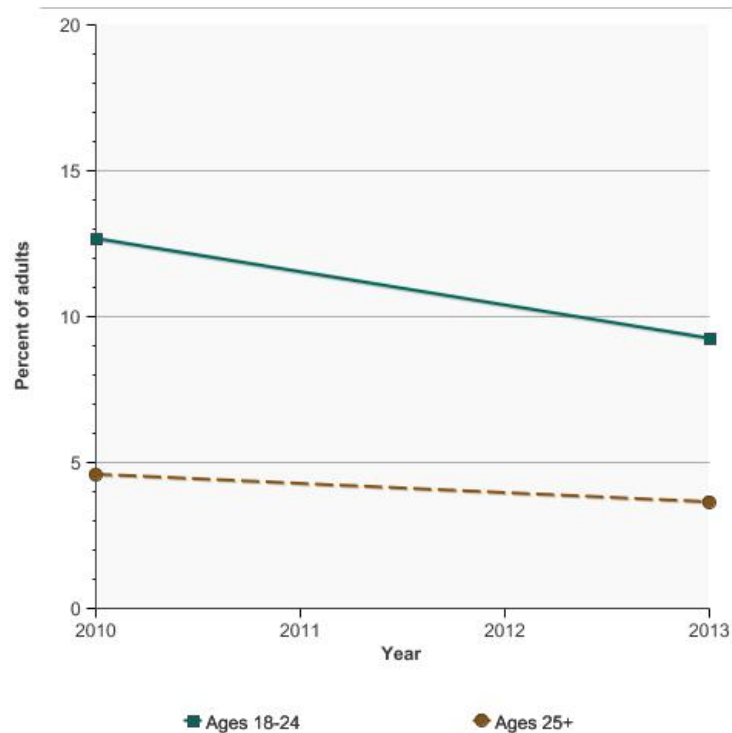
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Adults by Age

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who used an indoor tanning device in the past year by age, 2010-2013

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2013)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	<u>Ages 18-24</u>	9.2	(7.9 - 10.6)
	<u>Ages 25+</u>	3.6	(3.3 - 4.0)

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who used an indoor tanning device in the past year by age, 2010-2013



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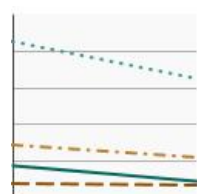
Adults by Sex and Age

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who used an indoor tanning device in the past year by sex and age, 2010-2013

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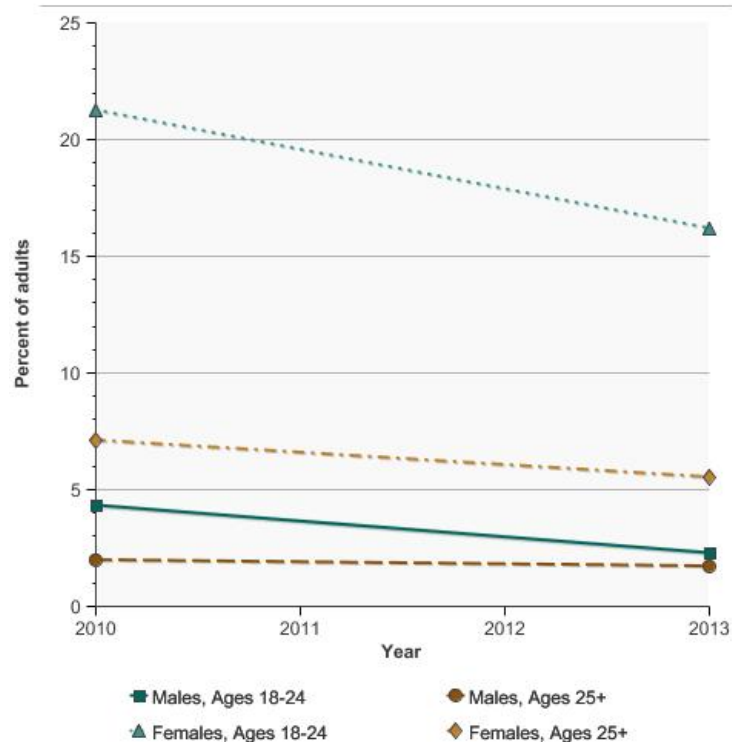
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Most Recent Estimates (2013)



	Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
Males, Ages 18-24	2.3	(1.2 - 3.5)
Males, Ages 25+	1.7	(1.4 - 2.0)
Females, Ages 18-24	16.2	(13.8 - 18.5)
Females, Ages 25+	5.5	(5.0 - 6.0)

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who used an indoor tanning device in the past year by sex and age, 2010-2013



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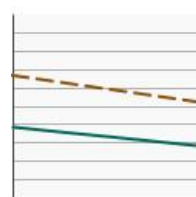
Adults by Poverty Income Level

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who used an indoor tanning device in the past year by poverty income level, 2010-2013

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Most Recent Estimates (2013)



<200% of federal poverty level

Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

2.8

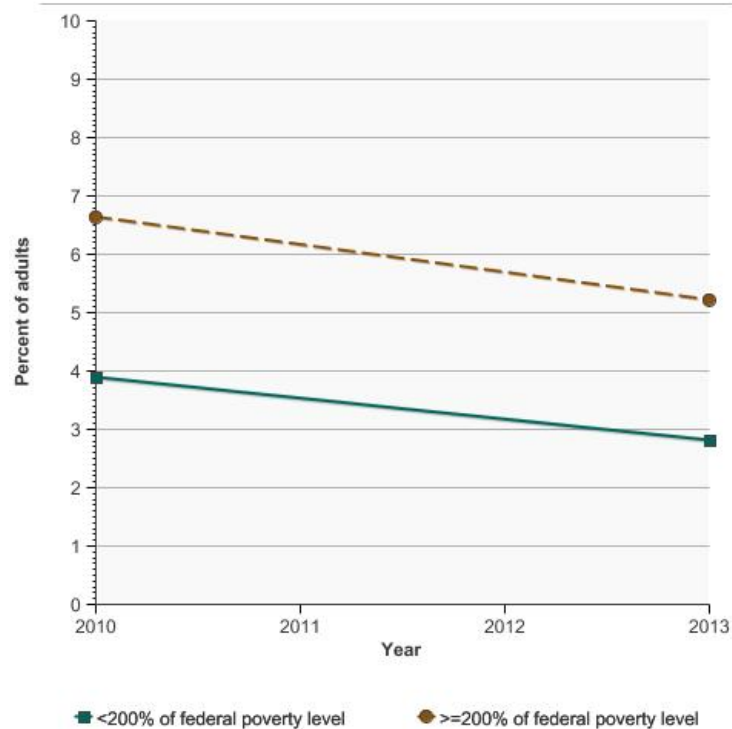
(2.4 - 3.2)

>=200% of federal poverty level

5.2

(4.8 - 5.6)

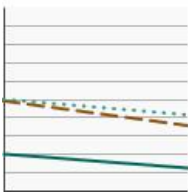
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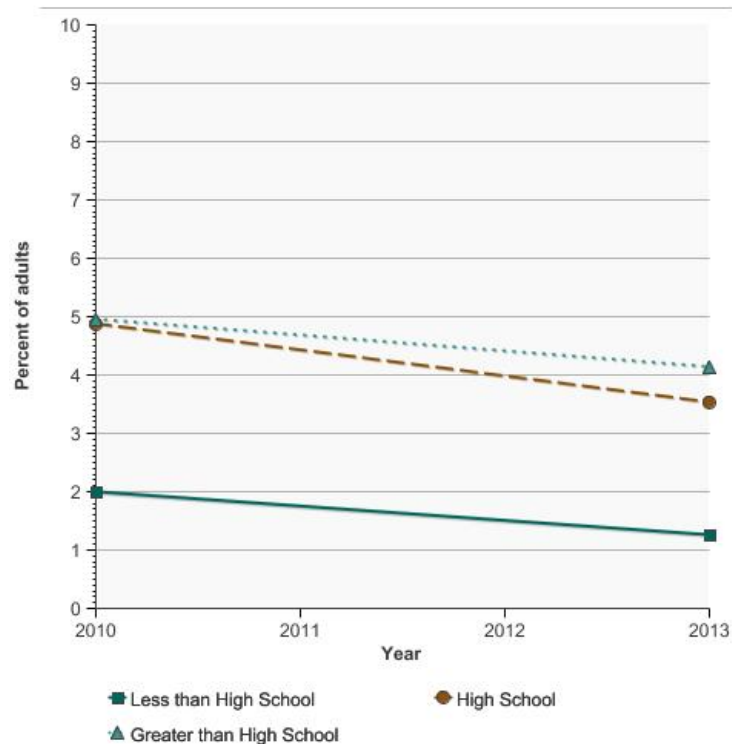
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Adults by Education Level

Percentage of adults aged 25 years and older who used an indoor tanning device in the past year by highest level of education obtained, 2010-2013

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2013)	
		Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
	<u>Less than High School</u>	1.3	(0.8 - 1.7)
	<u>High School</u>	3.5	(2.8 - 4.2)
	<u>Greater than High School</u>	4.1	(3.7 - 4.5)

Percentage of adults aged 25 years and older who used an indoor tanning device in the past year by highest level of education obtained, 2010-2013



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. National Health Interview Survey. Data are age-adjusted to the 2000 US standard population using age groups: 25-34, 35-44, 45-64, 65+.

Cancers Related to UV Exposure and Sun Protective Practices

Statistical summaries from NCI's SEER Cancer Stat Fact Sheets:

- [Melanoma of the Skin](http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/melan.html) (<http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/melan.html>)
- [Oral Cavity and Pharynx](http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/oralcav.html) (<http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/oralcav.html>)

Additional Information on UV Exposure and Sun Protective Practices For the public

- [Skin Cancer](http://www.cancer.org/cancer/skincancer) (<http://www.cancer.org/cancer/skincancer>). American Cancer Society.
- [Skin Cancer](http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/types/skin) (<http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/types/skin>). National Cancer Institute.
- [Indoor Tanning Restrictions for Minors – A State-by-State Comparison \(April 2014\)](http://www.ncsl.org/research/health/indoor-tanning-restrictions.aspx) (<http://www.ncsl.org/research/health/indoor-tanning-restrictions.aspx>). National Conference of State Legislatures.
- [National Council on Skin Cancer Prevention](http://www.skincancerprevention.org/) (<http://www.skincancerprevention.org/>).
- [Sunscreen drug products for over-the-counter human use. 2011](http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-06-17/pdf/2011-14766.pdf) (<http://www.gpo.gov/fdsys/pkg/FR-2011-06-17/pdf/2011-14766.pdf>). U.S. Food and Drug Administration, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.
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- [Sunburn protection factor \(SPF\)](http://www.fda.gov/aboutfda/centersoffices/officeofmedicalproductsandtobacco/cder/ucm106351.htm) (<http://www.fda.gov/aboutfda/centersoffices/officeofmedicalproductsandtobacco/cder/ucm106351.htm>). U.S. Food and Drug Administration.

For health professionals

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- [The Community Guide: what works to promote health](http://www.thecommunityguide.org/index.html) (<http://www.thecommunityguide.org/index.html>). Community Preventive Services Task Force.

- [Preventing skin cancer: multicomponent community-wide interventions \(abbreviated\)](http://www.thecommunityguide.org/cancer/skin/community-wide/multicomponent.html)(<http://www.thecommunityguide.org/cancer/skin/community-wide/multicomponent.html>). Community Preventive Services Task Force.
- [Indoor Tanning Association settles FTC charge that it deceived customers about skin cancer risks from tanning](http://www.ftc.gov/opa/2010/01/tanning.shtm)(<http://www.ftc.gov/opa/2010/01/tanning.shtm>). Federal Trade Commission.
- [Melanoma Treatment \(PDQ®\)](http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/pdq/treatment/melanoma/HealthProfessional)(<http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/pdq/treatment/melanoma/HealthProfessional>). National Cancer Institute.
- [Skin Cancer Treatment \(PDQ®\)](http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/pdq/treatment/skin/HealthProfessional)(<http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/pdq/treatment/skin/HealthProfessional>). National Cancer Institute.
- [Stratosphere: UV index](http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/stratosphere/uv_index/index.html)(http://www.cpc.ncep.noaa.gov/products/stratosphere/uv_index/index.html). National Weather Service: Climate Prediction Center.
- [The Surgeon General's Call to Action to Prevent Skin Cancer](http://www.surgeongeneral.gov)(<http://www.surgeongeneral.gov>). U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Washington, DC: U.S. Dept of Health and Human Services, Office of the Surgeon General; 2014.
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Tobacco Policy/Regulatory Factors

Effective policy and regulation are necessary to reduce the burden of cancer on the country. Federal law restricts the time, manner, and place of tobacco advertising and promotions because they are known to increase Americans' tobacco use. Federal law also requires state Medicaid programs to make tobacco cessation services available to pregnant women, but an expansion of coverage is needed to make these services available to more people.

- [Tobacco Company Marketing Expenditures](#)
- [Medicaid Coverage of Tobacco Dependence Treatments](#)

Tobacco Company Marketing Expenditures

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Introduction

Tobacco advertising and promotion are causally related to increased tobacco use. Cigarettes are one of the most heavily marketed products in the United States. The U.S. Federal Trade Commission reported that the amount spent on cigarette advertising and promotion by the largest cigarette companies in the United States rose from \$8.05 billion in 2010 to \$8.37 billion in 2011, due mainly to an increase in spending on price discounts, or discounts paid to cigarette retailers or wholesalers in order to reduce the price of cigarettes to consumers. Spending on price discounts increased from \$6.49 billion in 2010 to \$7.00 billion in 2011. The price discounts category was the largest one in 2011, as it has been each year since 2002. Spending on advertising and promotion by the major manufacturers of smokeless tobacco products in the United States rose from \$444.2 million in 2010 to 451.7 million in 2011, with price discounts making up the largest spending category and accounting for \$168.8 million.

The Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act, signed into law on June 22, 2009, provides the U.S. Food and Drug Administration with broad authority to regulate tobacco product advertising. This legislation removes most federal preemption constraints on the ability of states and communities to restrict the time, manner, and place of tobacco advertising and promotions.

Measure

Combined cigarette annual advertising and promotional expenditures by the five largest U.S. cigarette manufacturers, adjusted to 2011 dollars, as reported by manufacturers to the U.S. Federal Trade Commission.

Combined smokeless tobacco annual advertising and promotional expenditures by the five parent companies of the major manufacturers of smokeless tobacco products in the U.S., adjusted to 2011 dollars, as reported by the manufacturers to the U.S. Federal Trade Commission.

Healthy People 2020 Target

- There are no Healthy People 2020 targets for reducing tobacco company marketing expenditures.

Healthy People 2020 is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

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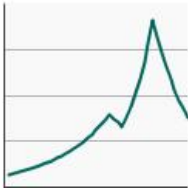
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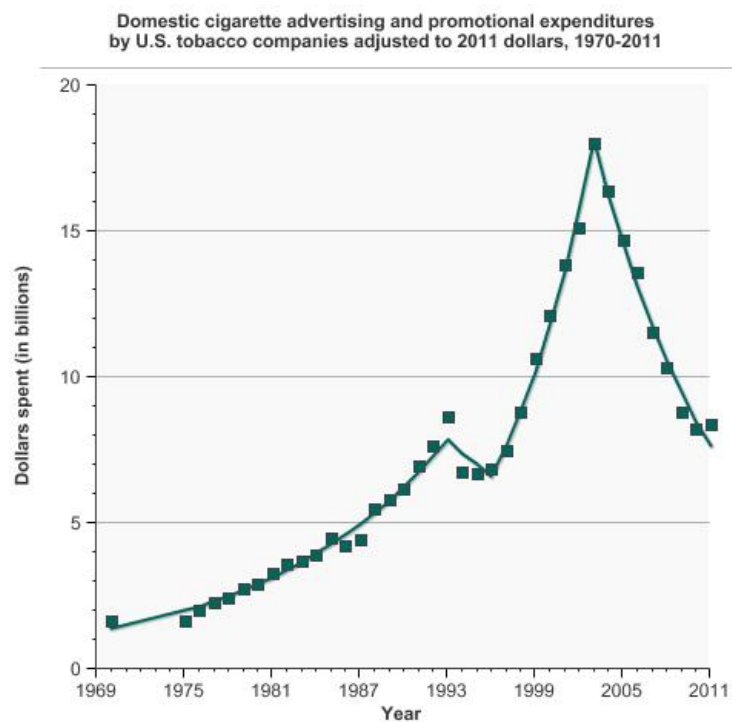
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Trends and Most Recent Estimates

Cigarettes

Domestic cigarette advertising and promotional expenditures by U.S. tobacco companies adjusted to 2011 dollars, 1970-2011


Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2011)	
		Dollars spent (in billions)	95% Confidence Interval
	<u>Total Marketing Expenditures</u>	8.4	Not available



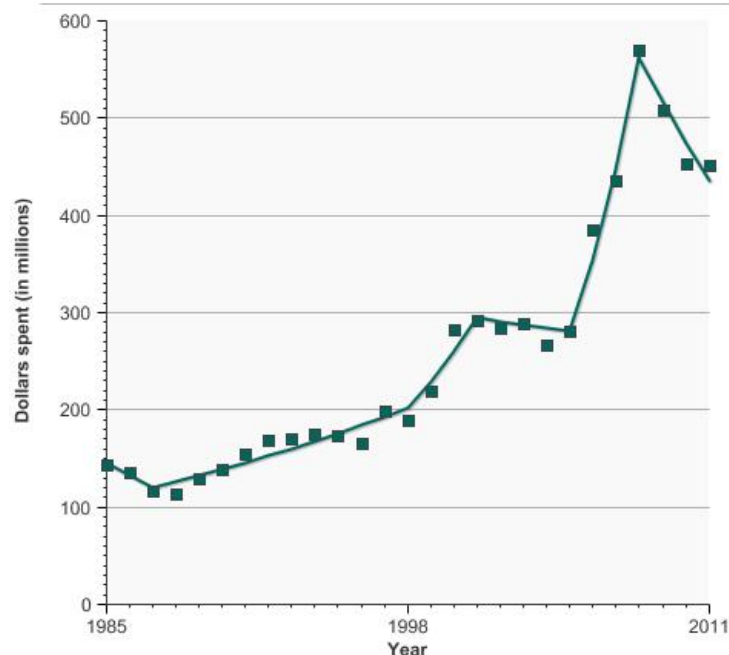
Source: Federal Trade Commission Cigarette Report for 2011. Estimates are adjusted to 2011 dollars using the Gross Domestic Product: Implicit Price Deflator (http://www.data360.org/dataset.aspx?Data_Set_Id=650).

Smokeless Tobacco

Domestic smokeless tobacco advertising and promotional expenditures by U.S. tobacco companies adjusted to 2011 dollars, 1985-2011

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2011)	
		Dollars spent (in millions)	95% Confidence Interval
	<u>Total Marketing Expenditures</u>	451.7	Not available

Domestic smokeless tobacco advertising and promotional expenditures by U.S. tobacco companies adjusted to 2011 dollars, 1985-2011



Source: Federal Trade Commission Smokeless Tobacco Report for 2011. Estimates are adjusted to 2011 dollars using the Gross Domestic Product: Implicit Price Deflator (http://www.data360.org/dataset.aspx?Data_Set_Id=650).

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Medicaid Coverage of Tobacco Dependency Treatments

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Introduction

Medicaid enrollees have a higher smoking prevalence than the general population. Smoking-related diseases are a major contributor to increasing Medicaid costs. Providing tobacco users access to evidence-based tobacco dependence treatments can reduce morbidity and mortality from cancers and other tobacco-related diseases.

All state Medicaid programs must provide tobacco cessation services (both counseling and pharmacotherapy) for pregnant women under section 4107 of the 2010 Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (ACA). Additionally, effective January 2014, section 2502 of the ACA barred state Medicaid programs from excluding coverage for cessation medications approved by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration. However, coverage still varies widely by state. Expansion of treatment coverage and eligibility while reducing barriers to treatment access (e.g. copays, duration limits on treatment) are still needed.

Measure

The number of states that provide coverage under Medicaid for any evidence-based tobacco dependence treatment (pharmacotherapy or counseling), either to their entire Medicaid population or to only pregnant women.

Healthy People 2020 Target

- Increase comprehensive Medicaid insurance coverage of evidence-based treatment for nicotine dependency in States and the District of Columbia.

Healthy People 2020 is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

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Trends and Most Recent Estimates

Medicaid Coverage of Smoking Cessation Aids

Medicaid coverage of smoking cessation aids in the 50 states and DC, 1990-2010

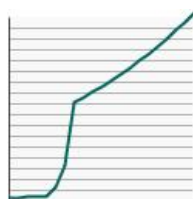
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Most Recent Estimates (2010)

Number of states

95% Confidence Interval

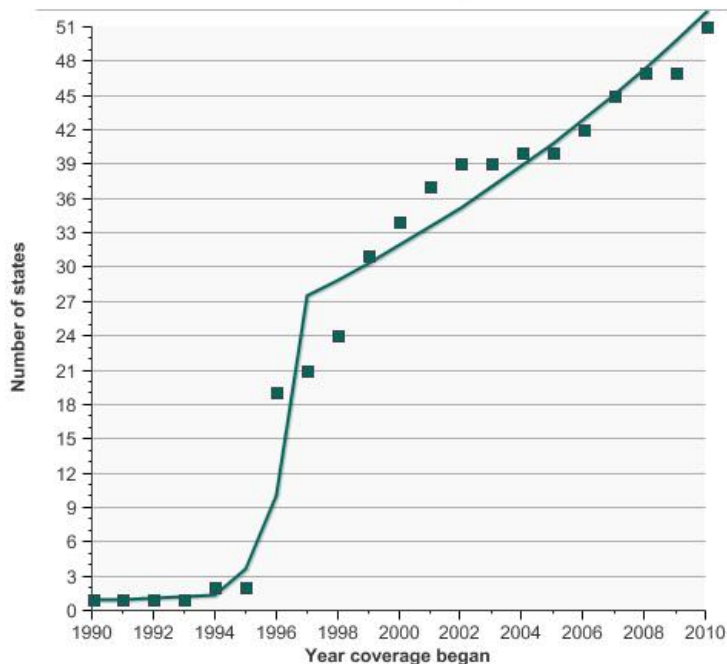


[Medicaid Coverage of Cessation Aids](#)

51.0

Not available

Medicaid coverage of smoking cessation aids in the 50 states and DC, 1990-2010



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HPV Immunization

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Introduction

Human papillomavirus (HPV) is a common virus that is spread through sexual contact. Some types of HPVs can cause genital warts, and other types, called high-risk or oncogenic HPVs, can cause cancer. High-risk HPVs cause virtually all cervical cancers, most anal cancers, and some vaginal, vulvar, penile, and oropharyngeal cancers. Many HPV infections go away on their own within 1 to 2 years. However, infections that last for many years increase a person's risk of developing cancer.

HPV vaccines work like other immunizations (a technique used to cause an immune response that results in resistance to a specific disease) that guard against viral infections. HPV vaccines prevent the most common types of HPV that cause cancer and genital warts.

The U.S. Food and Drug Administration has approved two HPV vaccines, Gardasil® and Cervarix®, which are both designed to be given to people in three doses over a 6-month period. Gardasil is approved for use in males and females aged 9 to 26 years. Cervarix is approved for use in females aged 9 to 25 years. Both vaccines are highly effective in preventing infections with HPV types 16 and 18. Gardasil also prevents infection with HPV types 6 and 11. Both Gardasil and Cervarix are proven to be effective only if given before infection with HPV, so it is recommended that they be given before an individual is sexually active. The Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices recommends that the vaccinations (both for females, and only Gardasil for males) be given routinely at ages 11 or 12.

Because the vaccines do not protect against all HPV infections that cause cervical cancer, it is important for vaccinated women to continue to undergo cervical cancer screening.

Examination of HPV immunization is new to the Cancer Trends Progress Report this year.

Measure

The percentage of female adolescents who received three or more doses of HPV vaccine by age 13–15 years.

Healthy People 2020 Target

- Increase to 80 percent the proportion of females aged 13–15 years who have received at least three doses of HPV vaccine.

Healthy People 2020 is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

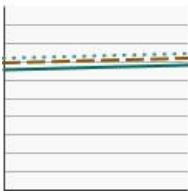
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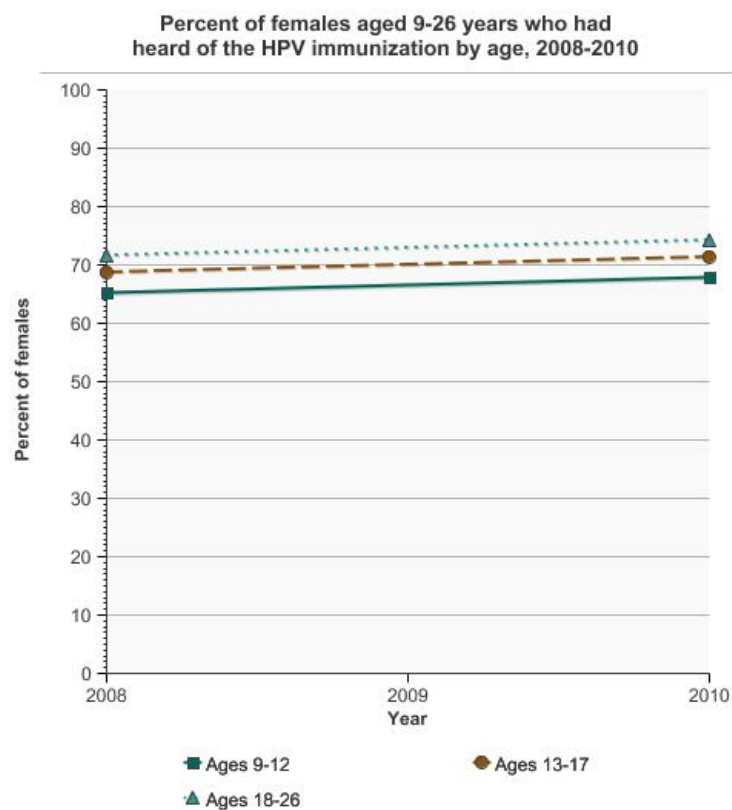
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Trends and Most Recent Estimates

Have Heard of HPV Immunization

Percent of females aged 9-26 years who had heard of the HPV immunization by age, 2008-2010

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2010)	
		Percent of females	95% Confidence Interval
	Ages 9-12	67.8	(64.1 - 71.5)
	Ages 13-17	71.2	(68.3 - 74.1)
	Ages 18-26	74.2	(71.5 - 76.9)



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. National Health Interview Survey. Data are not age-adjusted.

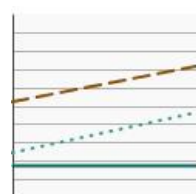
Have Received 1+ Dose of Immunization

Percent of females aged 9-26 years who had received at least one dose of the HPV immunization by age, 2008-2010

[Overview Graph](#)

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Most Recent Estimates (2010)



[Ages 9-12](#)

Percent of females

95% Confidence Interval

[Ages 13-17](#)

8.9

(6.9 - 11.0)

[Ages 18-26](#)

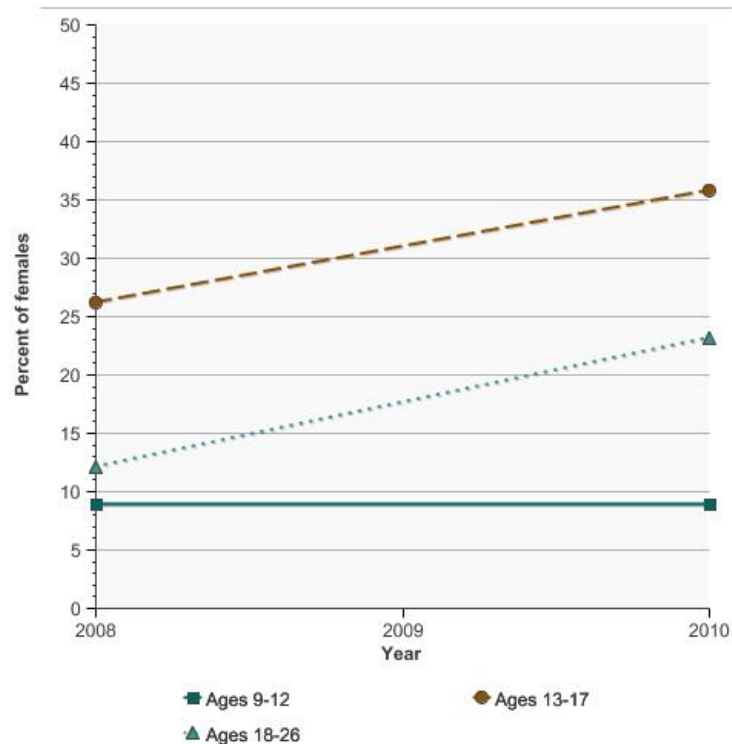
35.8

(32.7 - 38.9)

23.2

(20.7 - 25.7)

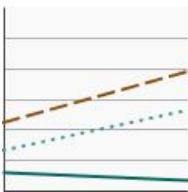
Percent of females aged 9-26 years who had received at least one dose of the HPV immunization by age, 2008-2010

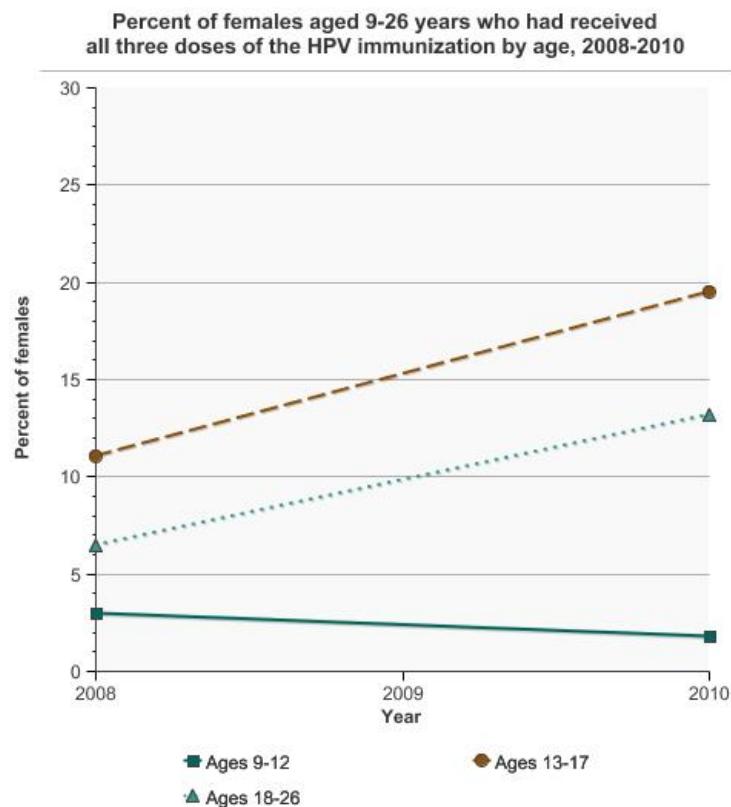


Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. National Health Interview Survey. Data are not age-adjusted.

Have Received All 3 Doses of Immunization

Percent of females aged 9-26 years who had received all three doses of the HPV immunization by age, 2008-2010

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2010)	
		Percent of females	95% Confidence Interval
	Ages 9-12	1.8	(1.0 - 2.6)
	Ages 13-17	19.5	(17.1 - 21.9)
	Ages 18-26	13.2	(11.1 - 15.2)



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. National Health Interview Survey. Data are not age-adjusted.

Cancers Related to HPV Immunization

Statistical summaries from NCI's SEER Cancer Stat Fact Sheets:

- [Cervix Uteri](http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/cervix.html)(<http://seer.cancer.gov/statfacts/html/cervix.html>)

Additional Information on HPV Immunization For the public

- [HPV vaccines](http://www.cancer.org/cancer/cancercauses/othercarcinogens/infectiousagents/hpv/humanpapillomavirusandhpvaccinesfaq/index)(<http://www.cancer.org/cancer/cancercauses/othercarcinogens/infectiousagents/hpv/humanpapillomavirusandhpvaccinesfaq/index>). American Cancer Society.
- [The HPV vaccine: 3 shots of prevention](http://www.cancer.org/cancer/news/expertvoices/post/2011/07/26/the-hpv-vaccine-3-shots-of-prevention.aspx)(<http://www.cancer.org/cancer/news/expertvoices/post/2011/07/26/the-hpv-vaccine-3-shots-of-prevention.aspx>). American Cancer Society.
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- [Fact Sheet – HPV and Cancer](http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/factsheet/Risk/HPV)(<http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/factsheet/Risk/HPV>). National Cancer Institute.
- [Fact Sheet – Human Papillomavirus \(HPV\) Vaccines](http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/factsheet/prevention/HPV-vaccine)(<http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/factsheet/prevention/HPV-vaccine>). National Cancer Institute.

For health professionals

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- [FDA licensure of bivalent human papillomavirus vaccine \(HPV2, Cervarix\) for use in females and updated HPV vaccination recommendations from the Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5920a4.htm)(<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm5920a4.htm>). Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. *MMWR* 2010;59(20):626–629.
- [National and state vaccination coverage among adolescents aged 13–17 years – United States, 2011](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6134a3.htm)(<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6134a3.htm>). Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. *MMWR* 2012;61(34):671–677.
- [Recommendations on the use of quadrivalent human papillomavirus vaccine in males — Advisory Committee on Immunization Practices, 2011](http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6050a3.htm)(<http://www.cdc.gov/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/mm6050a3.htm>). Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. *MMWR* 2011;60(50):1705–1708.
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- [Efficacy of human papillomavirus \(HPV\)-16/18 AS04-adjuvanted vaccine against cervical infection and precancer caused by oncogenic HPV types \(PATRICIA\): final analysis of a double-blind, randomised study in young women](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/19586656)(<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/19586656>). Paavonen J, Naud P, Salmerón J, et al. *Lancet* 2009;374(9686):301–14.
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Secondhand Smoke

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Introduction

Secondhand smoke (SHS), also known as environmental tobacco smoke, is a mixture of the sidestream smoke released by a smoldering cigarette, pipe, or cigar, and the mainstream smoke exhaled by a smoker. Like mainstream smoke, SHS is a complex mixture containing thousands of chemicals, including formaldehyde, cyanide, carbon monoxide, ammonia, and nicotine. More than 250 of the chemicals in tobacco smoke are known to be harmful, and at least 69 are known to cause cancer.

Conclusive scientific evidence documents that SHS causes premature death and disease in children and adults who do not smoke. Exposure to SHS by adults has immediate adverse effects on the cardiovascular system and causes coronary heart disease and lung cancer. Children exposed to SHS are at increased risk for sudden infant death syndrome, acute respiratory infections, middle ear disease, more severe asthma, respiratory symptoms, and slowed lung growth.

The number of children living in homes where someone smokes has generally fallen since 1988. In 2010, the percentage of children ages 0–6 living in homes where someone smoked regularly was 6 percent, compared with 27 percent in 1994. However, children living below the poverty level and Black, non-Hispanic children were more likely than their peers to be living in homes where someone smoked regularly.

There is no risk-free level of exposure to SHS, and only eliminating smoking in indoor spaces fully protects nonsmokers from exposure to SHS. Over the years, the focus of clean air action has shifted from restrictions on smoking to complete bans in a variety of environments, such as workplaces, bars, and restaurants. Most recently, action has even moved to casinos and more private spaces such as multi-unit housing, cars, and even outdoors. Controversy exists over extending SHS policies to e-cigarettes and other electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS) that produce vapor and thereby subject non-users of these products to nicotine and other toxins.

Measure

The percentage of nonsmokers exposed to SHS. (The percentage of nonsmokers aged 3 years and older with a serum cotinine level greater than 0.05 ng/mL and less than or equal to 10 ng/mL.)

The percentage of indoor workers reporting a smoke-free work environment.

The percentage of respondents reporting a smoke-free home.

The percentage of the population protected by local and state smoke-free indoor air laws covering workplaces, restaurants, and bars. This measure draws on data collected and analyzed by the Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights Foundation. Use of this information allows the National Cancer Institute (NCI) to include both local and state laws in its assessments.

Healthy People 2020 Target

- Reduce the proportion of children aged 3 to 11 years who are regularly exposed to tobacco smoke to 47 percent.
- Reduce the proportion of adolescents aged 12 to 17 years who are regularly exposed to tobacco smoke to 41 percent.
- Reduce the proportion of adults exposed to secondhand smoke to 33.8 percent.
- Increase the proportion of persons covered by indoor worksite policies that prohibit smoking to 100 percent.
- Increase the proportion of smoke-free homes to 87 percent.
- Increase the number of jurisdictions (states and Washington, D.C.) with smoke-free indoor air laws that prohibit smoking in public places and worksites to 51.

[Healthy People 2020](#) is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Data Source

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey. "[Secondhand smoke exposure](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhanes.htm)" (<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhanes.htm>) measure.

National Cancer Institute. [Tobacco Use Supplement to the Current Population Supplement for "work place and home smoke-free policies" measures](http://appliedresearch.cancer.gov/tus-cps/) (<http://appliedresearch.cancer.gov/tus-cps/>).

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Trends and Most Recent Estimates Second Hand Smoke Exposure

By Sex

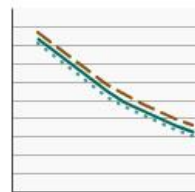
Percentage of nonsmokers aged 3 years and older¹ exposed to secondhand smoke² by sex, 1988-2010

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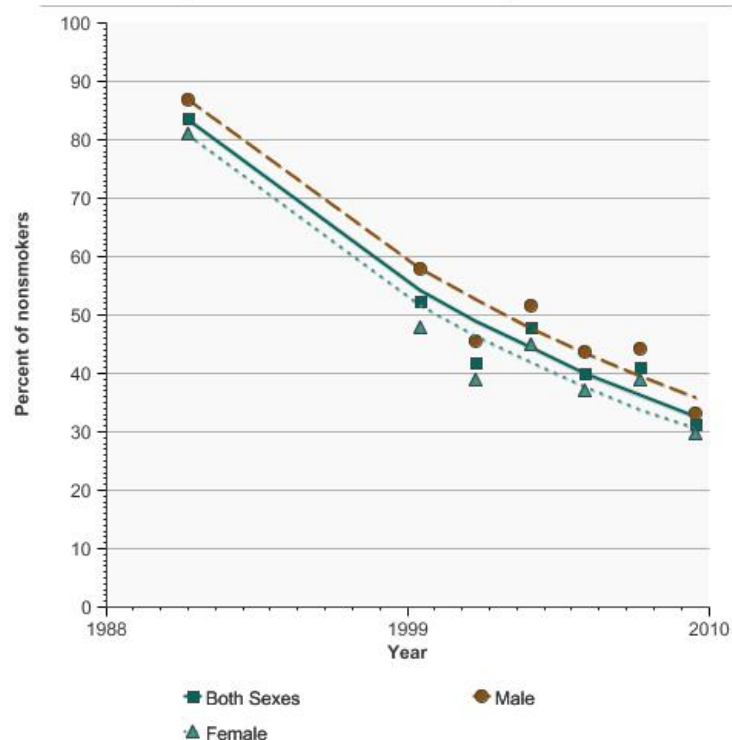
[Detailed Trend Graphs](#)

Most Recent Estimates (2009 to 2010)

	Percent of nonsmokers	95% Confidence Interval
Both Sexes	31.3	(28.3 - 34.4)
Male	33.2	(29.8 - 36.6)
Female	29.8	(26.6 - 32.9)



Percentage of nonsmokers aged 3 years and older¹ exposed to secondhand smoke² by sex, 1988-2010



Source: National Center for Health Statistics. National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey.

¹The 1988-1994 estimate is for ages 4 and older.

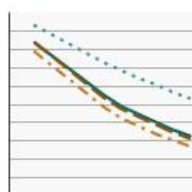
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Data are age-adjusted to the 2000 US standard population using age groups: 3-11, 12-17, 18-29, 30-39, 40-49, 50-59, 60-69, 70-79, 80+.

By Race/Ethnicity

Percentage of nonsmokers aged 3 years and older¹ exposed to secondhand smoke² by race/ethnicity, 1988-2010

Overview Graph

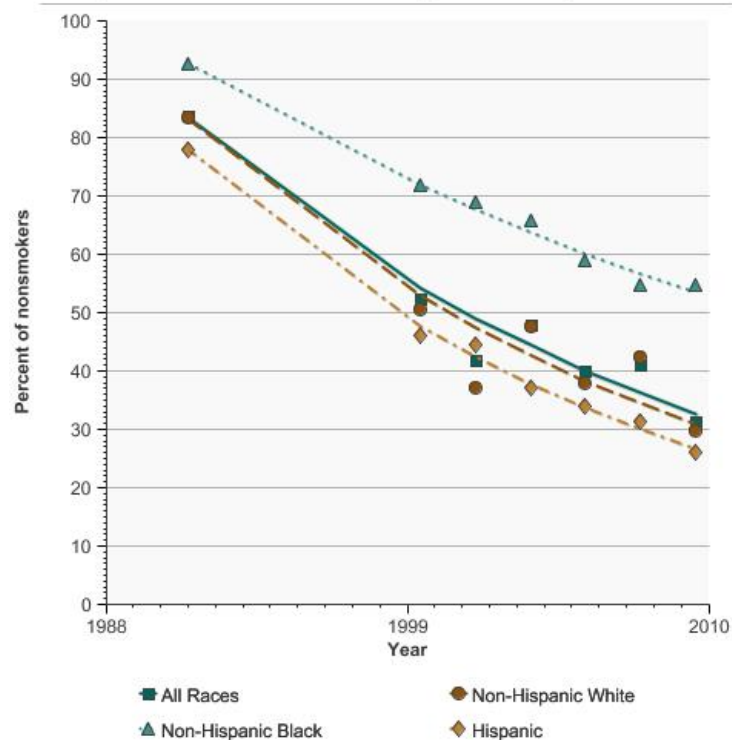


Detailed Trend Graphs

Most Recent Estimates (2009 to 2010)

	Percent of nonsmokers	95% Confidence Interval
<u>All Races</u>	31.3	(28.3 - 34.4)
<u>Non-Hispanic White</u>	29.6	(26.1 - 33.2)
<u>Non-Hispanic Black</u>	54.8	(47.9 - 61.7)
<u>Hispanic</u>	26.1	(22.7 - 29.5)

Percentage of nonsmokers aged 3 years and older¹ exposed to secondhand smoke² by race/ethnicity, 1988-2010



Source: National Center for Health Statistics. National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey.

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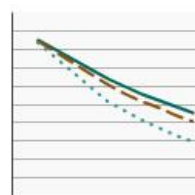
By Age

Percentage of nonsmokers aged 3 years and older¹ exposed to secondhand smoke² by age, 1988-2010

[Overview Graph](#)

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Most Recent Estimates (2009 to 2010)



[Ages 3-11](#)

Percent of nonsmokers

95% Confidence Interval

[Ages 12-17](#)

39.4

(34.4 - 44.4)

[Ages 18+](#)

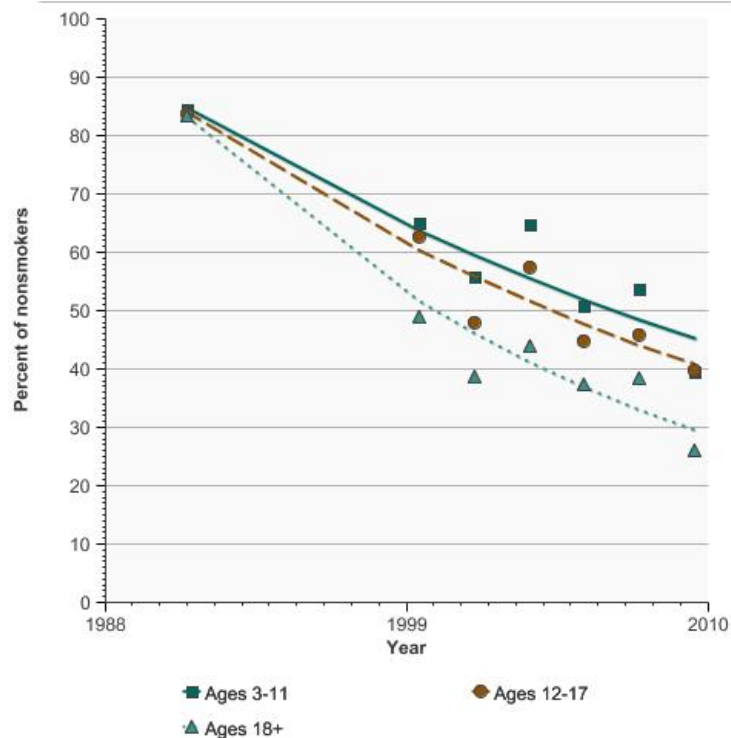
39.7

(36.0 - 43.4)

26.0

(22.9 - 29.2)

Percentage of nonsmokers aged 3 years and older¹ exposed to secondhand smoke² by age, 1988-2010



Source: National Center for Health Statistics. National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey.

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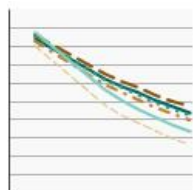
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By Sex and Age

Percentage of nonsmokers aged 3 years and older¹ exposed to secondhand smoke² by sex and age, 1988-2010

Overview Graph

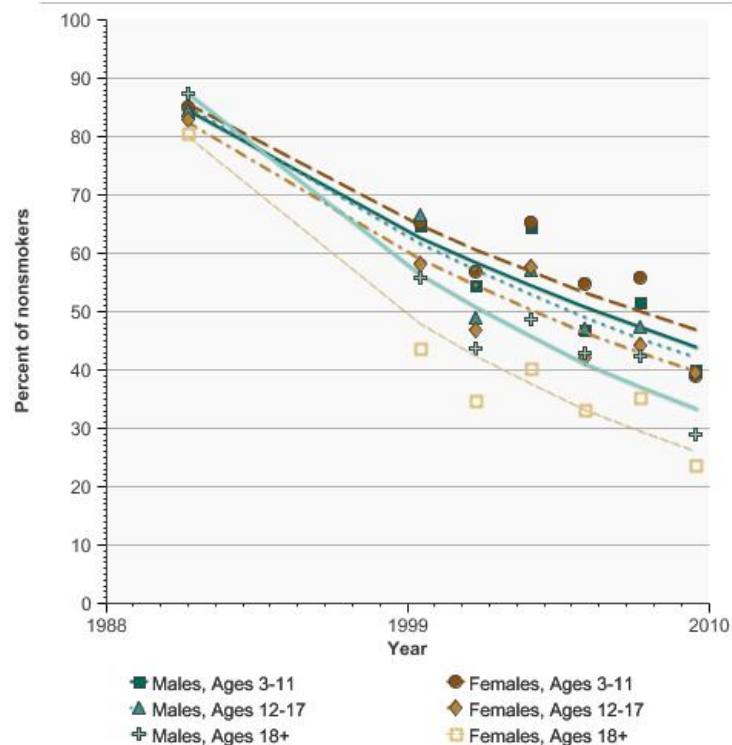


Detailed Trend Graphs

Most Recent Estimates (2009 to 2010)

	Percent of nonsmokers	95% Confidence Interval
<u>Males, Ages 3-11</u>	39.9	(34.0 - 45.8)
<u>Females, Ages 3-11</u>	38.9	(33.6 - 44.2)
<u>Males, Ages 12-17</u>	39.8	(33.9 - 45.8)
<u>Females, Ages 12-17</u>	39.6	(36.4 - 42.8)
<u>Males, Ages 18+</u>	28.9	(25.4 - 32.4)
<u>Females, Ages 18+</u>	23.7	(20.2 - 27.1)

Percentage of nonsmokers aged 3 years and older¹ exposed to secondhand smoke² by sex and age, 1988-2010



Source: National Center for Health Statistics. National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey.

¹The 1988-1994 estimate for ages 3-11 is for ages 4-11.

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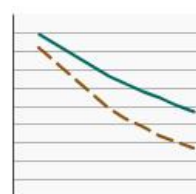
Adults by Age

Percentage of nonsmokers aged 18 years and older exposed to secondhand smoke¹ by age, 1988-2010

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Most Recent Estimates (2009 to 2010)



Ages 18-29

Percent of nonsmokers

47.2

95% Confidence Interval

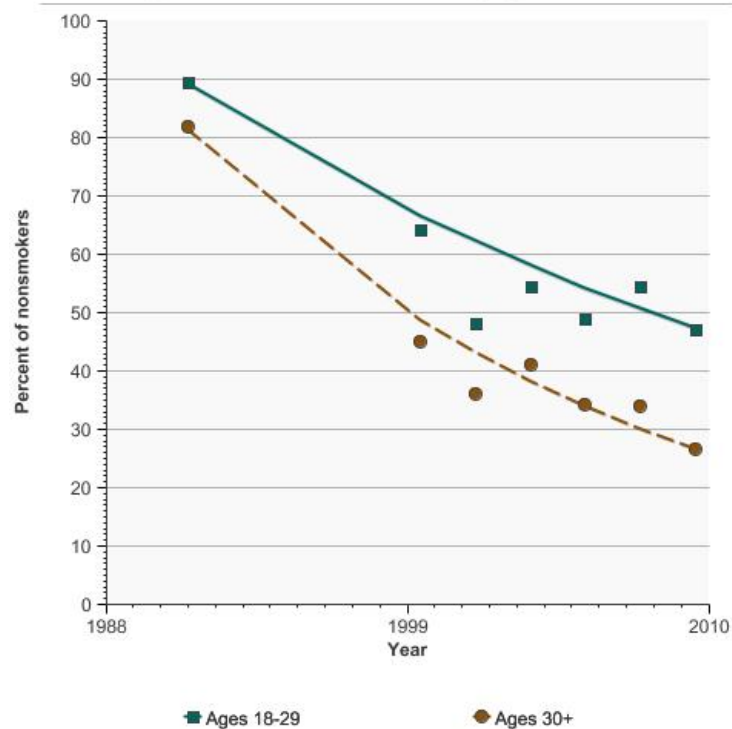
(43.0 - 51.4)

Ages 30+

26.5

(23.4 - 29.5)

Percentage of nonsmokers aged 18 years and older exposed to secondhand smoke¹ by age, 1988-2010



Source: National Center for Health Statistics. National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey.
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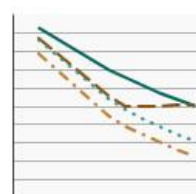
Adults by Sex and Age

Percentage of nonsmokers aged 18 years and older exposed to secondhand smoke¹ by sex and age, 1988-2010

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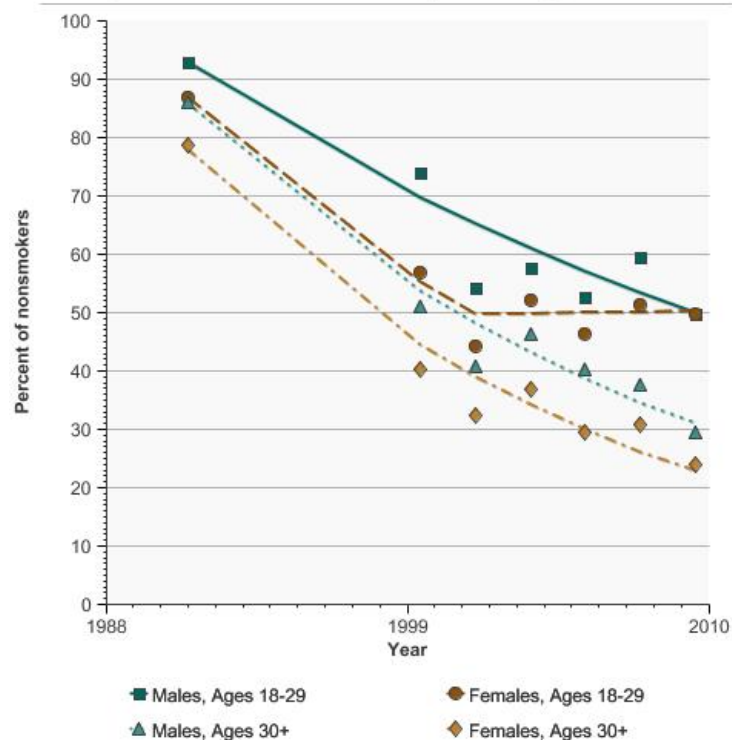
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Most Recent Estimates (2009 to 2010)



	Percent of nonsmokers	95% Confidence Interval
Males, Ages 18-29	49.8	(43.7 - 55.8)
Females, Ages 18-29	49.8	(43.7 - 55.8)
Males, Ages 30+	29.5	(26.1 - 32.8)
Females, Ages 30+	24.0	(20.6 - 27.4)

Percentage of nonsmokers aged 18 years and older exposed to secondhand smoke¹ by sex and age, 1988-2010



Source: National Center for Health Statistics. National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey.
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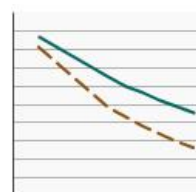
By Poverty Income Level

Percentage of nonsmokers aged 3 years and older¹ exposed to secondhand smoke² by poverty income level, 1988-2010

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Most Recent Estimates (2009 to 2010)



[<200% of federal poverty level](#)

Percent of nonsmokers

43.2

95% Confidence Interval

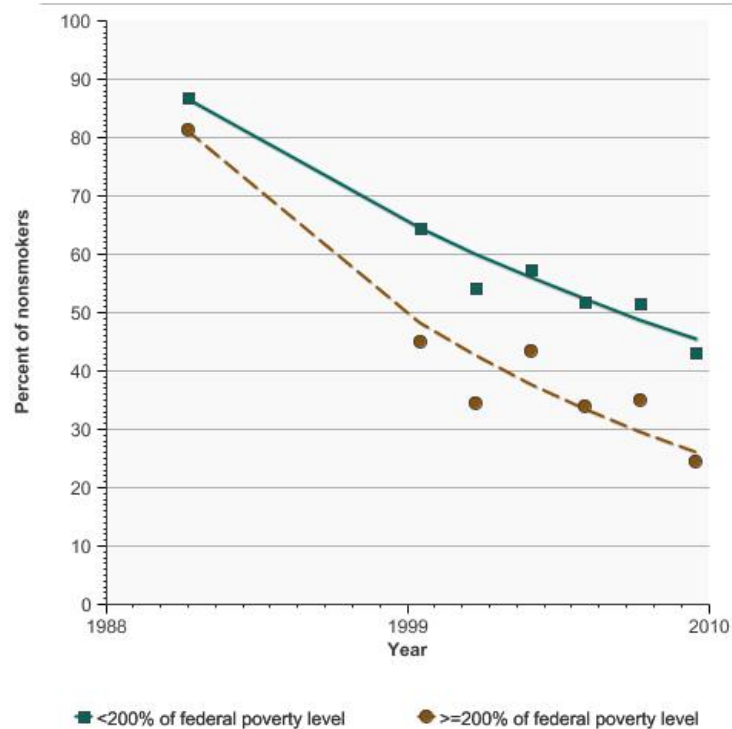
(38.4 - 48.0)

[>=200% of federal poverty level](#)

24.6

(21.0 - 28.1)

Percentage of nonsmokers aged 3 years and older¹ exposed to secondhand smoke² by poverty income level, 1988-2010



Source: National Center for Health Statistics. National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey.

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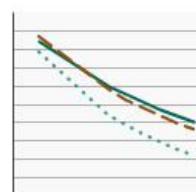
By Education Level

Percentage of nonsmokers aged 25 years and older exposed to secondhand smoke¹ by highest level of education obtained, 1988-2010

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Most Recent Estimates (2009 to 2010)



[Less than High School](#)

Percent of nonsmokers

95% Confidence Interval

[High School](#)

40.8

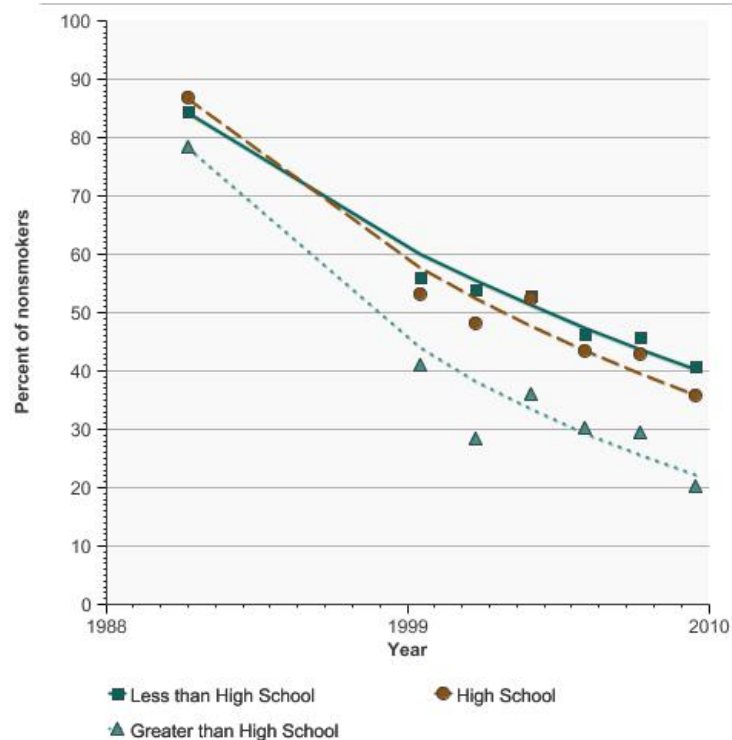
(35.8 - 45.8)

[Greater than High School](#)

20.3

(16.3 - 24.2)

Percentage of nonsmokers aged 25 years and older exposed to secondhand smoke¹ by highest level of education obtained, 1988-2010



Source: National Center for Health Statistics. National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey.
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Smoke-free Workplace

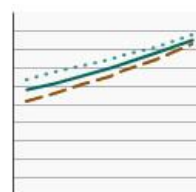
By Sex

Percentage of workers aged 18 years and older reporting a smoke-free work environment by sex, 1992-2011

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Most Recent Estimates (2010 to 2011)



[Both Sexes](#)

Percent of workers

95% Confidence Interval

[Male](#)

82.5

(82.1 - 82.9)

[Female](#)

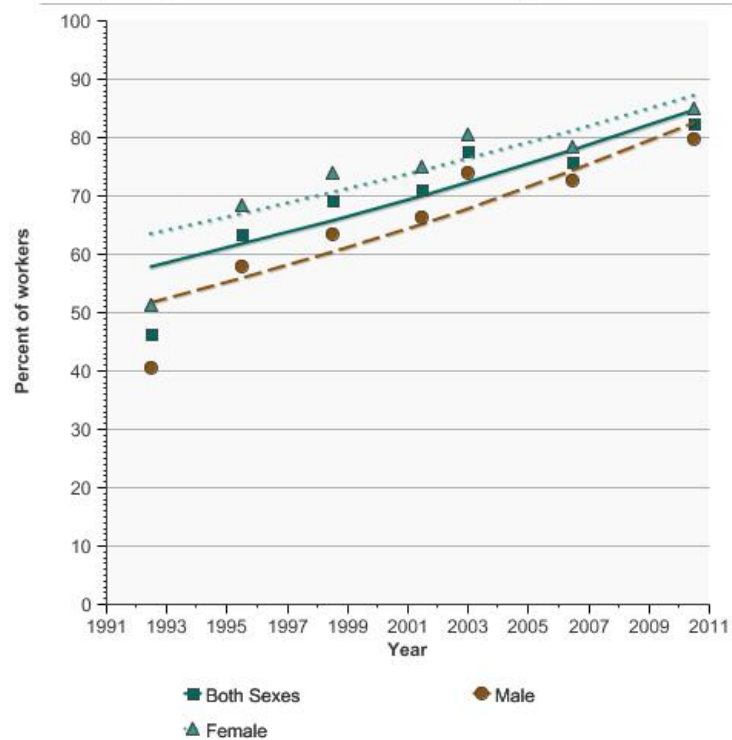
79.7

(79.0 - 80.4)

85.0

(84.5 - 85.5)

Percentage of workers aged 18 years and older reporting a smoke-free work environment by sex, 1992-2011



Source: Tobacco Use Supplement to the Current Population Survey, sponsored by the National Cancer Institute. Data are age-adjusted to the 2000 US standard population using age groups: 18-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45-64, 65+.

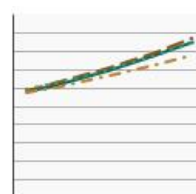
By Race/Ethnicity

Percentage of workers aged 18 years and older reporting a smoke-free work environment by race/ethnicity, 1992-2011

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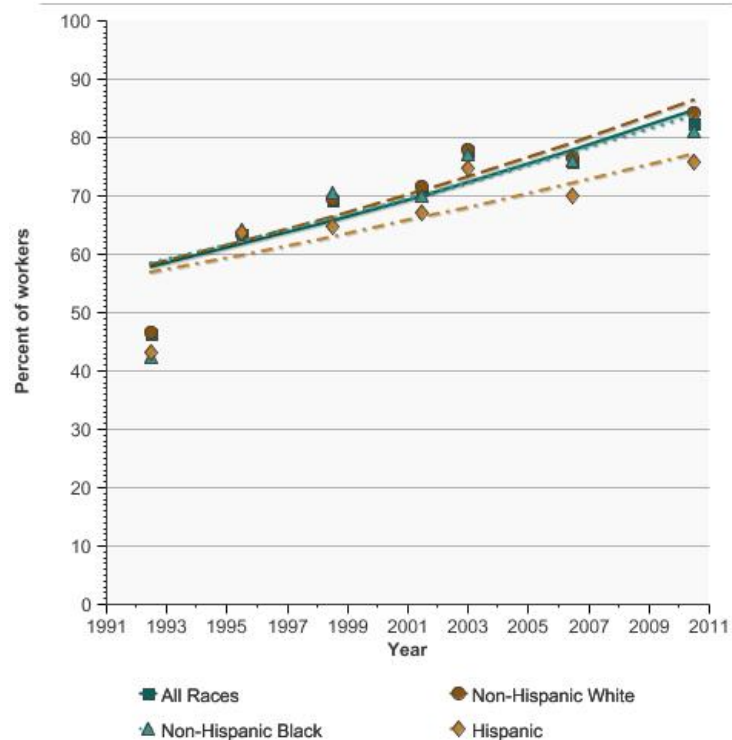
[Detailed Trend Graphs](#)

Most Recent Estimates (2010 to 2011)



	Percent of workers	95% Confidence Interval
All Races	82.5	(82.1 - 82.9)
Non-Hispanic White	84.2	(83.7 - 84.7)
Non-Hispanic Black	81.1	(79.7 - 82.5)
Hispanic	75.8	(74.3 - 77.3)

Percentage of workers aged 18 years and older reporting a smoke-free work environment by race/ethnicity, 1992-2011



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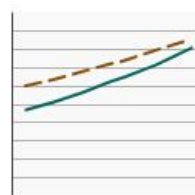
By Age

Percentage of workers aged 18 years and older reporting a smoke-free work environment by age, 1992-2011

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Ages 18-24

Percent of workers

95% Confidence Interval

78.2

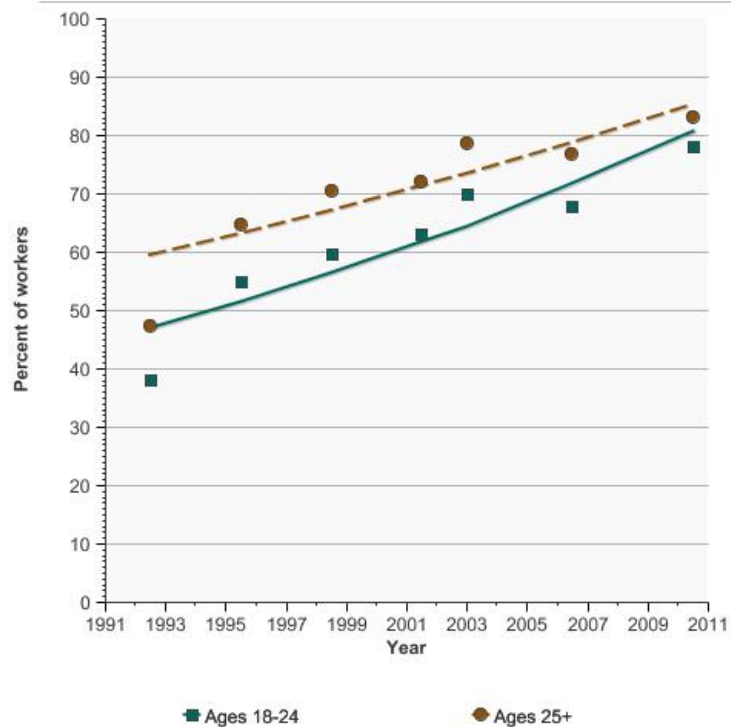
(76.9 - 79.5)

Ages 25+

83.1

(82.6 - 83.5)

Percentage of workers aged 18 years and older reporting a smoke-free work environment by age, 1992-2011



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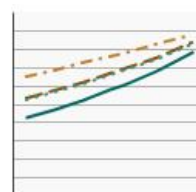
By Sex and Age

Percentage of workers aged 18 years and older reporting a smoke-free work environment by sex and age, 1992-2011

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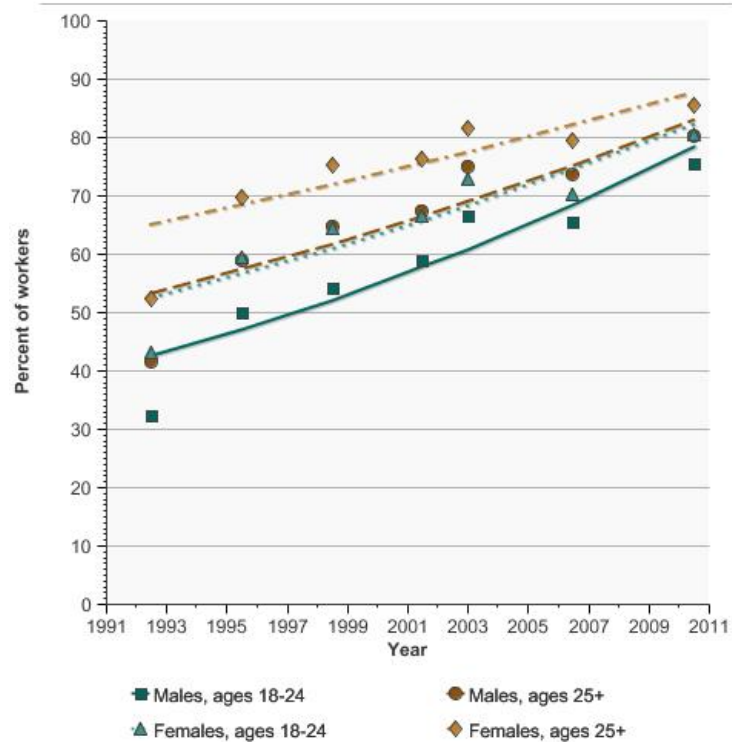
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	Percent of workers	95% Confidence Interval
Males, ages 18-24	75.4	(73.5 - 77.4)
Males, ages 25+	80.3	(79.6 - 81.0)
Females, ages 18-24	80.6	(79.1 - 82.2)
Females, ages 25+	85.6	(85.0 - 86.1)

Percentage of workers aged 18 years and older reporting a smoke-free work environment by sex and age, 1992-2011



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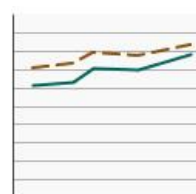
By Poverty Income Level

Percentage of workers aged 18 years and older reporting a smoke-free work environment by poverty income level, 1998-2011

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< 200% of the federal poverty level

Percent of workers

95% Confidence Interval

78.1

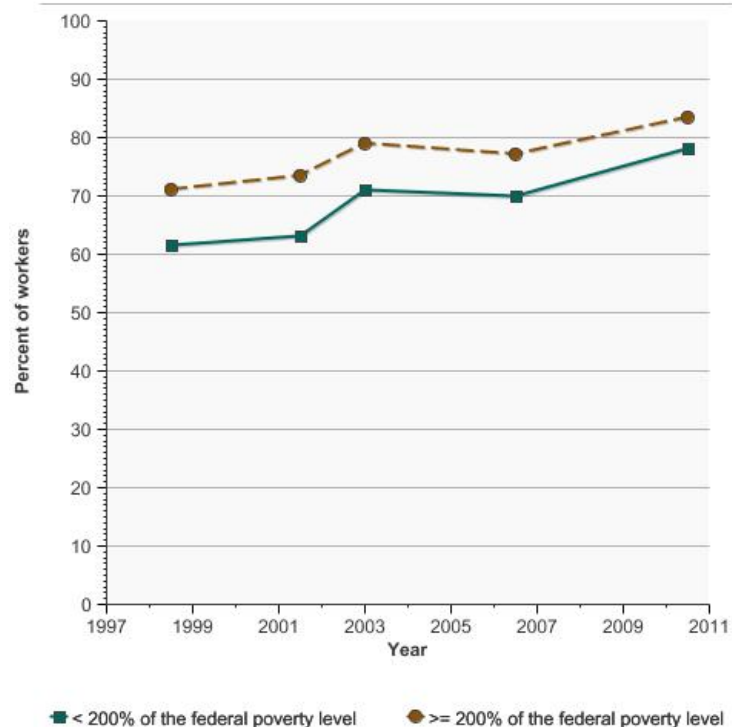
(77.1 - 79.2)

>= 200% of the federal poverty level

83.5

(83.0 - 84.1)

Percentage of workers aged 18 years and older reporting a smoke-free work environment by poverty income level, 1998-2011



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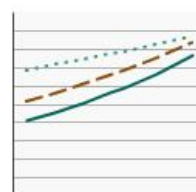
By Education Level

Percentage of workers aged 25 years and older reporting a smoke-free work environment by highest level of education obtained, 1992-2011

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[Less than High School](#)

Percent of workers

95% Confidence Interval

[High School](#)

72.4

(70.5 - 74.3)

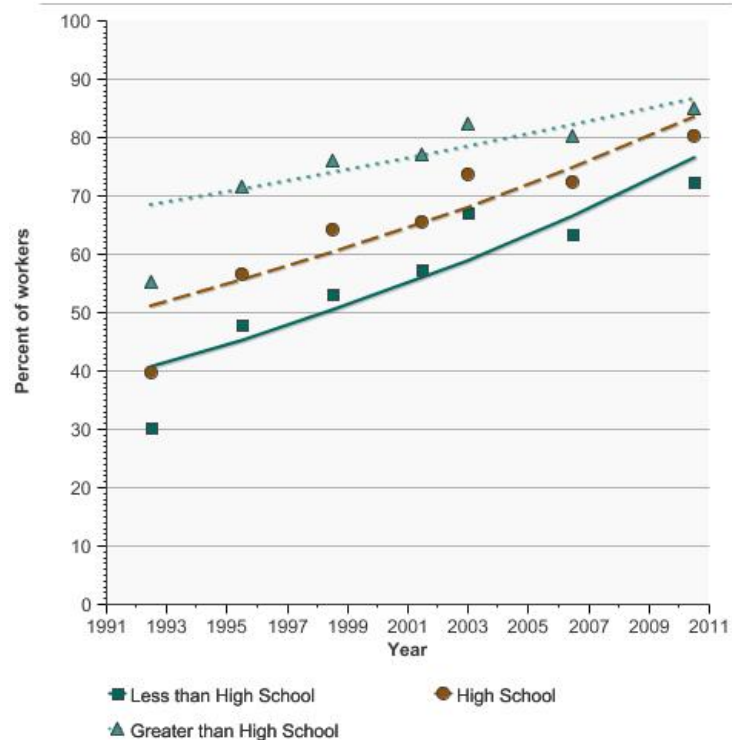
[Greater than High School](#)

80.3

(79.4 - 81.2)

(84.5 - 85.5)

Percentage of workers aged 25 years and older reporting a smoke-free work environment by highest level of education obtained, 1992-2011



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Smoke-free Home

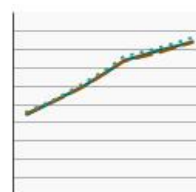
By Sex

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older reporting a smoke-free home environment by sex, 1992-2011

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[Both Sexes](#)

Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

[Male](#)

84.2

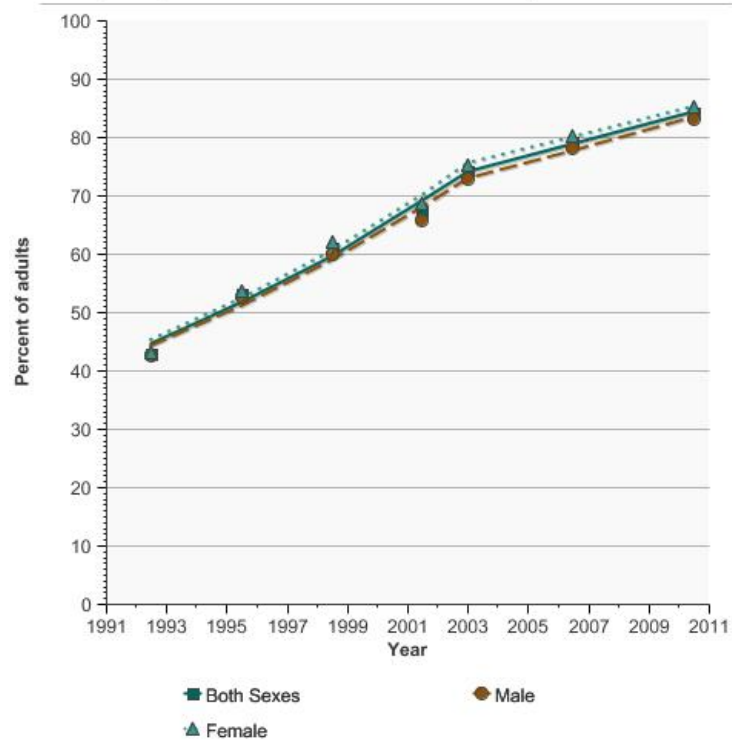
(83.8 - 84.5)

[Female](#)

85.2

(84.9 - 85.5)

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older reporting a smoke-free home environment by sex, 1992-2011



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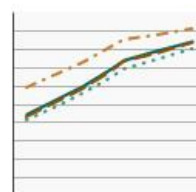
By Race/Ethnicity

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older reporting a smoke-free home environment by race/ethnicity, 1992-2011

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[All Races](#)

Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

[Non-Hispanic White](#)

84.2

(83.8 - 84.5)

[Non-Hispanic Black](#)

83.1

(82.7 - 83.4)

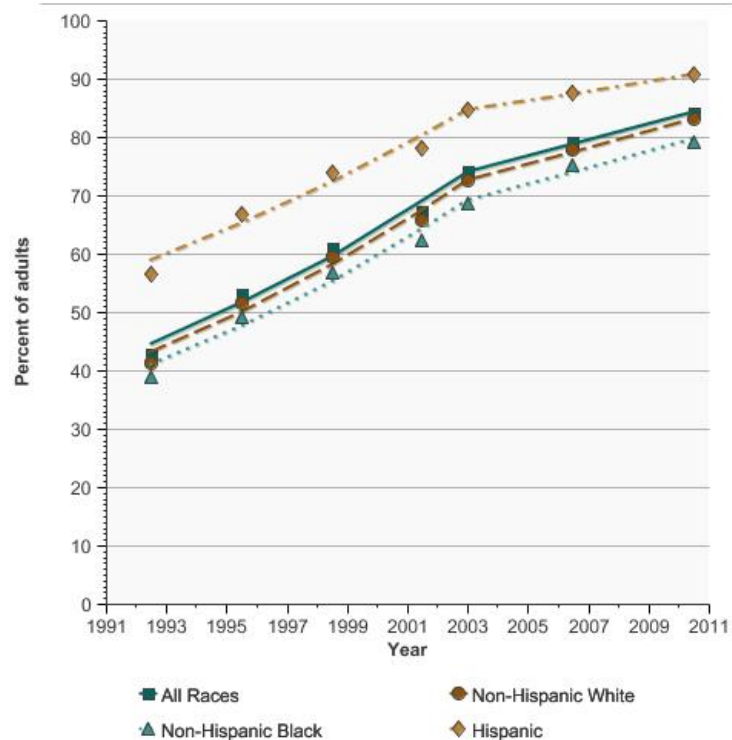
[Hispanic](#)

79.3

(78.4 - 80.2)

(90.2 - 91.5)

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older reporting a smoke-free home environment by race/ethnicity, 1992-2011



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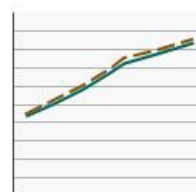
By Age

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older reporting a smoke-free home environment by age, 1992-2011

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Ages 18-24

Percent of adults

82.4

95% Confidence Interval

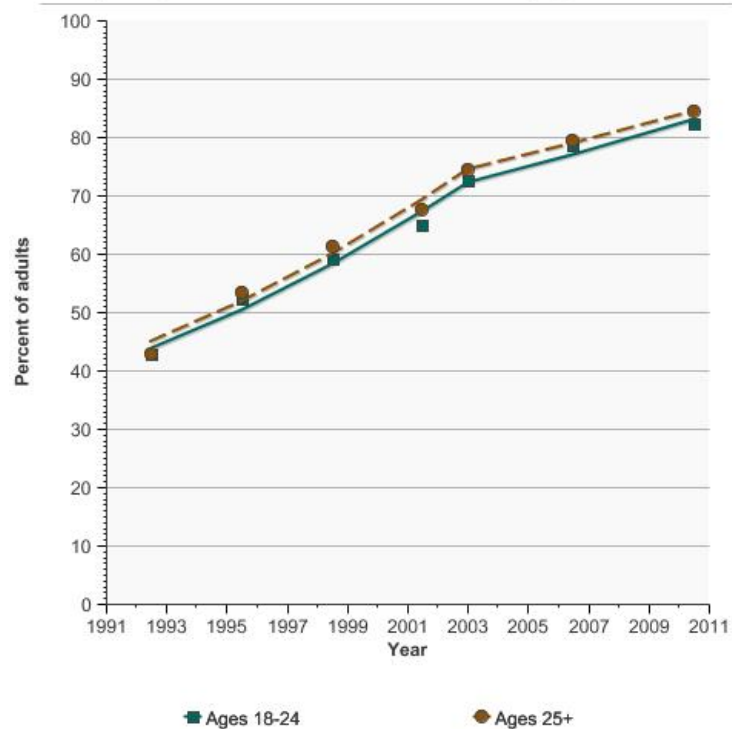
(81.6 - 83.3)

Ages 25+

84.4

(84.1 - 84.8)

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older reporting a smoke-free home environment by age, 1992-2011



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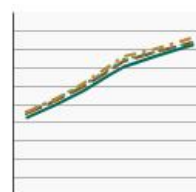
By Sex and Age

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older reporting a smoke-free home environment by sex and age, 1992-2011

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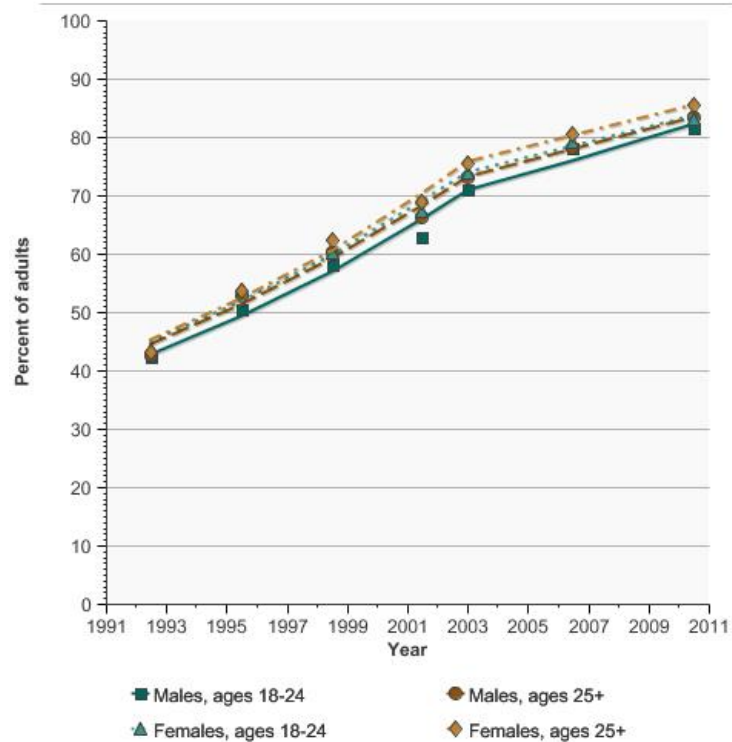
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Most Recent Estimates (2010 to 2011)



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Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older reporting a smoke-free home environment by sex and age, 1992-2011



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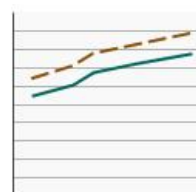
By Poverty Income Level

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older reporting a smoke-free home environment by poverty income level, 1998-2011

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< 200% of the federal poverty level

Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

77.3

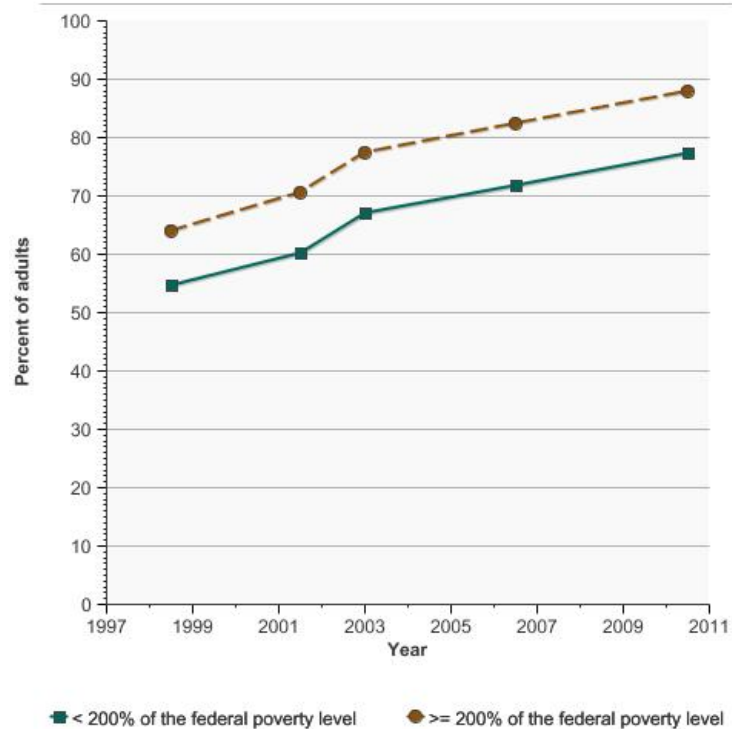
(76.7 - 77.9)

>= 200% of the federal poverty level

88.0

(87.6 - 88.3)

Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older reporting a smoke-free home environment by poverty income level, 1998-2011



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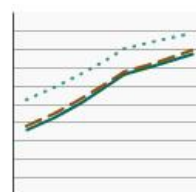
By Education Level

Percentage of adults aged 25 years and older reporting a smoke-free home environment by highest level of education obtained, 1992-2011

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[Less than High School](#)

Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

[High School](#)

76.9

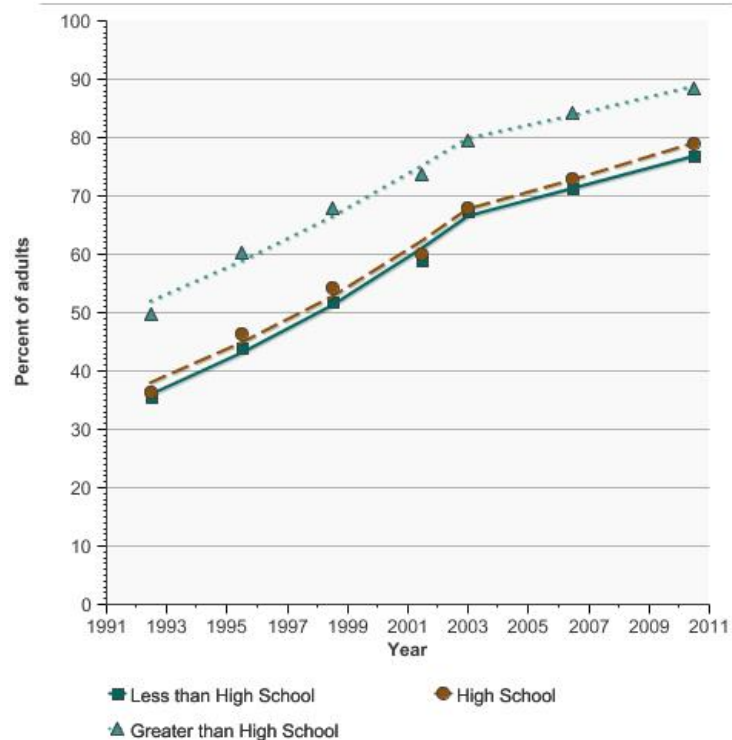
(76.0 - 77.8)

[Greater than High School](#)

88.4

(88.1 - 88.7)

Percentage of adults aged 25 years and older reporting a smoke-free home environment by highest level of education obtained, 1992-2011



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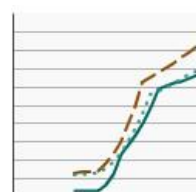
Indoor Air Laws

Percentage of population protected by local and state 100% smoke-free indoor air laws, 1990-2014

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Most Recent Estimates (2014)



[Workplaces](#)

Percent of population

95% Confidence Interval

[Restaurants](#)

65.0

Not available

[Bars](#)

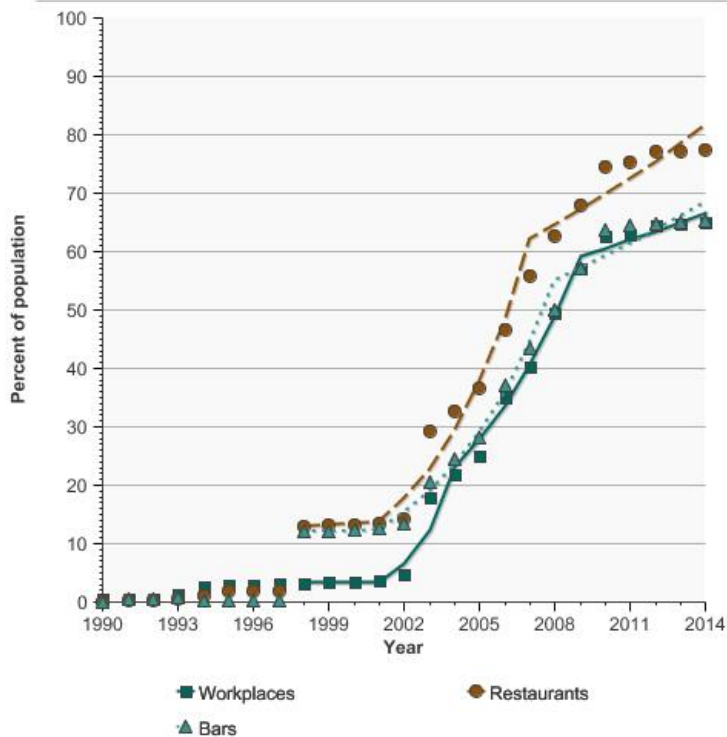
77.3

Not available

65.2

Not available

Percentage of population protected by local and state 100% smoke-free indoor air laws, 1990-2014



Source: Americans for Nonsmokers' Rights Foundation (www.no-smoke.org). Underlying population estimates are from the United States Census 2000. 2014 estimates are based on the January 1, 2015 reports. Data are not age-adjusted. Regression lines are calculated for 1998+ estimates because of very low coverage prior to this date.

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Additional Information on Secondhand Smoke For the public

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Chemical Exposures

Exposure to carcinogens that exist as pollutants in our air, food, water, and soil, also influence the incidence of cancer. Most exposure to toxic substances and hazardous wastes results from human activities, particularly through agricultural and industrial production. Chemicals were selected for inclusion in this report based on the following set of criteria: (1) likely or probable carcinogen as classified by IARC classification (Group 1 or 2A), (2) available biomarker data from the National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey (NHANES) since 2004, and (3) ubiquitous (i.e. >50% with detectable levels) in the U.S. general population (based on NHANES data).

- [Arsenic](#)
- [Benzene](#)
- [Cadmium](#)
- [Nitrate](#)

Methodology

The R function “svyquantile” from the R Package “survey” was used to estimate the percentiles and their confidence limits. The “betaWald” interval option was chosen, which was computed by adapting the method proposed by Woodruff (1952) and the method proposed by Korn & Graubard (1998). The R function “svyranktest” from the same package was used to test whether there is statistically significant difference between the estimated percentiles obtained from different survey years. For more details on the R functions used, see <https://cran.r-project.org/web/packages/survey/survey.pdf>. The R functions were chosen in order to perform the desired significance tests.

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Arsenic

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Introduction

Arsenic is a tasteless, odorless element in the environment that can be found naturally in rocks and soil, water, air, and in plants and animals. It can also be released into the environment from some agricultural and industrial sources.

Arsenic is usually part of chemical compounds, including inorganic compounds (combined with oxygen, iron, chlorine, and sulfur), and organic compounds (combined with carbon and other atoms).

Inorganic arsenic compounds are found in industry, in building products (in some "pressure-treated" woods), and in arsenic-contaminated water. Soil and water contamination also can occur as a result of mining and smelting activities. Past use of arsenic-containing herbicides has resulted in soil contamination and some food crops grown in these soils take up the arsenic. Inorganic arsenic compounds are more toxic than organic arsenic compounds, and inorganic arsenic has been linked to cancer of the bladder, lungs, skin, kidney, nasal passages, liver, and prostate.

We typically take in small amounts of inorganic arsenic in the food we eat (in particular, rice and fish), the water we drink, and the air we breathe. Arsenic also is present in tobacco smoke. People may be exposed to higher levels of arsenic at work in certain industries, but such exposures are now rare in the United States. People may also be exposed to greater amounts of arsenic if they live near current or former industrial or agricultural sources of arsenic, live in areas where arsenic is naturally high in drinking water, or eat a lot of seafood (although the organic form predominantly found in seafood is likely to be much less harmful). A major dietary source of inorganic arsenic includes rice and rice products.

Both short- and long-term exposure to arsenic can cause health problems. Breathing in high levels of arsenic may cause a sore throat and irritated lungs. Swallowing high levels of arsenic can be fatal. Exposure to lower levels of arsenic over longer periods of time can result in liver and kidney damage.

Moreover, arsenic and cigarette smoking exposure act synergistically to increase the incidence of lung cancer.

Examination of arsenic is new to the Cancer Trends Progress Report this year.

Measure

We present exposure data on the 95th percentile of the population, representing people with the greatest exposure. The 95th percentile level means that 95% of the population has concentrations below that level. Public health officials use such reference values to determine whether groups of people are experiencing an exposure that is unusual compared with an exposure experienced by the rest of the population.

[Citation(http://www.cdc.gov/exposurereport/pdf/FourthReport_ExecutiveSummary.pdf)]

To calculate whether the differences between 95th percentiles for two different time points is statistically significant, we used a different statistical methodology than that used by the National Center for Environmental Health, who publishes the National Report on Human Exposure to Environmental Chemicals from where our data are derived. Our estimates may differ slightly from those in the original report due to differences in statistical procedures used. [Methodology]

Healthy People 2020 Target

Level of urinary total arsenic (creatinine corrected) for 95 percent of the population aged 6 years and older to below 35.28 µg/g of creatinine.

Healthy People 2020 is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

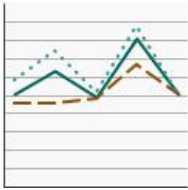
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Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey.

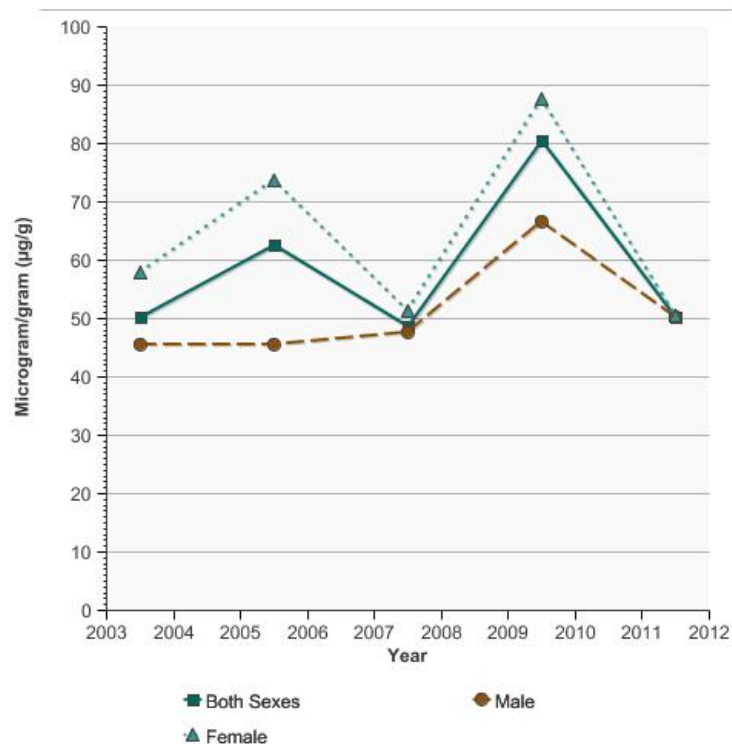
Trends and Most Recent Estimates

By Sex

95th percentile for urinary (creatinine corrected) concentrations ($\mu\text{g/g}$ of creatinine) of total arsenic among persons aged 6 years and older by sex, 2003-2012

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2011 to 2012)	
		Microgram/gram creatinine ($\mu\text{g/g}$)	95% Confidence Interval
	<u>Both Sexes</u>	50.3	(43.2 - 60.1)
	<u>Male</u>	50.2	(33.7 - 68.6)
	<u>Female</u>	50.5	(43.5 - 72.6)

95th percentile for urinary (creatinine corrected) concentrations ($\mu\text{g/g}$ of creatinine) of total arsenic among persons aged 6 years and older by sex, 2003-2012



Source: National Center for Health Statistics. National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey.
Data are not age-adjusted.

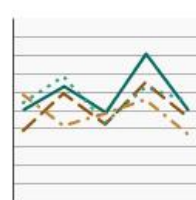
By Race/Ethnicity

95th percentile for urinary (creatinine corrected) concentrations ($\mu\text{g/g}$ of creatinine) of total arsenic among persons aged 6 years and older by race/ethnicity, 2003-2012

[Overview Graph](#)

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Most Recent Estimates (2011 to 2012)



[All Races](#)

Microgram/gram creatinine ($\mu\text{g/g}$)

95% Confidence Interval

[Non-Hispanic White](#)

50.3

(43.2 - 60.1)

[Non-Hispanic Black](#)

46.1

(36.1 - 53.3)

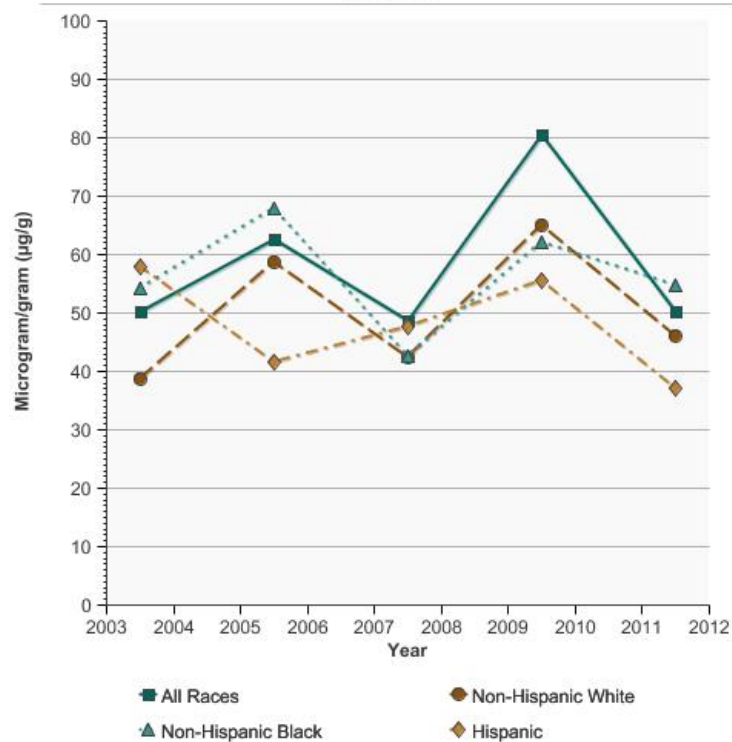
[Hispanic](#)

54.7

(36.2-73.8)

(28.3-47.2)

95th percentile for urinary (creatinine corrected) concentrations ($\mu\text{g/g}$ of creatinine) of total arsenic among persons aged 6 years and older by race/ethnicity, 2003-2012

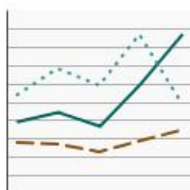


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By Age

95th percentile for urinary (creatinine corrected) concentrations ($\mu\text{g/g}$ of creatinine) of total arsenic among persons aged 6 years and older by age, 2003-2012

Overview Graph

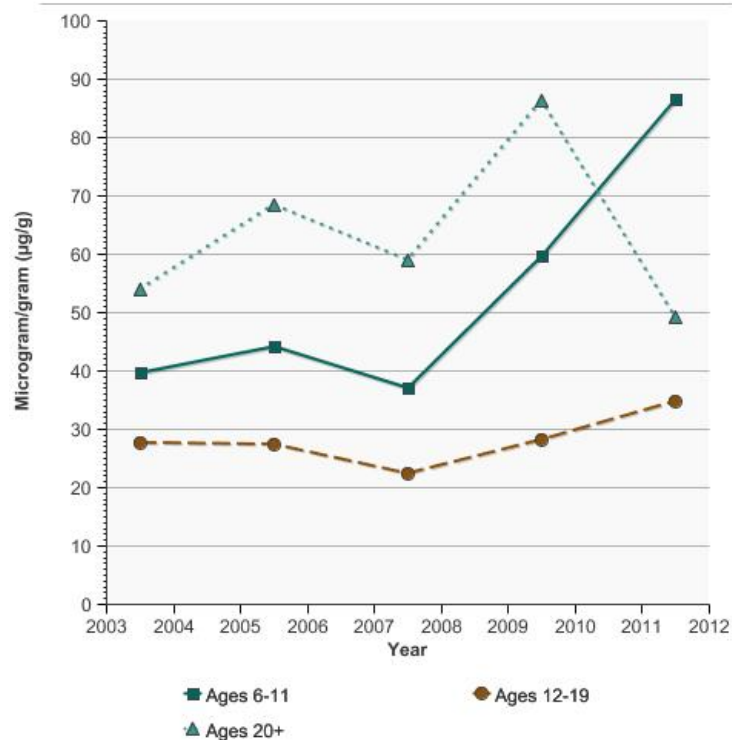


Detailed Trend Graphs

Most Recent Estimates (2011 to 2012)

	Microgram/gram creatinine ($\mu\text{g/g}$)	95% Confidence Interval
<u>Ages 6-11</u>	86.7	(27.7 - 118.9)
<u>Ages 12-19</u>	34.7	(21.1 - 137.5)
<u>Ages 20+</u>	49.2	(43.5 - 58.5)

95th percentile for urinary (creatinine corrected) concentrations ($\mu\text{g/g}$ of creatinine) of total arsenic among persons aged 6 years and older by age, 2003-2012



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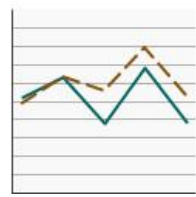
By Poverty Income Level

95th percentile for urinary (creatinine corrected) concentrations ($\mu\text{g/g}$ of creatinine) of total arsenic among persons aged 6 years and older by poverty income level, 2003-2012

[Overview Graph](#)

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Most Recent Estimates (2011 to 2012)



< 200% of the federal poverty level

Microgram/gram creatinine ($\mu\text{g/g}$)

95% Confidence Interval

38.9

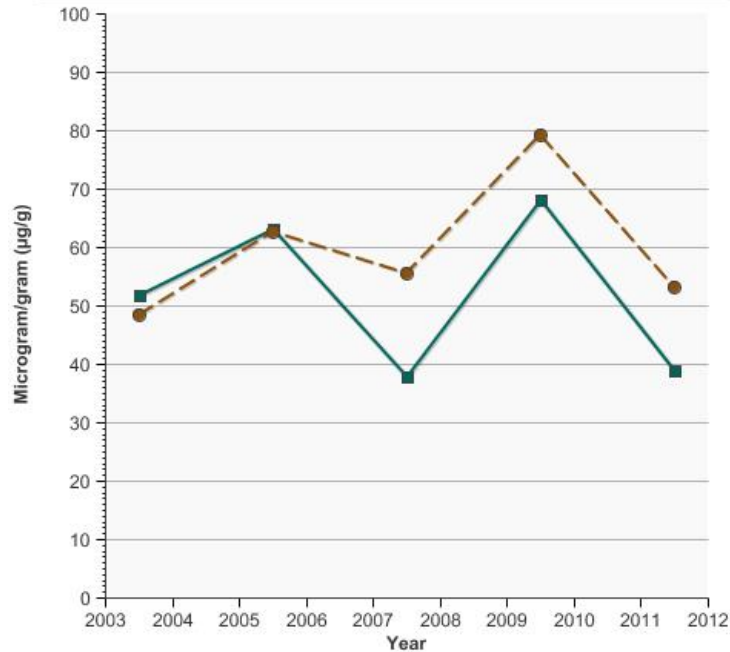
(32.1 - 48.0)

>= 200% of the federal poverty level

53.1

(43.7 - 79.2)

95th percentile for urinary (creatinine corrected) concentrations ($\mu\text{g/g}$ of creatinine) of total arsenic among persons aged 6 years and older by poverty income level, 2003-2012



■ < 200% of the federal poverty level

● >= 200% of the federal poverty level

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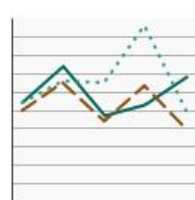
By Education Level

95th percentile for urinary (creatinine corrected) concentrations ($\mu\text{g/g}$ of creatinine) of total arsenic among persons aged 20 years and older by highest level of education obtained, 2003-2012

[Overview Graph](#)

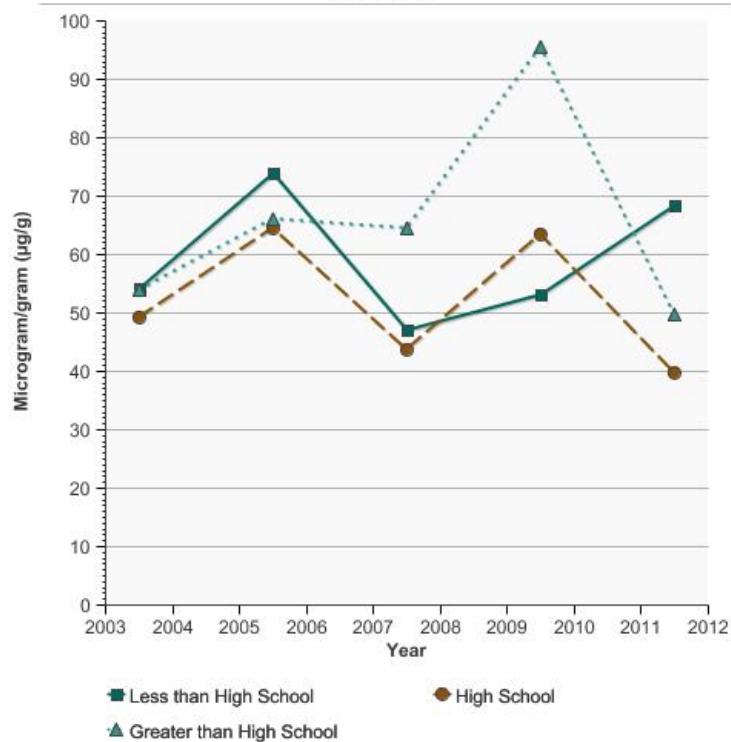
[Detailed Trend Graphs](#)

Most Recent Estimates (2011 to 2012)



	Microgram/gram creatinine ($\mu\text{g/g}$)	95% Confidence Interval
Less than High School	68.4	(36.6 - 94.4)
High School	39.8	(36.1 - 53.1)
Greater than High School	49.8	(43.4 - 63.9)

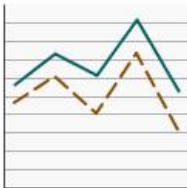
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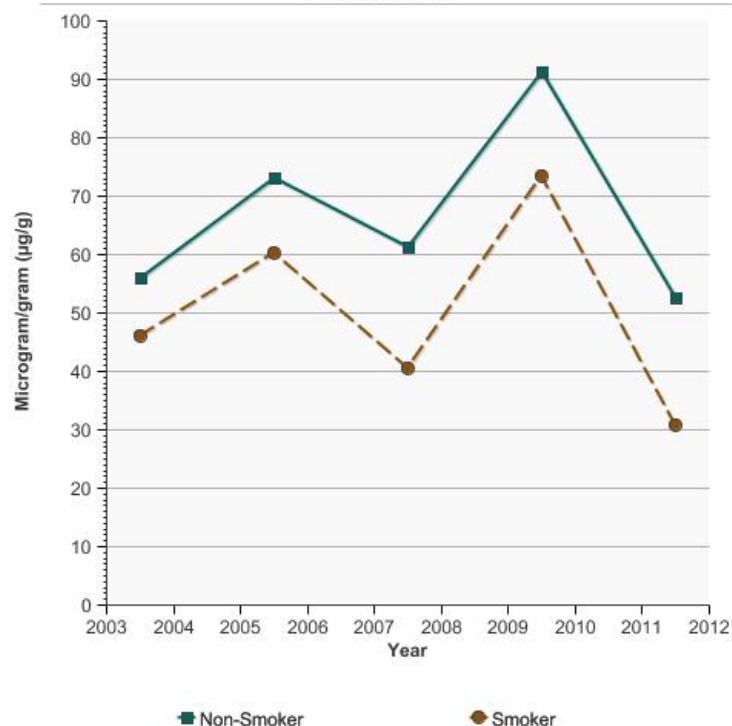
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By Smoking Status

95th percentile for urinary (creatinine corrected) concentrations ($\mu\text{g/g}$ of creatinine) of total arsenic among persons aged 20 years and older by smoking status, 2003-2012

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2011 to 2012)	
		Microgram/gram creatinine ($\mu\text{g/g}$)	95% Confidence Interval
	Non-Smoker	52.6	(45.8 - 68.8)
	Smoker	30.7	(24.7 - 43.2)

95th percentile for urinary (creatinine corrected) concentrations ($\mu\text{g/g}$ of creatinine) of total arsenic among persons aged 20 years and older by smoking status, 2003-2012



Source: National Center for Health Statistics. National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey.
Data are not age-adjusted.

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Benzene

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Introduction

Benzene is an organic chemical that is colorless and has a sweet odor. It is highly flammable, and evaporates quickly when exposed to air. Benzene is formed through natural processes, such as volcanoes and forest fires, and is present in crude oil, gasoline, and cigarette smoke. Most exposure to benzene results from human activities. Benzene use in materials and to adjust fuel octane levels has been minimized, resulting in reduced benzene exposure among non-smokers. Cigarette smoking has been shown to be the primary exposure source of benzene blood levels in the U.S., with some benzene exposure in non-smokers attributable to secondhand smoke exposure. The chemical also is widely used as a component of plastics, rubber, resins, and synthetic fabrics, as well as an additive in motor fuels and as a solvent in printing, paints, and dry cleaning, and for other purposes. Benzene is also used in the manufacture of detergents, explosives, pharmaceuticals, and dyestuffs.

Benzene is known to cause cancer and has toxic effects on the blood and the bone marrow (the soft, inner parts of bones where new blood cells are made). The link between benzene and cancer has largely focused on leukemia and cancers of other blood cells.

The main way people are exposed is by breathing in air containing benzene—in emissions from burning coal and oil, motor vehicle exhaust, and evaporation from gasoline service stations and in industrial solvents. It is estimated that about half of the exposure to benzene in the United States results from smoking tobacco or from exposure to tobacco smoke. It can also be absorbed through the skin during contact with a source such as gasoline, but because liquid benzene evaporates quickly, this is less common.

Examination of benzene is new to the Cancer Trends Progress Report this year.

Measure

We present exposure data on the 95th percentile of the population, representing people with the greatest exposure. The 95th percentile level means that 95% of the population has concentrations below that level. Public health officials use such reference values to determine whether groups of people are experiencing an exposure that is unusual compared with an exposure experienced by the rest of the population.

[Citation(http://www.cdc.gov/exposurereport/pdf/FourthReport_ExecutiveSummary.pdf)]

To calculate whether the differences between 95th percentiles for two different time points is statistically significant, we used a different statistical methodology than that used by the National Center for Environmental Health, who publishes the National Report on Human Exposure to Environmental Chemicals from where our data are derived. Our estimates may differ slightly from those in the original report due to differences in statistical procedures used. [Methodology]

Healthy People 2020 Target

There are no Healthy People 2020 targets regarding benzene.

Healthy People 2020 is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

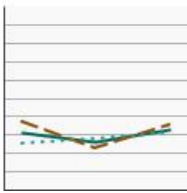
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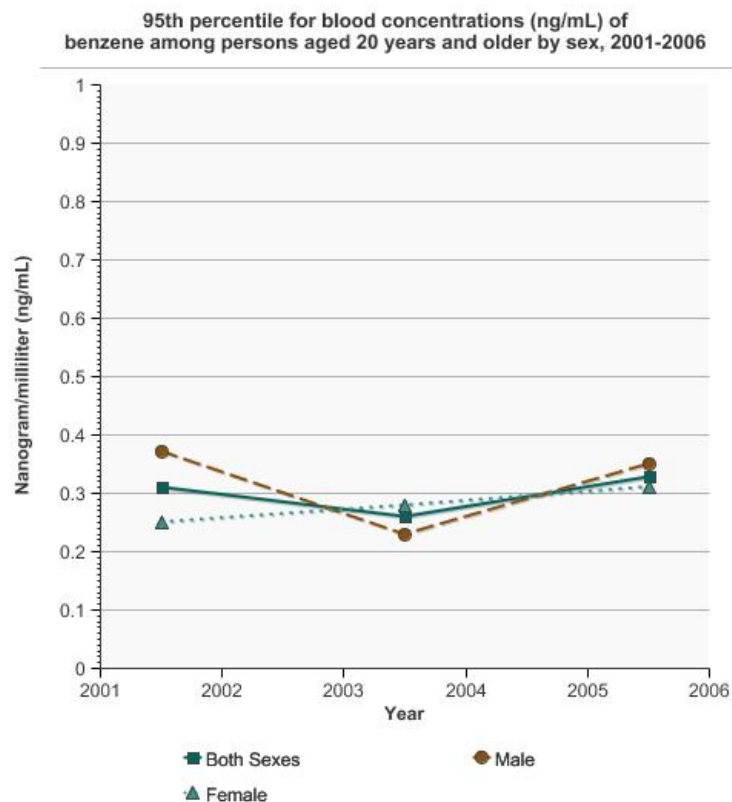
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Trends and Most Recent Estimates

By Sex

95th percentile for blood concentrations (ng/mL) of benzene among persons aged 20 years and older by sex, 2001-2006

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2005 to 2006)	
		Nanogram/milliliter (ng/mL)	95% Confidence Interval
	<u>Both Sexes</u>	0.33	(0.30 - 0.36)
	<u>Male</u>	0.35	(0.30 - 0.40)
	<u>Female</u>	0.31	(0.26 - 0.36)



Source: National Center for Health Statistics. National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey.
Data are not age-adjusted.

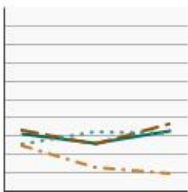
By Race/Ethnicity

95th percentile for blood concentrations (ng/mL) of benzene among persons aged 20 years and older by race/ethnicity, 2001-2006

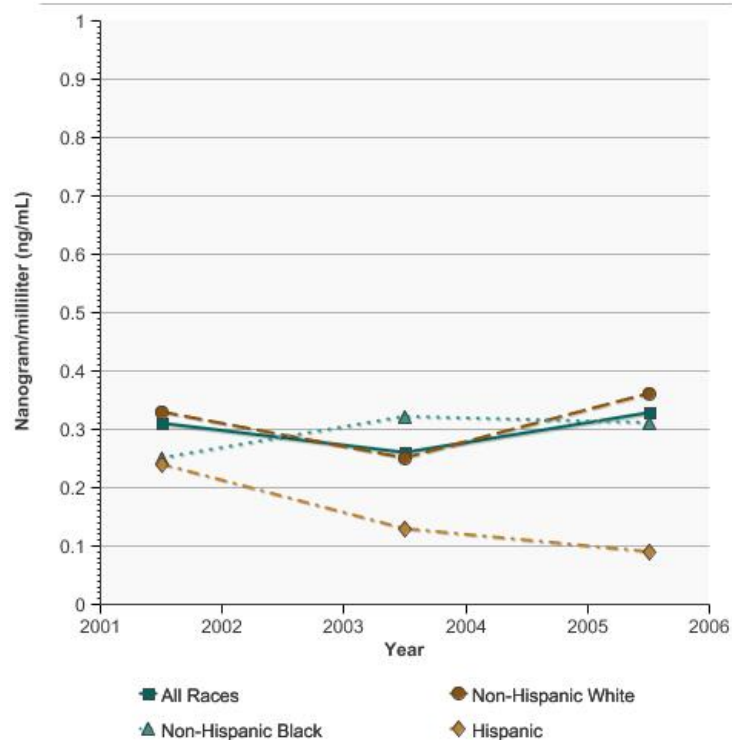
[Overview Graph](#)

[Detailed Trend Graphs](#)

Most Recent Estimates (2005 to 2006)

		Nanogram/milliliter (ng/mL)	95% Confidence Interval
	All Races	0.33	(0.30 - 0.36)
	Non-Hispanic White	0.36	(0.31 - 0.39)
	Non-Hispanic Black	0.31	(0.22 - 0.41)
	Hispanic	0.09	(0.08 - 0.14)

95th percentile for blood concentrations (ng/mL) of benzene among persons aged 20 years and older by race/ethnicity, 2001-2006



Source: National Center for Health Statistics. National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey.
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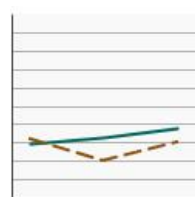
By Poverty Income Level

95th percentile for blood concentrations (ng/mL) of benzene among persons aged 20 years and older by poverty income level, 2001-2006

[Overview Graph](#)

[Detailed Trend Graphs](#)

Most Recent Estimates (2005 to 2006)



< 200% of the federal poverty level

Nanogram/milliliter (ng/mL)

95% Confidence Interval

0.38

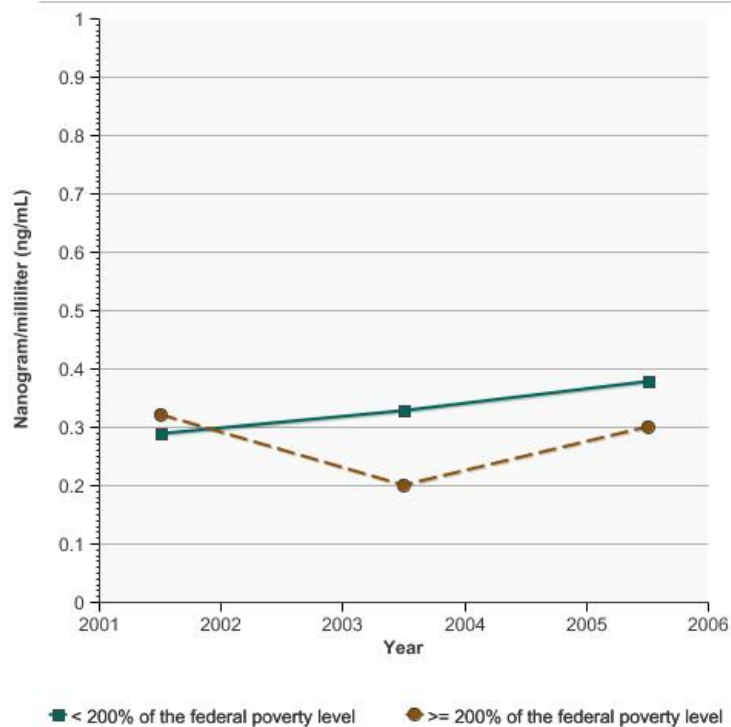
(0.33 - 0.45)

>= 200% of the federal poverty level

0.30

(0.26 - 0.33)

95th percentile for blood concentrations (ng/mL) of benzene among persons aged 20 years and older by poverty income level, 2001-2006



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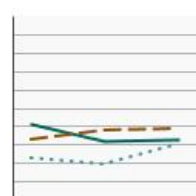
By Education Level

95th percentile for blood concentrations (ng/mL) of benzene among persons aged 20 years and older by highest level of education obtained, 2001-2006

[Overview Graph](#)

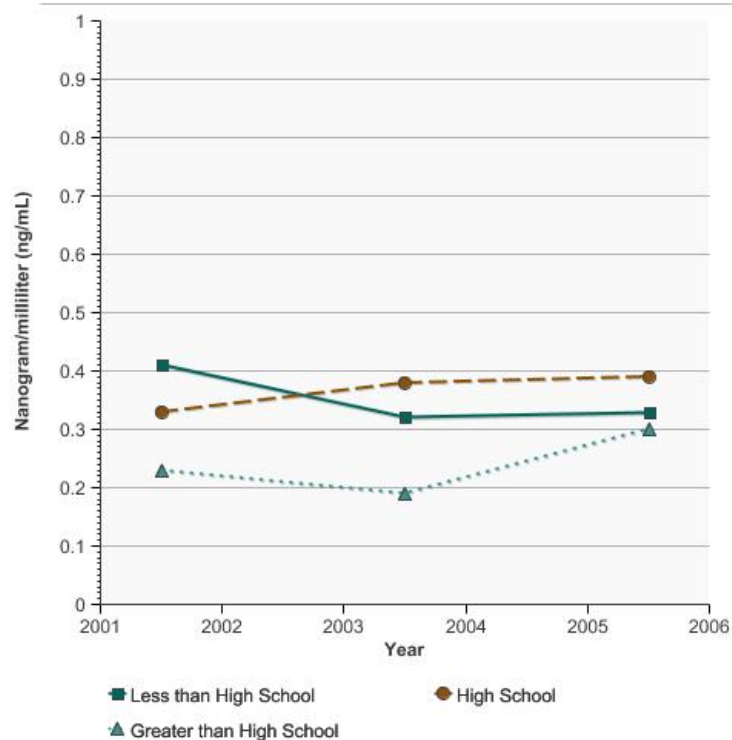
[Detailed Trend Graphs](#)

Most Recent Estimates (2005 to 2006)



	Nanogram/milliliter (ng/mL)	95% Confidence Interval
Less than High School	0.33	(0.29 - 0.38)
High School	0.39	(0.31 - 0.55)
Greater than High School	0.30	(0.25 - 0.34)

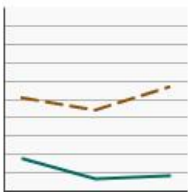
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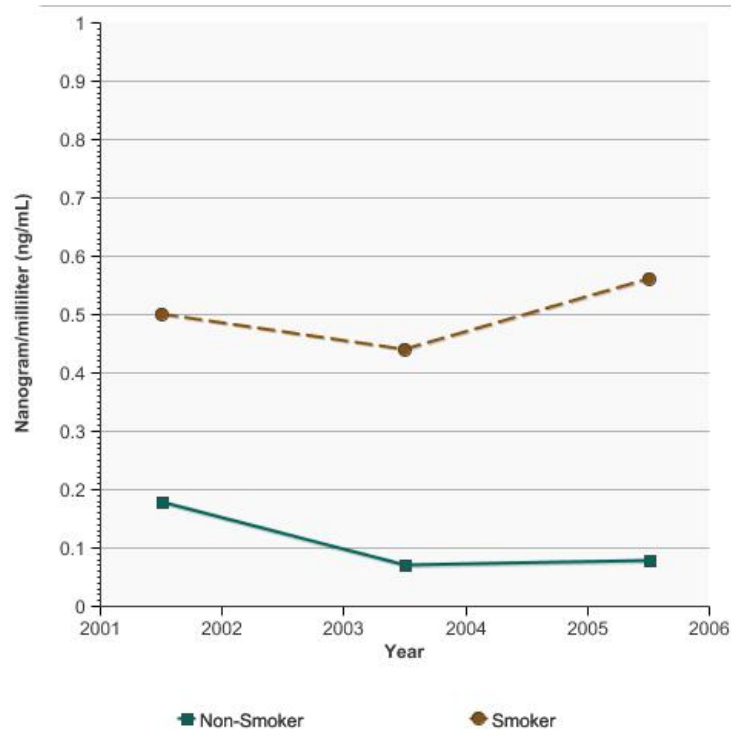
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By Smoking Status

95th percentile for blood concentrations (ng/mL) of benzene among persons aged 20 years and older by smoking status, 2001-2006

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2005 to 2006)	
		Nanogram/milliliter (ng/mL)	95% Confidence Interval
	<u>Non-Smoker</u>	0.08	(0.07 - 0.10)
	<u>Smoker</u>	0.56	(0.47 - 0.66)

95th percentile for blood concentrations (ng/mL) of benzene among persons aged 20 years and older by smoking status, 2001-2006



Source: National Center for Health Statistics. National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey.
Data are not age-adjusted.

Additional Information on Benzene For the public

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Cadmium

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Introduction

Cadmium is an element found in low concentrations in the earth's crust. It is usually found as a mineral combined with other elements such as oxygen (cadmium oxide), chlorine (cadmium chloride), or sulfur (cadmium sulfate, cadmium sulfide).

All soils and rocks, including coal and mineral fertilizers, contain some cadmium. Most cadmium used in the United States is extracted during the production of other metals like zinc, lead, and copper. Cadmium has many uses, including in the production of batteries, pigments, metal coatings, and plastics.

Cadmium and its compounds are highly toxic and exposure is known to cause cancer. It is primarily associated with human lung, prostate, and kidney cancers, and recently pancreatic cancer. It has also been associated with cancers of the breast and urinary bladder.

The general population may be exposed to small amounts of cadmium daily through food, tobacco smoke (as active or secondhand smoke), drinking water, and air. Cadmium is introduced to the food chain through agricultural soils, which may naturally contain cadmium, or from anthropogenic (human) sources, from cadmium-based pigments, and stabilizers used in certain plastics. While dietary sources can be sporadic, intake from tobacco occurs with each cigarette smoked and can proceed for decades resulting in accumulation of metals like cadmium in the body. Cadmium levels are expected to be low in drinking water and ambient air except in the vicinity of cadmium-emitting industries or incinerators.

Occupational exposure to cadmium primarily occurs in operations involving heating cadmium-containing products. Occupations with the highest potential for exposure include alloy production, battery production, pigment production and use, plastics production, and smelting and refining. Although levels vary widely among the different industries, occupational exposures generally have decreased since the 1970s.

Examination of cadmium is new to the Cancer Trends Progress Report this year.

Measure

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Healthy People 2020 Target

Level of cadmium in blood samples for 95 percent of the population aged 1 year and older to below 1.12 µg/L.

[Healthy People 2020](#) is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

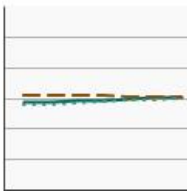
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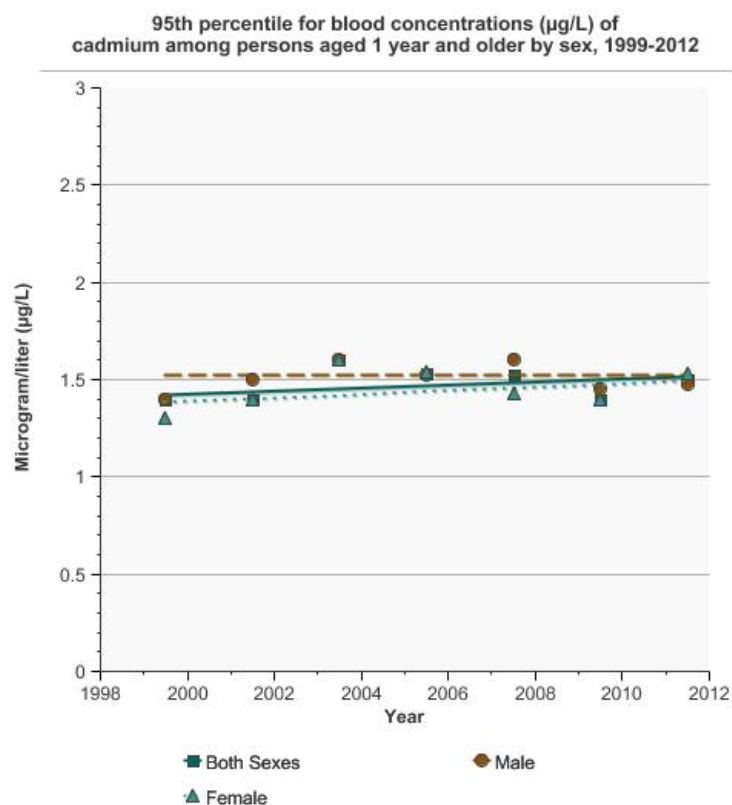
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Trends and Most Recent Estimates

By Sex

95th percentile for blood concentrations ($\mu\text{g/L}$) of cadmium among persons aged 1 year and older by sex, 1999-2012

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2011 to 2012)	
		Microgram/liter ($\mu\text{g/L}$)	95% Confidence Interval
	<u>Both Sexes</u>	1.50	(1.39 - 1.63)
	<u>Male</u>	1.48	(1.30 - 1.65)
	<u>Female</u>	1.53	(1.32 - 1.70)



Source: National Center for Health Statistics. National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey.
Data are not age-adjusted.

By Race/Ethnicity

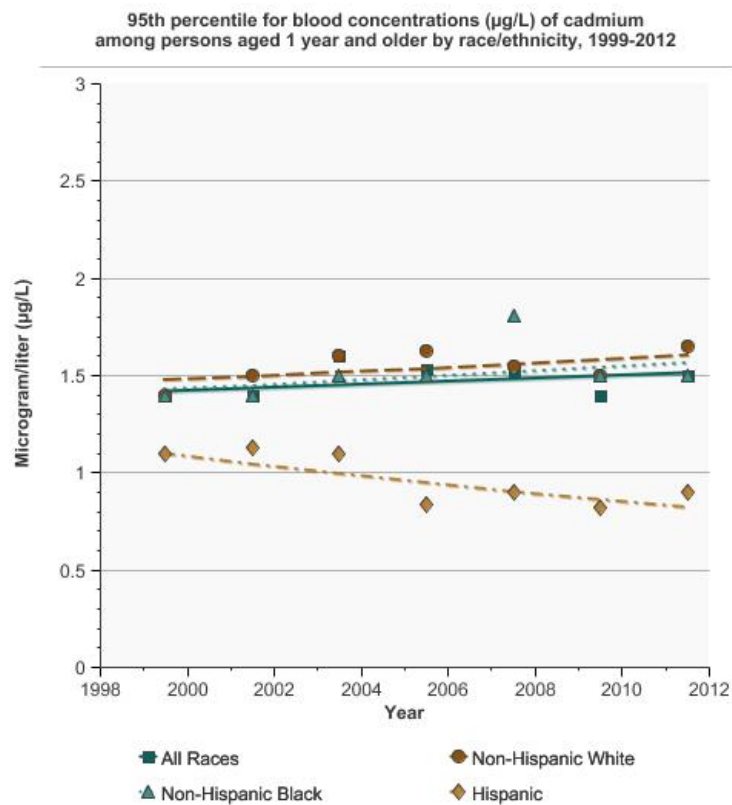
95th percentile for blood concentrations ($\mu\text{g/L}$) of cadmium among persons aged 1 year and older by race/ethnicity, 1999-2012

[Overview Graph](#)

[Detailed Trend Graphs](#)

Most Recent Estimates (2011 to 2012)

	Microgram/liter ($\mu\text{g/L}$)	95% Confidence Interval
All Races	1.50	(1.39 - 1.63)
Non-Hispanic White	1.65	(1.44 - 1.80)
Non-Hispanic Black	1.50	(1.39 - 1.60)
Hispanic	0.90	(0.79 - 0.99)

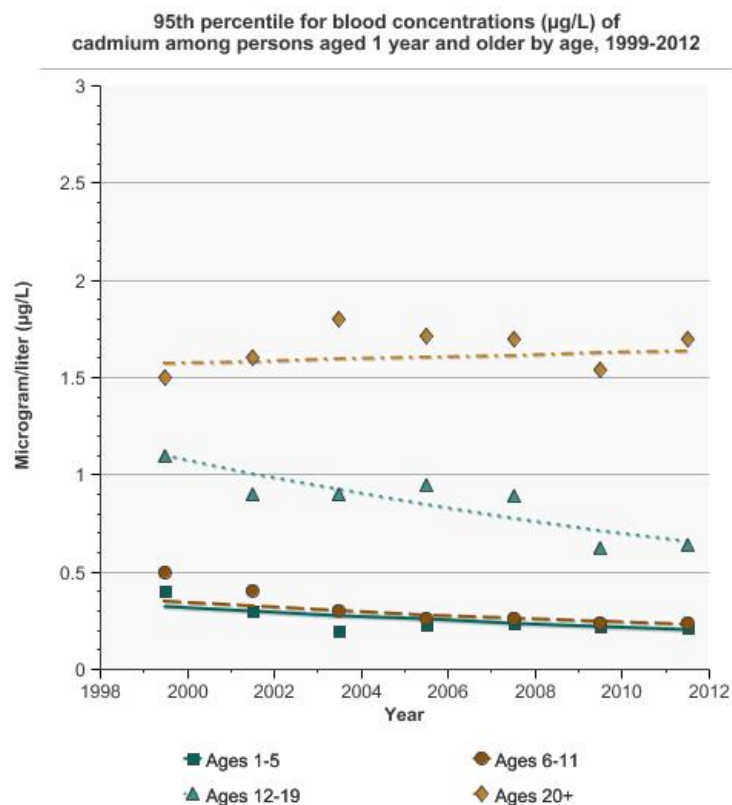


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By Age

95th percentile for blood concentrations ($\mu\text{g/L}$) of cadmium among persons aged 1 year and older by age, 1999-2012

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2011 to 2012)	
		Microgram/liter ($\mu\text{g/L}$)	95% Confidence Interval
	Ages 1-5	0.21	(0.20 - 0.22)
	Ages 6-11	0.24	(0.23 - 0.25)
	Ages 12-19	0.64	(0.47 - 0.84)
	Ages 20+	1.70	(1.50 - 1.62)



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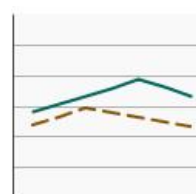
By Poverty Income Level

95th percentile for blood concentrations ($\mu\text{g/L}$) of cadmium among persons aged 1 year and older by poverty income level, 1999-2012

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Most Recent Estimates (2011 to 2012)



< 200% of the federal poverty level

Microgram/liter ($\mu\text{g/L}$)

95% Confidence Interval

1.70

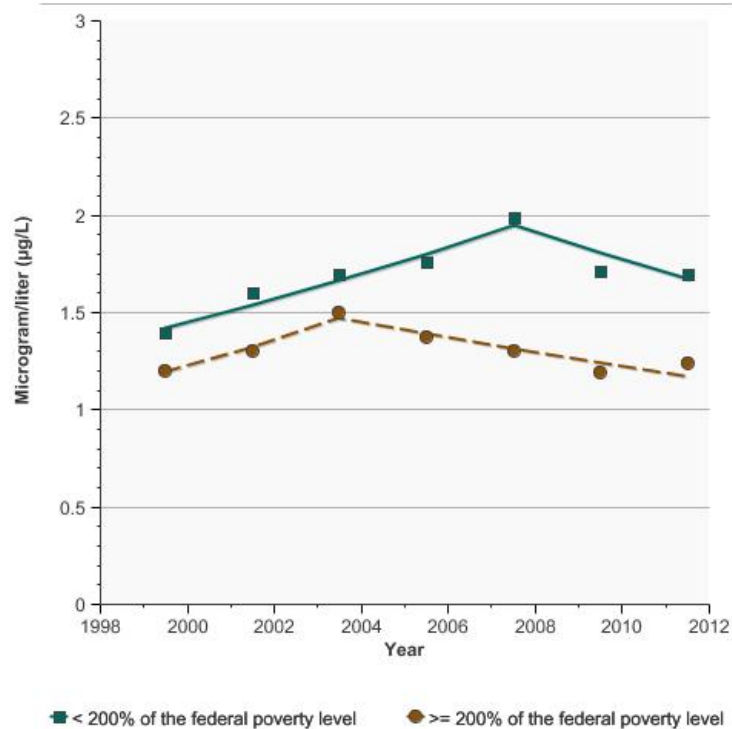
(1.51 - 1.80)

>= 200% of the federal poverty level

1.24

(1.14 - 1.42)

95th percentile for blood concentrations ($\mu\text{g/L}$) of cadmium among persons aged 1 year and older by poverty income level, 1999-2012

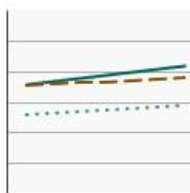


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By Education Level

95th percentile for blood concentrations ($\mu\text{g/L}$) of cadmium among persons aged 20 years and older by highest level of education obtained, 1999-2012

Overview Graph



Detailed Trend Graphs

Less than High School

High School

Greater than High School

Most Recent Estimates (2011 to 2012)

Microgram/liter ($\mu\text{g/L}$)

95% Confidence Interval

1.91

(1.70 - 2.20)

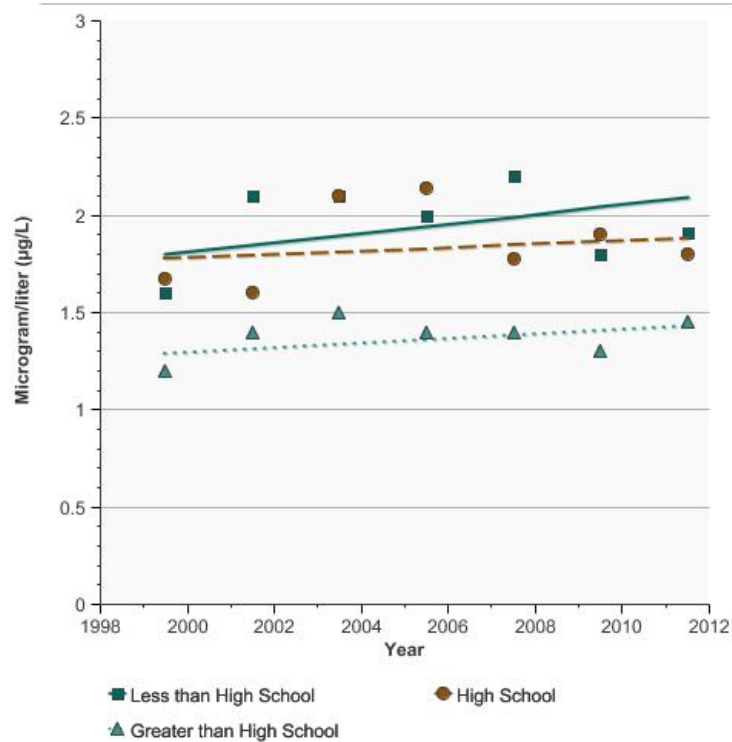
1.80

(1.65 - 2.05)

1.45

(1.28 - 1.63)

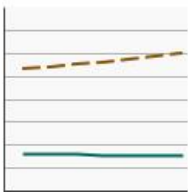
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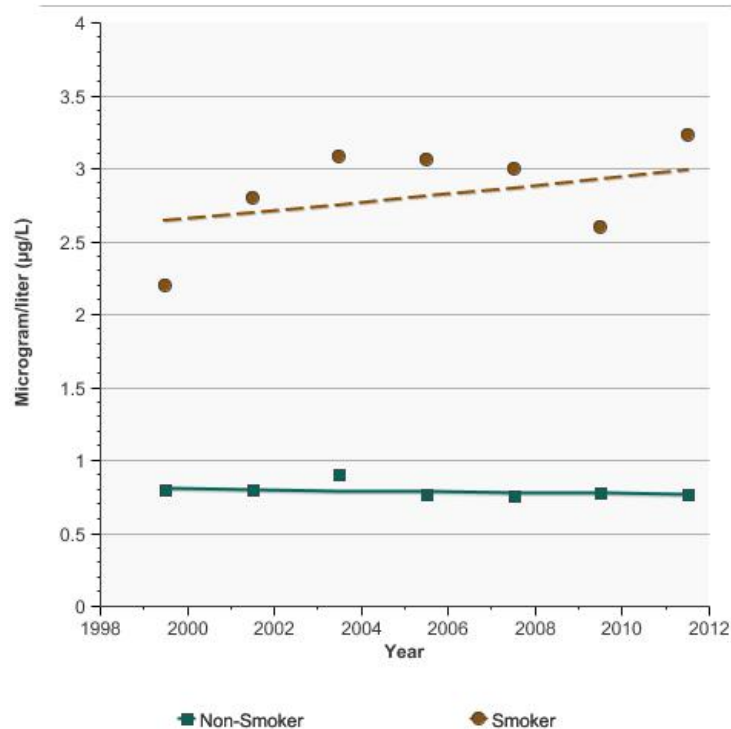
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By Smoking Status

95th percentile for blood concentrations ($\mu\text{g/L}$) of cadmium among persons aged 20 years and older by smoking status, 1999-2012

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2011 to 2012)	
		Microgram/liter ($\mu\text{g/L}$)	95% Confidence Interval
	<u>Non-Smoker</u>	0.77	(0.73 - 0.81)
	<u>Smoker</u>	3.23	(2.90 - 3.67)

95th percentile for blood concentrations ($\mu\text{g/L}$) of cadmium among persons aged 20 years and older by smoking status, 1999-2012



Source: National Center for Health Statistics. National Health and Nutrition Examination Survey.
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Additional Information on Cadmium For the public

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Nitrate

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Introduction

Nitrates and nitrites are nitrogen-oxygen chemical units that naturally occur in soil, water, and some foods. When taken into the body by drinking water and through other dietary sources, nitrate and nitrite can react with amines and amides to form N-nitroso compounds (NOC), which are known to cause cancer in animals and may cause cancer in humans. Excessive nitrate or nitrite exposure can also result in acute acquired methemoglobinemia, a blood abnormality that causes blood to lose its ability to carry oxygen to tissues (anoxia). This is especially dangerous in infants younger than 4 months of age.

Most studies assessing connections between nitrate and cancer in humans have focused on excess exposure to nitrate in areas containing nitrogen-based fertilizers. Some of the highest levels of nitrate are found in shallow wells and surface water supplies that contain high levels due to runoff from nitrogen fertilizers, as well as from leaking septic tanks and sewage, erosion of natural deposits, and confined animal feedlot operations and resulting excrement. When drinking water or eating food from areas containing nitrogen fertilizers, people could be exposed to high levels of nitrate. In addition, workers who manufacture these fertilizers can have high exposures to dusts that contain nitrate. Oral tobacco also may contribute to nitrate intake, but is minor compared to diet or contaminated drinking water.

Studies have shown increased risks of colon, kidney, and stomach cancer among people with higher ingestion of water nitrate and higher meat intake compared with low intakes of both, a dietary pattern that results in increased NOC formation. Other studies have shown modest evidence that higher nitrate intake can increase the risk of thyroid cancer and ovarian cancer among women, and elevate the risk of pancreatic cancer among men and women. Examination of nitrate is new to the Cancer Trends Progress Report this year.

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Healthy People 2020 Target

There are no Healthy People 2020 targets regarding nitrate.

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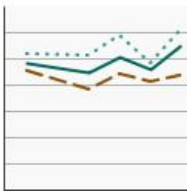
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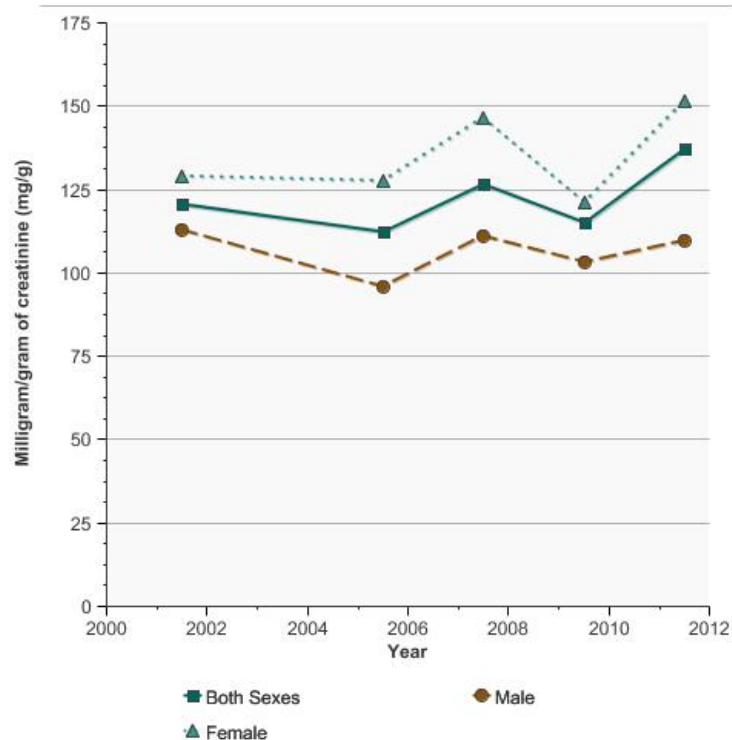
Trends and Most Recent Estimates

By Sex

95th percentile for urinary (creatinine corrected) concentrations (mg/g of creatinine) of nitrate among persons aged 6 years and older by sex, 2001-2012

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2011 to 2012)	
		Milligram/gram of creatinine (mg/g)	95% Confidence Interval
	<u>Both Sexes</u>	137.4	(122.1 - 150.9)
	<u>Male</u>	109.4	(99.2 - 120.1)
	<u>Female</u>	151.3	(139.9 - 169.9)

95th percentile for urinary (creatinine corrected) concentrations (mg/g of creatinine) of nitrate among persons aged 6 years and older by sex, 2001-2012



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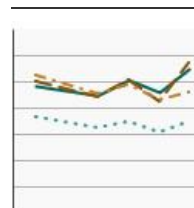
By Race/Ethnicity

95th percentile for urinary (creatinine corrected) concentrations (mg/g of creatinine) of nitrate among persons aged 6 years and older by race/ethnicity, 2001-2012

[Overview Graph](#)

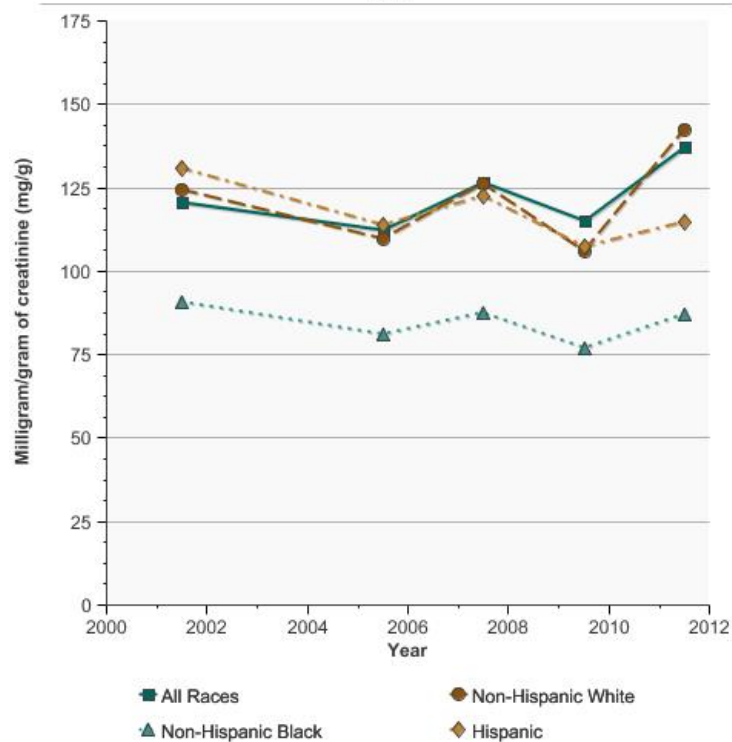
[Detailed Trend Graphs](#)

Most Recent Estimates (2011 to 2012)



	Milligram/gram of creatinine (mg/g)	95% Confidence Interval
All Races	137.4	(122.1 - 150.9)
Non-Hispanic White	142.4	(122.9 - 153.8)
Non-Hispanic Black	87.3	(78.2 - 99.2)
Hispanic	114.8	(90.5 - 126.9)

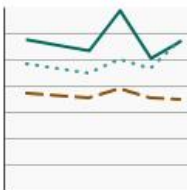
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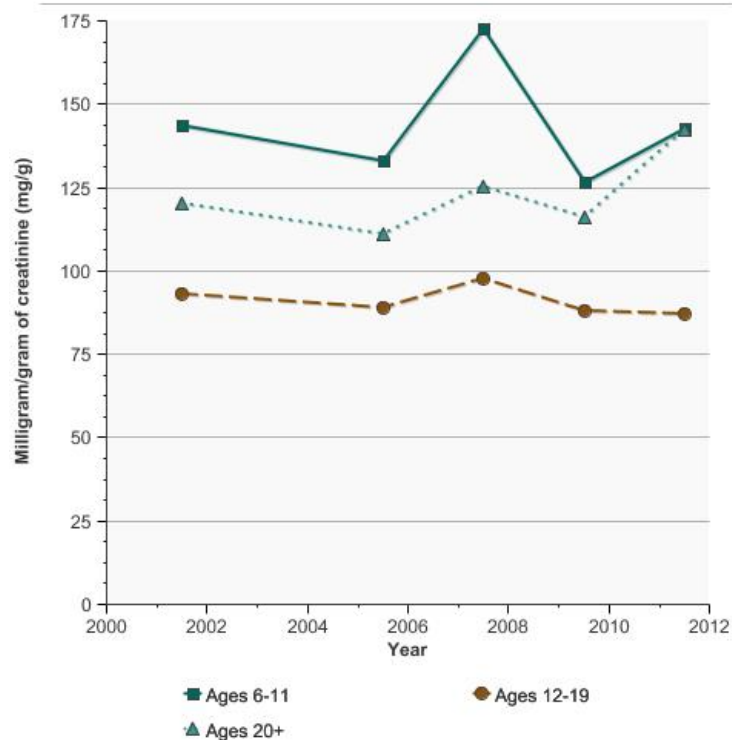
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By Age

95th percentile for urinary (creatinine corrected) concentrations (mg/g of creatinine) of nitrate among persons aged 6 years and older by age, 2001-2012

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2011 to 2012)	
		Milligram/gram of creatinine (mg/g)	95% Confidence Interval
	Ages 6-11	143.0	(126.3 - 161.2)
	Ages 12-19	86.8	(67.6 - 126.9)
	Ages 20+	142.1	(121.0 - 153.9)

95th percentile for urinary (creatinine corrected) concentrations (mg/g of creatinine) of nitrate among persons aged 6 years and older by age, 2001-2012



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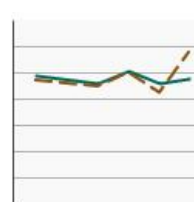
By Poverty Income Level

95th percentile for urinary (creatinine corrected) concentrations (mg/g of creatinine) of nitrate among persons aged 6 years and older by poverty income level, 2001-2012

[Overview Graph](#)

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Most Recent Estimates (2011 to 2012)



< 200% of the federal poverty level

Milligram/gram of creatinine (mg/g)

95% Confidence Interval

119.7

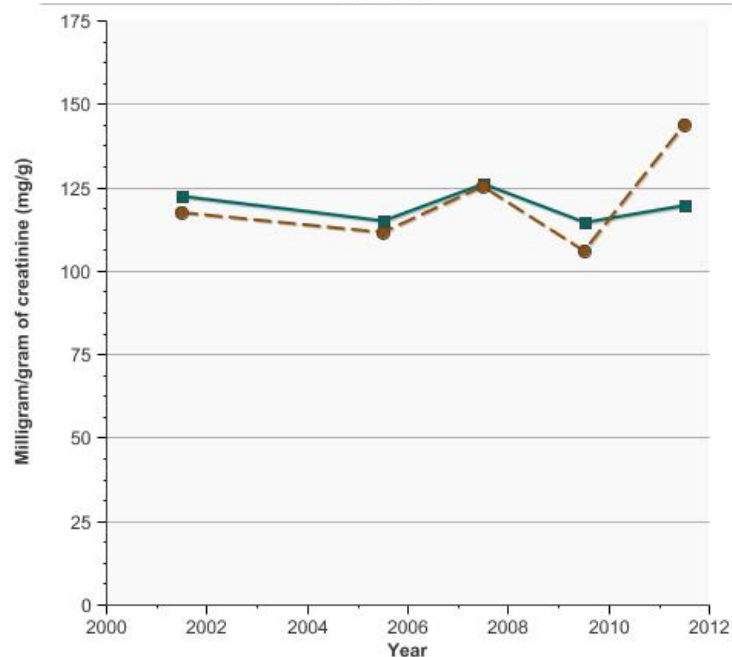
(106.4 - 129.1)

>= 200% of the federal poverty level

143.8

(127.6 - 156.6)

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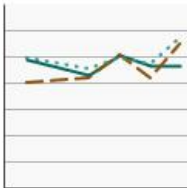


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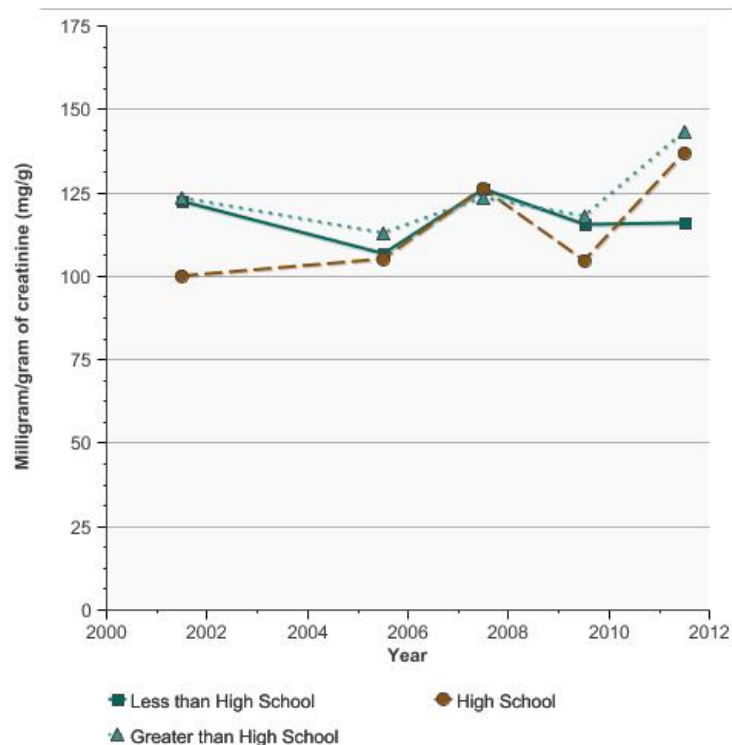
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By Education Level

95th percentile for urinary (creatinine corrected) concentrations (mg/g of creatinine) of nitrate among persons aged 20 years and older by highest level of education obtained, 2001-2012

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2011 to 2012)	
		Milligram/gram of creatinine (mg/g)	95% Confidence Interval
	<u>Less than High School</u>	116.2	(95.3 - 167.2)
	<u>High School</u>	136.7	(101.9 - 298.7)
	<u>Greater than High School</u>	143.4	(119.8 - 165.2)

95th percentile for urinary (creatinine corrected) concentrations (mg/g of creatinine) of nitrate among persons aged 20 years and older by highest level of education..



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Additional Information on Nitrate For the public

- [Toxic Substances Portal – Nitrates and Nitrites](http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/toxfags/af.asp?id=1186&tid=258)(<http://www.atsdr.cdc.gov/toxfags/af.asp?id=1186&tid=258>). Agency for Toxic Substances & Disease Registry.
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Early Detection

The use of screening tests to detect cancers early provides better opportunities for patients to obtain more effective treatment with fewer side effects. Patients whose cancers are found early and treated in a timely manner are more likely to survive these cancers than are those whose cancers are not found until symptoms appear.

While there are clear benefits to screening, screening tests also carry risk. Not all screening tests are helpful and most have risks. It is important to know the risks associated with the test and whether it has been shown to improve one's chances of surviving cancer.

This section describes trends in the use of breast, cervical, and colorectal screening tests, which have been found to detect cancers accurately for specified age groups and can increase chances of survival.

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- [Cervical Cancer Screening](#)
- [Colorectal Cancer Screening](#)

Breast Cancer Screening

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Introduction

Mammography screening uses an x-ray of the breast to look for disease in women who don't have symptoms. This screening method allows for the early detection of breast cancer, which helps increase survival, especially in women aged 50 to 69 years.

The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force recommends that women aged 50 to 74 years receive a mammogram at least once every 2 years. The American College of Obstetricians and Gynecologists Executive Board recommends further that women aged 40 years and older be offered screening mammography annually. Regular screening mammograms, followed by timely treatment when breast cancer is diagnosed, can help women improve their chances of survival.

Measure

The percentage of women aged 40 years and older, accounting for race/ethnicity, income, and education level, who reported having had a mammogram within the past 2 years.

Healthy People 2020 Target

- Increase to 81.1 percent the proportion of women aged 50 to 74 years who have received a breast cancer screening based on the most recent guidelines.

Healthy People 2020 is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Data Source

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Health Interview Survey, 1987–2010.

Trends and Most Recent Estimates

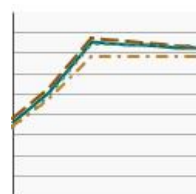
By Race/Ethnicity

Percent of women aged 50-74 years who had mammography within the past 2 years by race/ethnicity, 1987-2013

[Overview Graph](#)

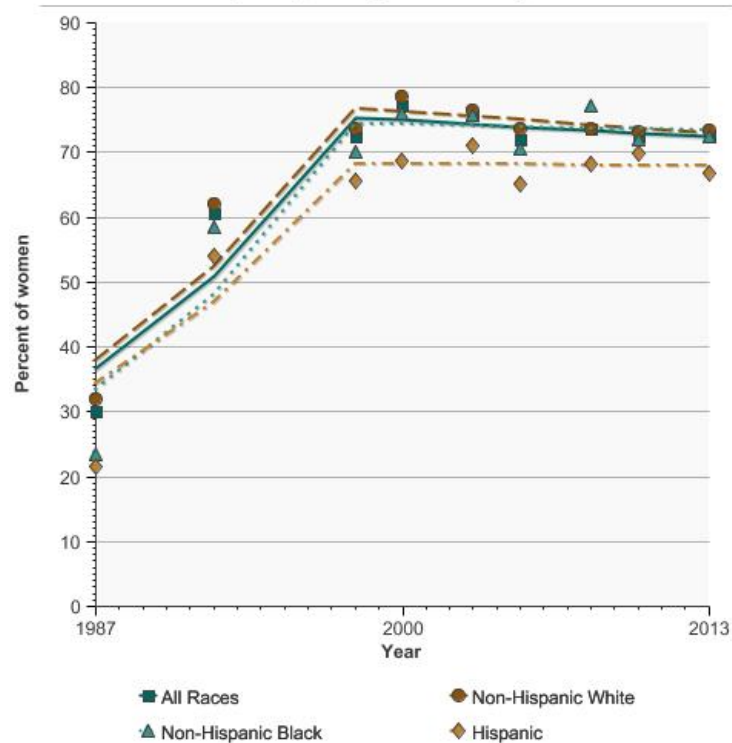
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Most Recent Estimates (2013)



	Percent of women	95% Confidence Interval
All Races	72.6	(71.2 - 73.9)
Non-Hispanic White	73.3	(71.6 - 75.0)
Non-Hispanic Black	72.5	(68.8 - 76.2)
Hispanic	66.7	(63.0 - 70.4)

Percent of women aged 50-74 years who had mammography within the past 2 years by race/ethnicity, 1987-2013



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. National Health Interview Survey. Data are age-adjusted to the 2000 US standard population using age groups: 50-64, 65-74.

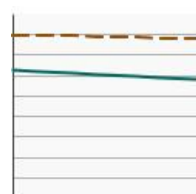
By Poverty Income Level

Percent of women aged 50-74 years who had mammography within the past 2 years by poverty income level, 1998-2013

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Most Recent Estimates (2013)



<200% of federal poverty level

Percent of women

95% Confidence Interval

58.8

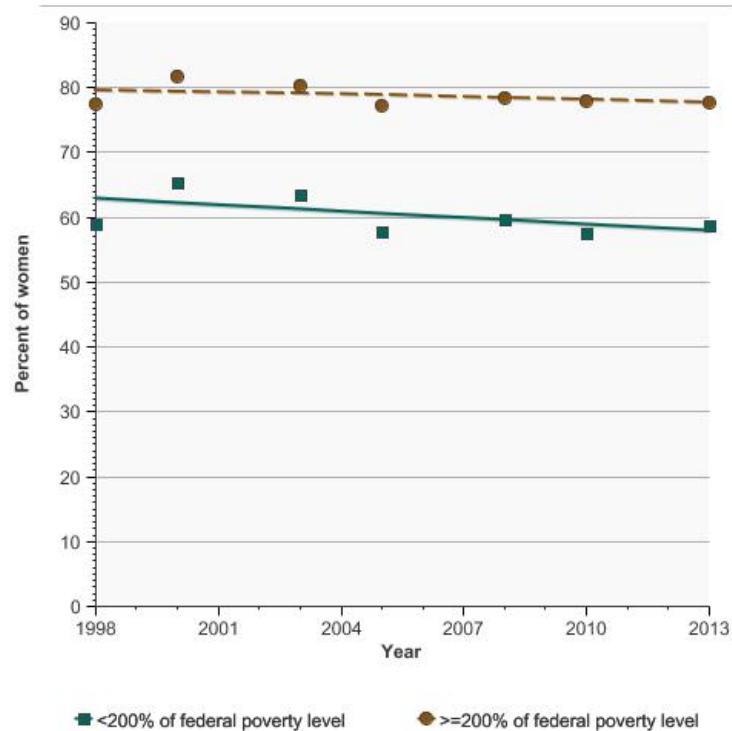
(56.1 - 61.5)

>=200% of federal poverty level

77.7

(76.2 - 79.2)

Percent of women aged 50-74 years who had mammography within the past 2 years by poverty income level, 1998-2013



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. National Health Interview Survey. Data are age-adjusted to the 2000 US standard population using age groups: 50-64, 65-74.

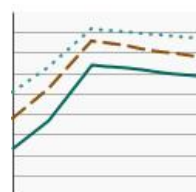
By Education Level

Percent of women aged 50-74 years who had mammography within the past 2 years by highest level of education obtained, 1987-2013

[Overview Graph](#)

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Most Recent Estimates (2013)



[Less than High School](#)

Percent of women

95% Confidence Interval

[High School](#)

59.5

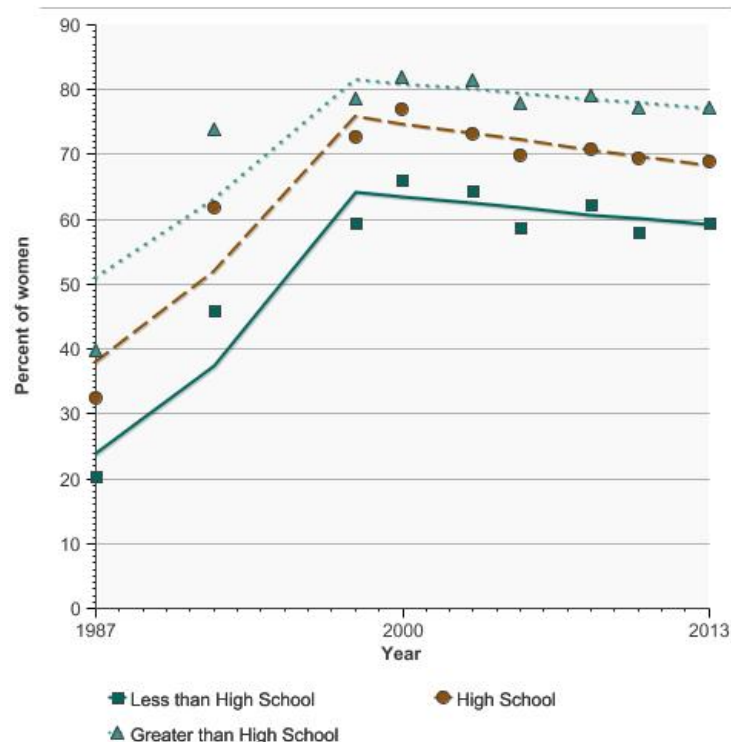
(55.3 - 63.7)

[Greater than High School](#)

77.1

(75.3 - 78.9)

Percent of women aged 50-74 years who had mammography within the past 2 years by highest level of education obtained, 1987-2013



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. National Health Interview Survey. Data are age-adjusted to the 2000 US standard population using age groups: 50-64, 65-74.

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Cervical Cancer Screening

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Introduction

Screening methods used to find cervical changes that may lead to cervical cancer include the Pap test and human papillomavirus (HPV) testing. Such screening tests may find cancers early, when they are most treatable. Women who have never been screened or who have not been screened in the past 5 years face a greater risk of developing invasive cervical cancer.

Although it is widely accepted that Pap screening can reduce cervical cancer mortality, and although the percentage of women aged 18 years and older who reported they had a Pap test within the past 3 years is relatively high, certain groups of women in the United States are less likely than others to be screened. A number of factors have been associated with lower rates of cervical cancer screening, including low income, less education, a lack of health insurance, older age, smoking status (smoker), and obesity. Studies have also shown that women who have had a medical visit in the last year are more likely to have received a cervical cancer screening, which suggests that having a usual source of care or a recent clinical encounter may be a necessary condition for women to receiving screening.

Understanding the reasons why women do or do not maintain regular cervical cancer screening is important, given that cervical cancer is one of the most successfully treatable cancers, particularly when detected and treated early.

Measure

The percentage of women aged 18 years and older, accounting for race/ethnicity, income, and education level, who reported they had a Pap test within the past 3 years.

Healthy People 2020 Target

- Increase to 93 percent the proportion of women aged 21 to 65 years who received a cervical cancer screening based on the most recent guidelines. The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force recommends screening for cervical cancer in women aged 21 to 65 years with a Pap test every 3 years or, for women aged 30 to 65 years who want to lengthen the screening interval, screening with a combination of Pap testing and HPV testing every 5 years.

Healthy People 2020 is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Data Source

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Health Interview Survey, 1987–2010.

Trends and Most Recent Estimates

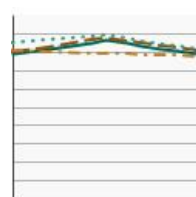
By Race/Ethnicity

Percent of women aged 21-65 years who had a pap smear test within the past 3 years by race/ethnicity, 1987-2013

[Overview Graph](#)

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Most Recent Estimates (2013)



[All Races](#)

Percent of women

95% Confidence Interval

[Non-Hispanic White](#)

78.5

(77.5 - 79.5)

[Non-Hispanic Black](#)

79.8

(78.5 - 81.1)

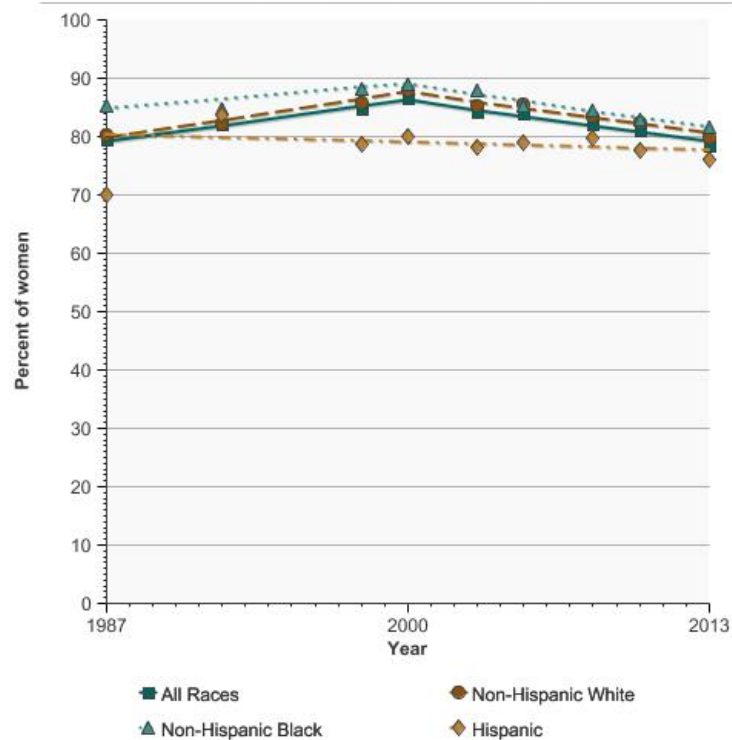
[Hispanic](#)

81.6

(79.6 - 83.6)

(73.9 - 78.1)

Percent of women aged 21-65 years who had a pap smear test within the past 3 years by race/ethnicity, 1987-2013



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. National Health Interview Survey. Data are age-adjusted to the 2000 US standard population using age groups: 21-34, 35-44, 45-64.

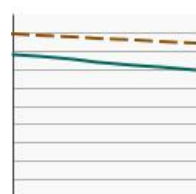
By Poverty Income Level

Percent of women aged 21-65 years who had a pap smear test within the past 3 years by poverty income level, 1998-2013

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Most Recent Estimates (2013)



<200% of federal poverty level

Percent of women

69.0

95% Confidence Interval

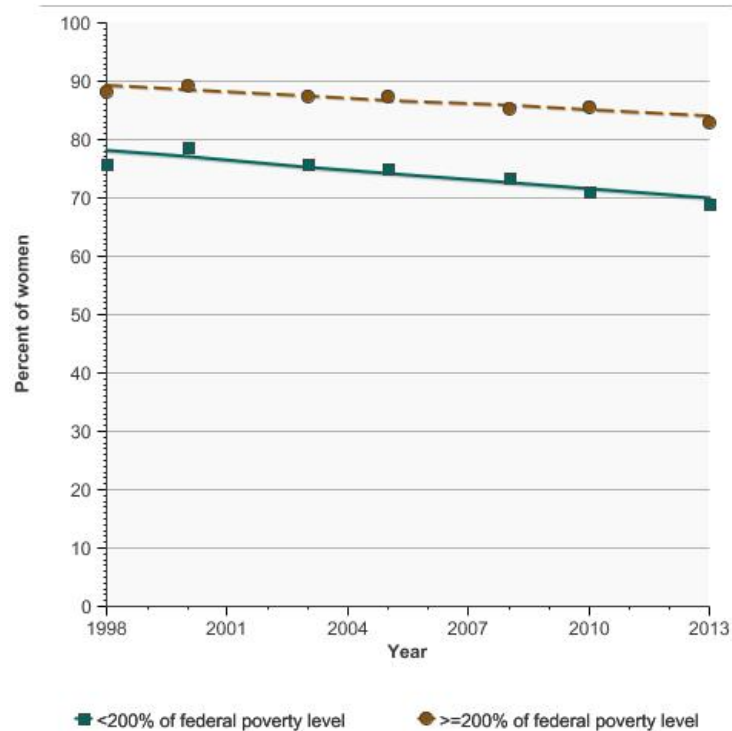
(67.3 - 70.8)

>=200% of federal poverty level

82.8

(81.7 - 83.9)

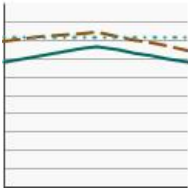
Percent of women aged 21-65 years who had a pap smear test within the past 3 years by poverty income level, 1998-2013

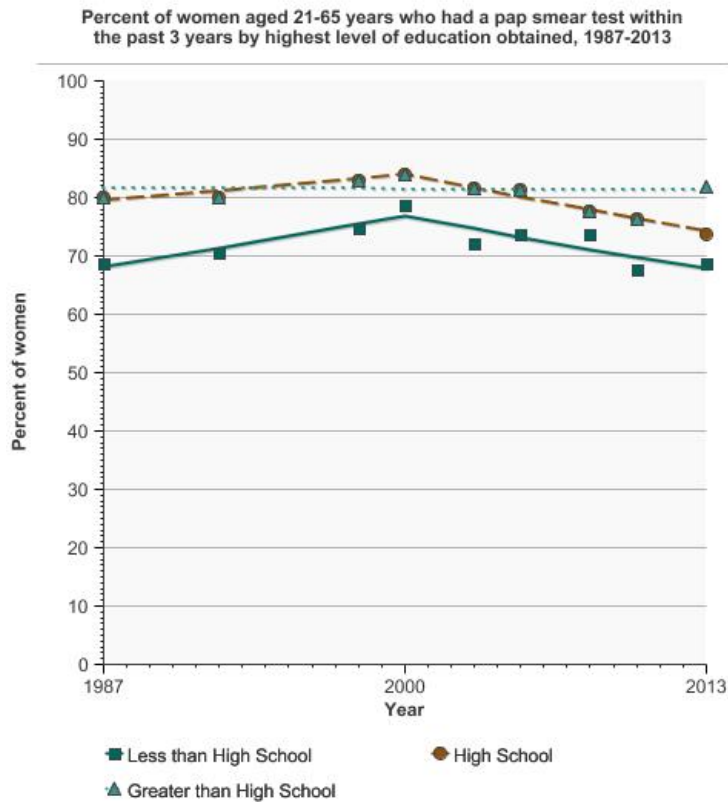


Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. National Health Interview Survey. Data are age-adjusted to the 2000 US standard population using age groups: 21-34, 35-44, 45-64.

By Education Level

Percent of women aged 21-65 years who had a pap smear test within the past 3 years by highest level of education obtained, 1987-2013

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2013)	
		Percent of women	95% Confidence Interval
	<u>Less than High School</u>	68.8	(66.1 - 71.5)
	<u>High School</u>	73.7	(71.8 - 75.7)
	<u>Greater than High School</u>	81.8	(80.7 - 83.0)



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. National Health Interview Survey. Data are age-adjusted to the 2000 US standard population using age groups: 21-34, 35-44, 45-64.

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Colorectal Cancer Screening

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Introduction

Three screening tests are used to detect colorectal cancer, including:

- **Fecal occult blood test (FOBT)** – When conducted annually using home-based test kits for people aged 50 to 75 years, the FOBT can increase the rate of survival for colorectal cancer.
- **Sigmoidoscopy**—Regular sigmoidoscopy can increase one's chances of surviving colorectal cancer. The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force (USPSTF) recommends sigmoidoscopy for adults aged 50 to 75 years once every 5 years, when conducted along with high-sensitivity FOBT once every 3 years.
- **Colonoscopy**—Used not only as a screening test, colonoscopies are also used as a diagnostic procedure to follow up after positive FOBT and sigmoidoscopy screening tests. USPSTF suggests a screening colonoscopy for adults aged 50 to 75 years once every 10 years.

Sigmoidoscopy and colonoscopy are collectively referred to as colorectal endoscopy in this report.

Measure

FOBT: The percentage of adults aged 50 to 75 years who reported that they had a fecal occult blood test (FOBT) within the past year, by racial/ethnic group. For the 2000 National Health Interview Survey, respondents were asked about both home- and office-based FOBTs; starting in 2003, respondents were asked only about home-based FOBTs.

Colorectal endoscopy: The percentage of adults aged 50 to 75 years who reported that they have had an endoscopy (sigmoidoscopy or colonoscopy).

Colorectal cancer tests: The percentage of adults aged 50 to 75 years who have had a colorectal cancer test (i.e., a home-based FOBT in the past year, or a colorectal endoscopy at any time).

Healthy People 2020 Target

- Increase to 70.5 percent the proportion of adults aged 50 to 75 years who have received a colorectal screening test based on the most recent guidelines. The U.S. Preventive Services Task Force suggests conducting a high-sensitivity FOBT at home every year; a sigmoidoscopy every 5 years, along with a high-sensitivity FOBT every 3 years; or a colonoscopy every 10 years.

Healthy People 2020 is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Data Source

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Health Interview Survey, 1987–2010.

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By Sex

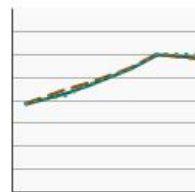
Colorectal test use rates¹ for adults aged 50-75 years by sex, 2000-2013

[Overview Graph](#)

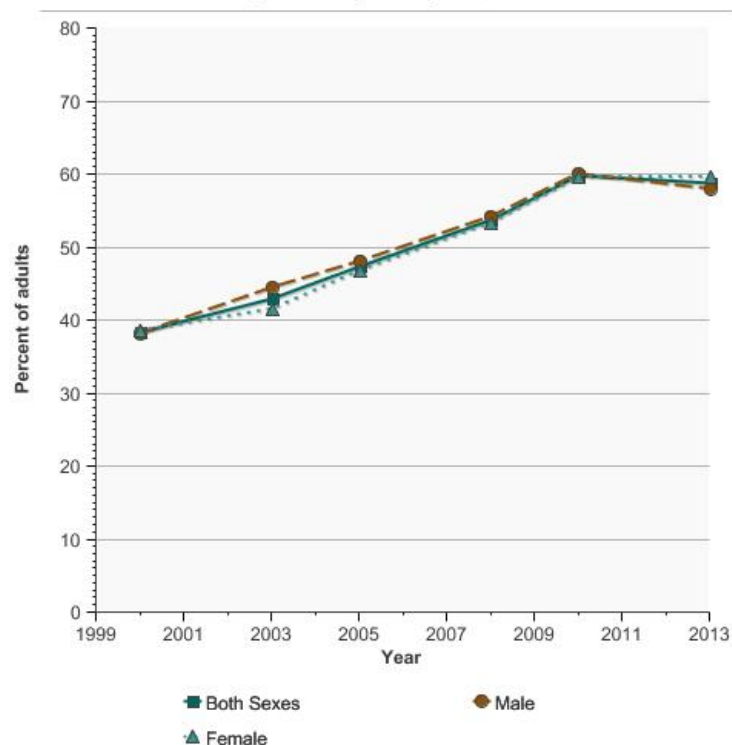
[Detailed Trend Graphs](#)

Most Recent Estimates (2013)

	Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
Both Sexes	58.8	(57.6 - 59.9)
Male	57.9	(56.4 - 59.5)
Female	59.6	(58.0 - 61.1)



Colorectal test use rates¹ for adults aged 50-75 years by sex, 2000-2013



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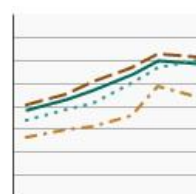
By Race/Ethnicity

Colorectal test use rates¹ for adults aged 50-75 years by race/ethnicity, 2000-2013

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Most Recent Estimates (2013)



[All Races](#)

Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

[Non-Hispanic White](#)

58.8

(57.6 - 59.9)

[Non-Hispanic Black](#)

61.0

(59.6 - 62.3)

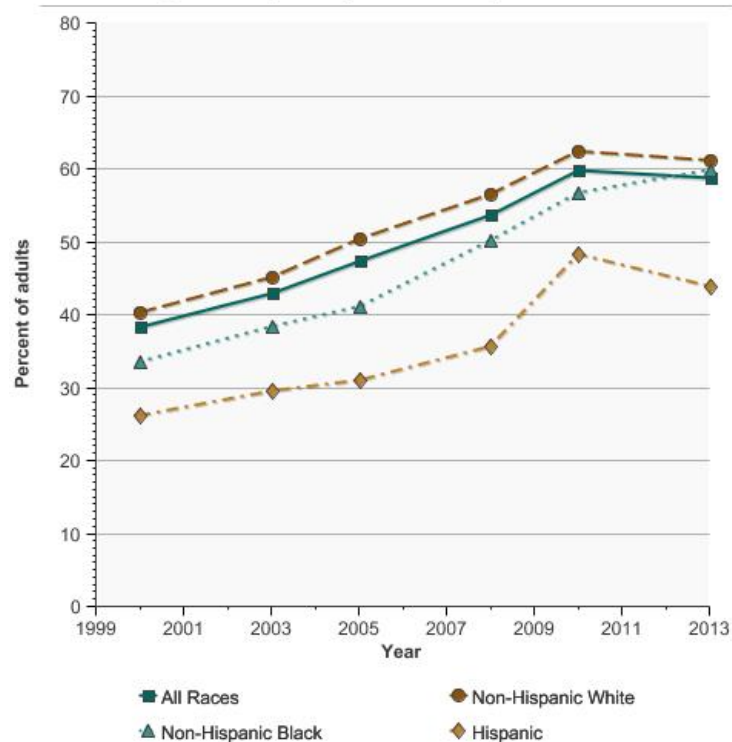
[Hispanic](#)

59.8

(56.7 - 63.0)

(40.5 - 46.9)

Colorectal test use rates¹ for adults aged 50-75 years by race/ethnicity, 2000-2013



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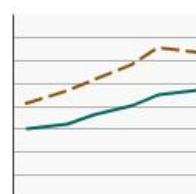
By Poverty Income Level

Colorectal test use rates¹ for adults aged 50-75 years by poverty income level, 2000-2013

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< 200% of the federal poverty level

Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

47.2

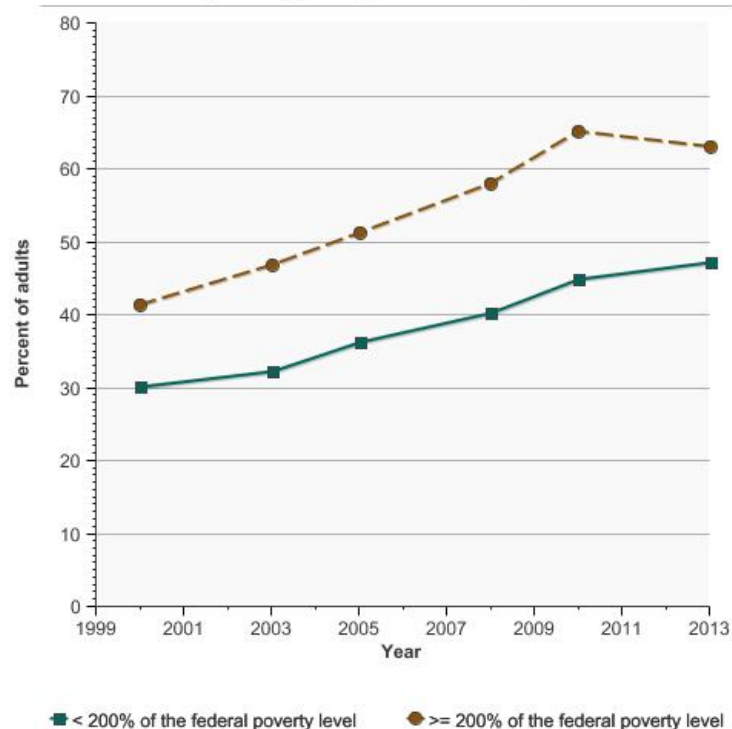
(45.1 - 49.3)

>= 200% of the federal poverty level

62.9

(61.6 - 64.2)

Colorectal test use rates¹ for adults aged 50-75 years by poverty income level, 2000-2013



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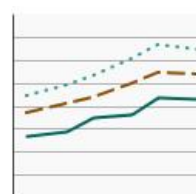
By Education Level

Colorectal test use rates¹ for adults aged 50-75 years by highest level of education obtained, 2000-2013

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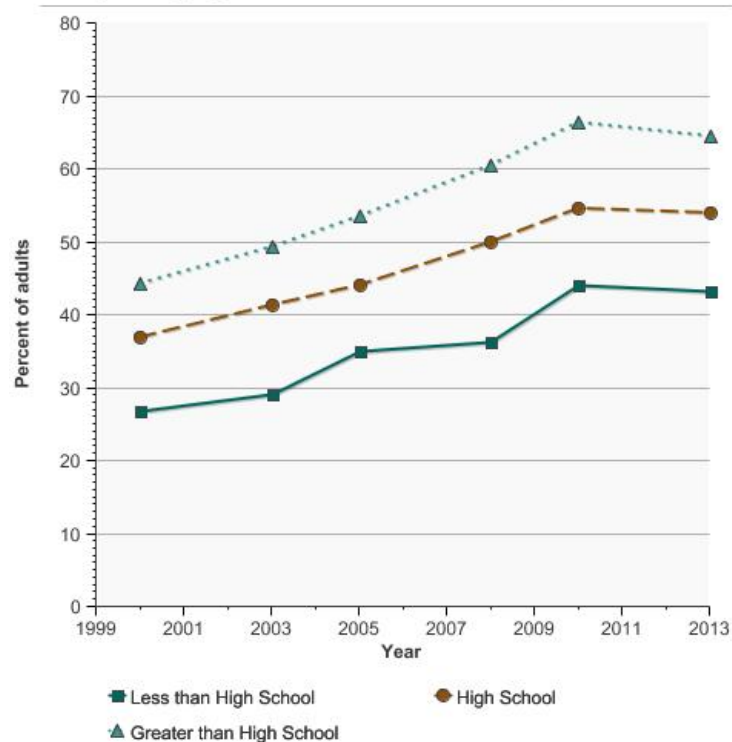
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Most Recent Estimates (2013)



	Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
Less than High School	43.1	(40.0 - 46.1)
High School	53.8	(51.7 - 55.9)
Greater than High School	64.5	(63.0 - 65.9)

Colorectal test use rates¹ for adults aged 50-75 years by highest level of education obtained, 2000-2013



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Home FOBT

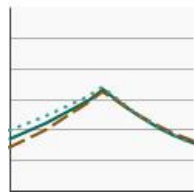
By Sex

Percent of adults aged 50-75 years who had a home Fecal Occult Blood Test (FOBT) within the past year by sex, 1987-2013

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Most Recent Estimates (2013)



[Both Sexes](#)

Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

[Male](#)

7.9

(7.3 - 8.5)

[Female](#)

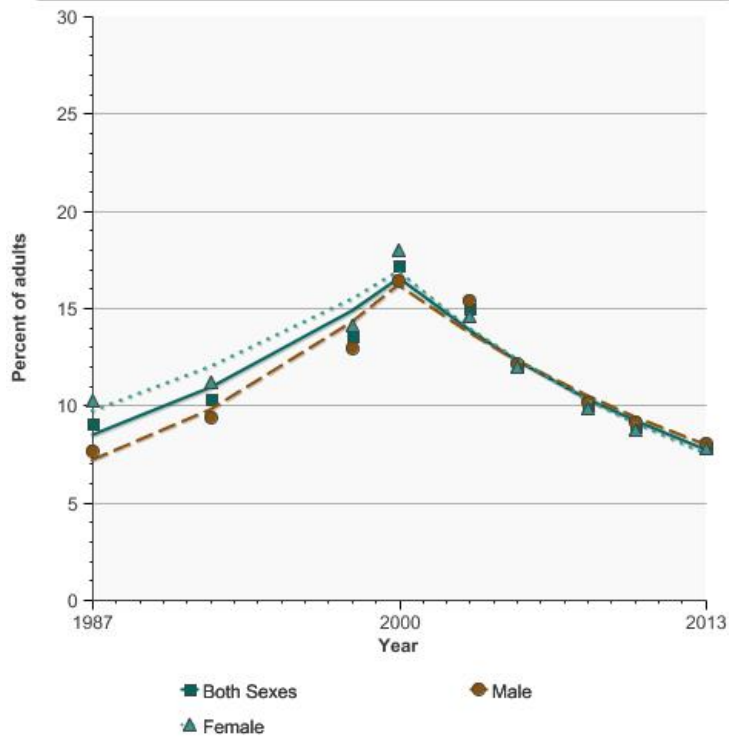
8.1

(7.1 - 9.0)

7.8

(7.0 - 8.6)

Percent of adults aged 50-75 years who had a home Fecal Occult Blood Test (FOBT) within the past year by sex, 1987-2013



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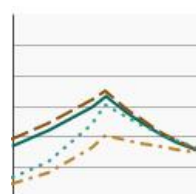
By Race/Ethnicity

Percent of adults aged 50-75 years who had a home Fecal Occult Blood Test (FOBT) within the past year by race/ethnicity, 1987-2013

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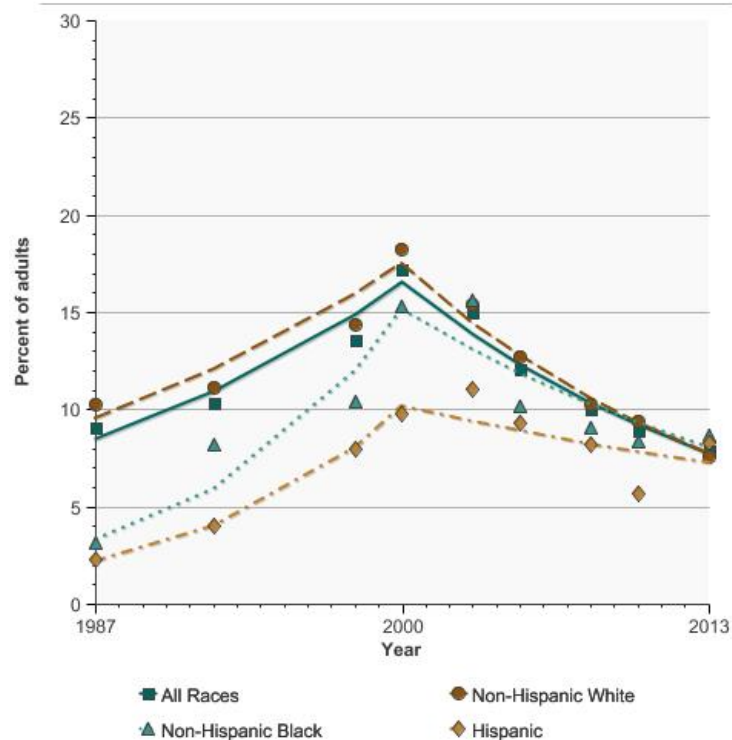
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Most Recent Estimates (2013)



	Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
All Races	7.9	(7.3 - 8.5)
Non-Hispanic White	7.6	(6.9 - 8.4)
Non-Hispanic Black	8.7	(7.3 - 10.0)
Hispanic	8.3	(6.5 - 10.0)

Percent of adults aged 50-75 years who had a home Fecal Occult Blood Test (FOBT) within the past year by race/ethnicity, 1987-2013



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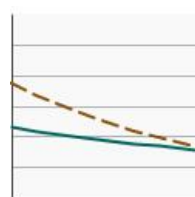
By Poverty Income Level

Percent of adults aged 50-75 years who had a home Fecal Occult Blood Test (FOBT) within the past year by poverty income level, 1998-2013

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Most Recent Estimates (2013)



<200% of federal poverty level

Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

7.4

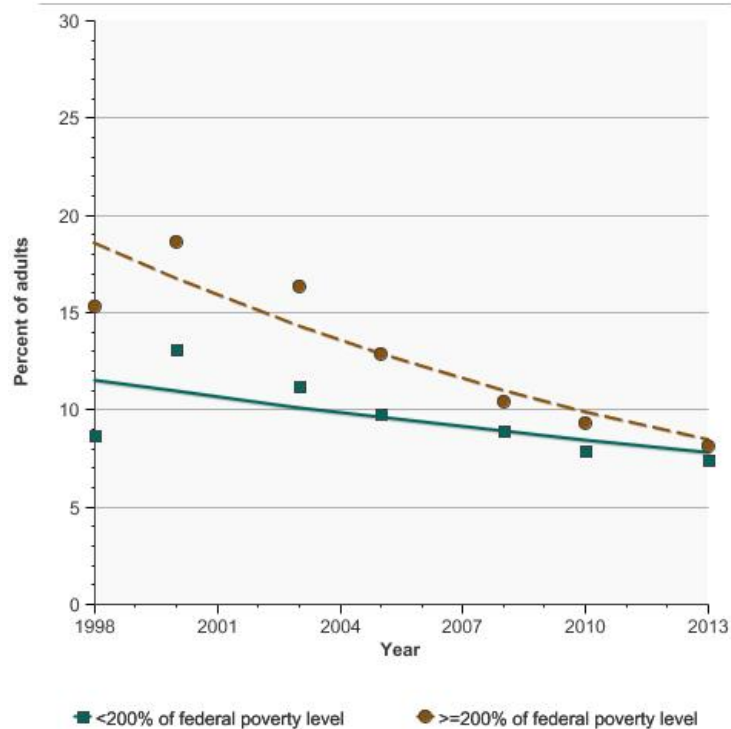
(6.2 - 8.6)

>=200% of federal poverty level

8.1

(7.3 - 8.8)

Percent of adults aged 50-75 years who had a home Fecal Occult Blood Test (FOBT) within the past year by poverty income level, 1998-2013



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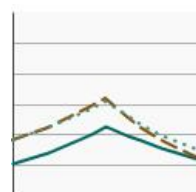
By Education Level

Percent of adults aged 50-75 years who had a home Fecal Occult Blood Test (FOBT) within the past year by highest level of education obtained, 1987-2013

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Most Recent Estimates (2013)



[Less than High School](#)

Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

[High School](#)

7.0

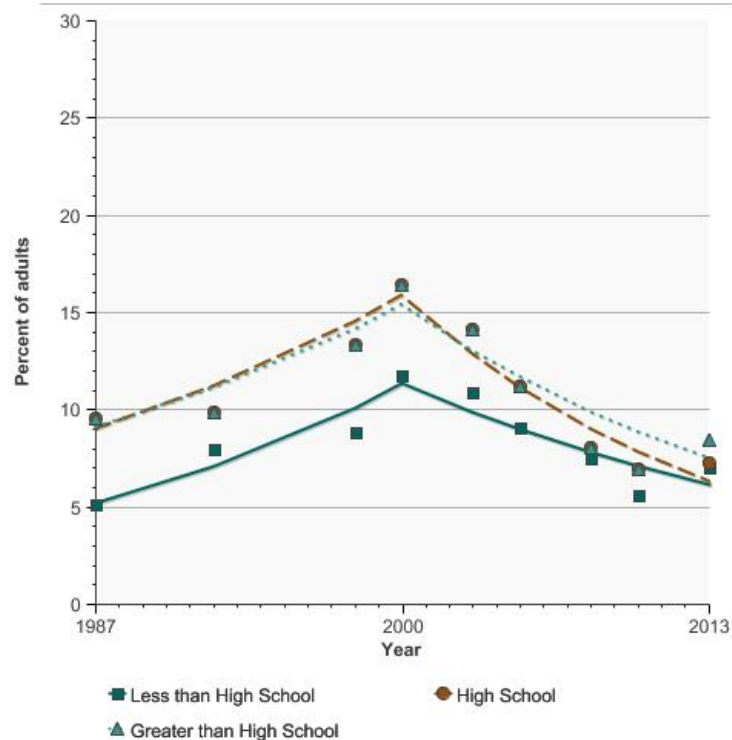
(5.5 - 8.6)

[Greater than High School](#)

8.4

(7.6 - 9.2)

Percent of adults aged 50-75 years who had a home Fecal Occult Blood Test (FOBT) within the past year by highest level of education obtained, 1987-2013



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Sigmoidoscopy or Colonoscopy

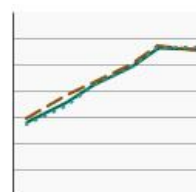
By Sex

Percent of adults aged 50-75 years who had a sigmoidoscopy in the past 5 years or had a colonoscopy in the past 10 years. by sex, 2000-2013

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[Both Sexes](#)

Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

[Male](#)

55.8

(54.7 - 57.0)

[Female](#)

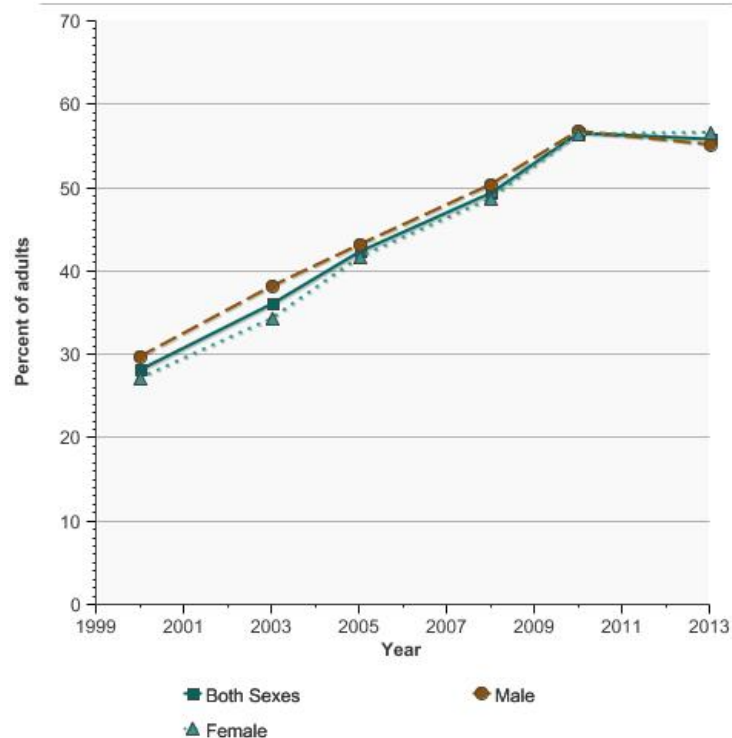
55.1

(53.5 - 56.6)

56.5

(55.0 - 58.1)

Percent of adults aged 50-75 years who had a sigmoidoscopy in the past 5 years or had a colonoscopy in the past 10 years. by sex, 2000-2013



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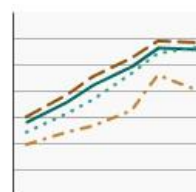
By Race/Ethnicity

Percent of adults aged 50-75 years who had a sigmoidoscopy in the past 5 years or had a colonoscopy in the past 10 years. by race/ethnicity, 2000-2013

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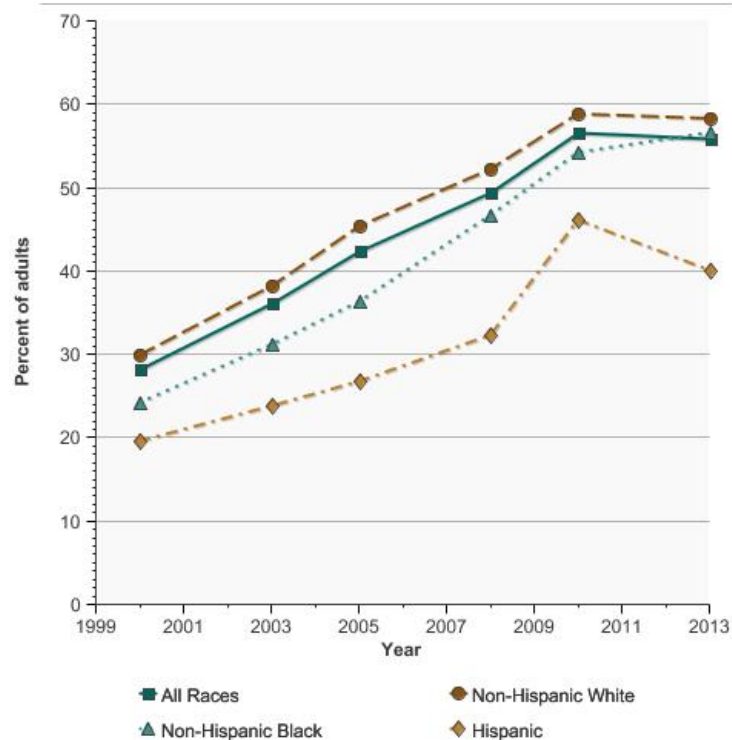
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Most Recent Estimates (2013)



	Percent of adults	95% Confidence Interval
All Races	55.8	(54.7 - 57.0)
Non-Hispanic White	58.3	(56.9 - 59.6)
Non-Hispanic Black	56.6	(53.5 - 59.6)
Hispanic	40.0	(36.9 - 43.1)

Percent of adults aged 50-75 years who had a sigmoidoscopy in the past 5 years or had a colonoscopy in the past 10 years. by race/ethnicity, 2000-2013



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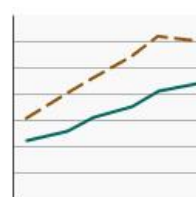
By Poverty Income Level

Percent of adults aged 50-75 years who had a sigmoidoscopy in the past 5 years or had a colonoscopy in the past 10 years. by poverty income level, 2000-2013

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Most Recent Estimates (2013)



< 200% of the federal poverty level

Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

43.9

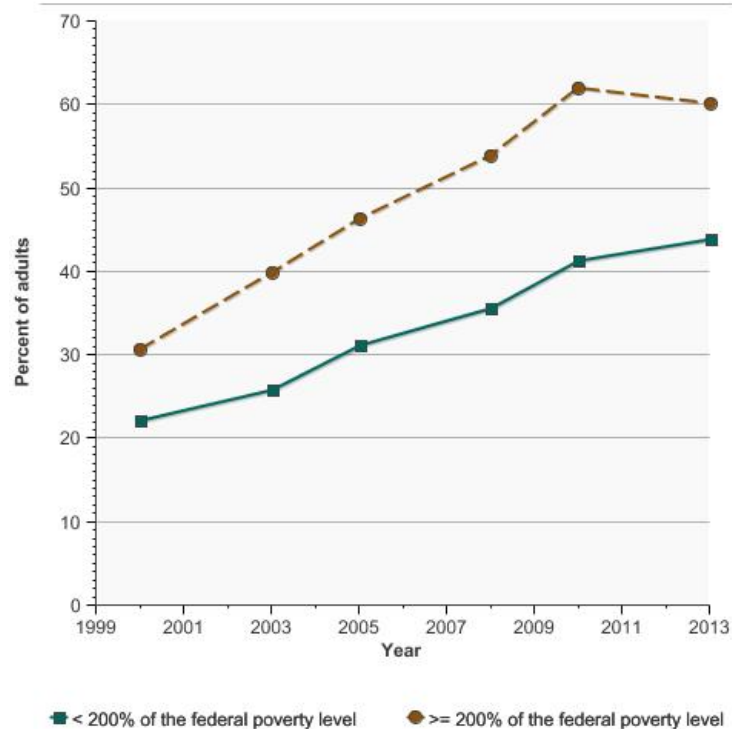
(41.9 - 45.9)

>= 200% of the federal poverty level

60.1

(58.8 - 61.5)

Percent of adults aged 50-75 years who had a sigmoidoscopy in the past 5 years or had a colonoscopy in the past 10 years. by poverty income level, 2000-2013



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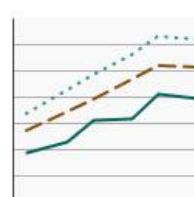
By Education Level

Percent of adults aged 50-75 years who had a sigmoidoscopy in the past 5 years or had a colonoscopy in the past 10 years, by highest level of education obtained, 2000-2013

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Most Recent Estimates (2013)



[Less than High School](#)

Percent of adults

95% Confidence Interval

[High School](#)

39.6

(36.7 - 42.5)

[Greater than High School](#)

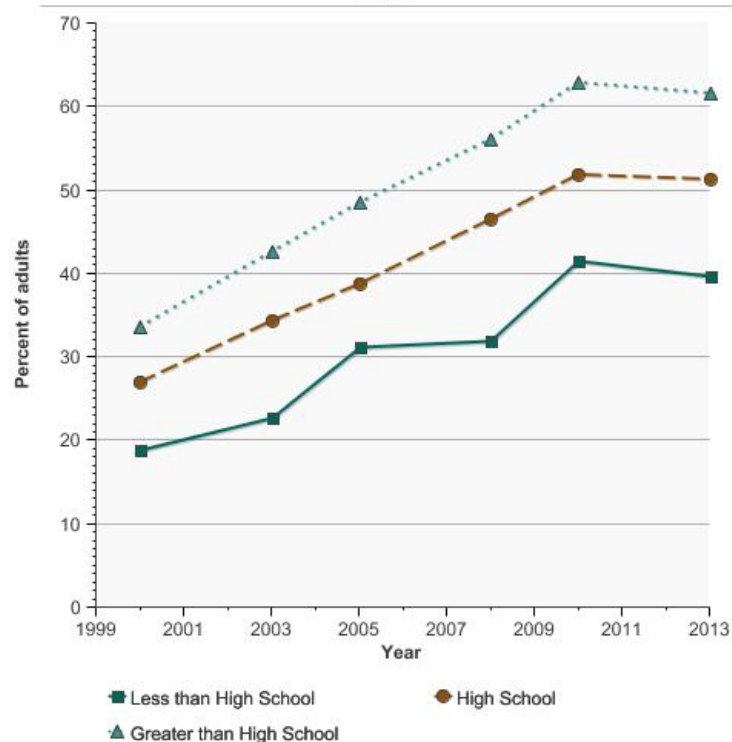
51.1

(49.1 - 53.1)

61.6

(60.1 - 63.0)

Percent of adults aged 50-75 years who had a sigmoidoscopy in the past 5 years or had a colonoscopy in the past 10 years, by highest level of education obtained, 2000--



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Additional Information on Colorectal Cancer Screening For the public

- [Colorectal Cancer Early Detection](http://www.cancer.org/cancer/colonandrectumcancer/moreinformation/colonandrectumcancerearlydetection/index)(<http://www.cancer.org/cancer/colonandrectumcancer/moreinformation/colonandrectumcancerearlydetection/index>). American Cancer Society.
- [Medicare Coverage for Cancer Prevention and Early Detection](http://www.cancer.org/healthy/findcancerearly/cancerscreeningguidelines/medicare-coverage-for-cancer-prevention-and-early-detection)(<http://www.cancer.org/healthy/findcancerearly/cancerscreeningguidelines/medicare-coverage-for-cancer-prevention-and-early-detection>). American Cancer Society.
- [Colorectal \(Colon\) Cancer](http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/colorectal)(<http://www.cdc.gov/cancer/colorectal>). Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- [Colorectal Cancer Screening \(PDQ®\)](http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/pdq/screening/colorectal/Patient)(<http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/pdq/screening/colorectal/Patient>). National Cancer Institute.
- [Fact Sheet – Tests to Detect Colorectal Cancer and Polyps](http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/factsheet/detection/colorectal-screening)(<http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/factsheet/detection/colorectal-screening>). National Cancer Institute.
- [Healthcare 411 News Series from AHRQ – Colorectal Cancer Screening](http://healthcare411.ahrq.gov/featureAudio.aspx?id=873)(<http://healthcare411.ahrq.gov/featureAudio.aspx?id=873>). U.S. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.
- [Screening for Colorectal Cancer](http://www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org/uspstf/uspcolo.htm#update)(<http://www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org/uspstf/uspcolo.htm#update>). U.S. Preventive Services Task Force.

For health professionals

- [American Gastroenterological Association](http://www.gastro.org)(<http://www.gastro.org>).
- [American Society of Colon & Rectal Surgeons](http://www.fascrs.org)(<http://www.fascrs.org>).
- [The Guide to Community Preventive Services – Cancer Prevention and Control](http://www.thecommunityguide.org/cancer/index.html)(<http://www.thecommunityguide.org/cancer/index.html>). Centers for Disease Control and Prevention.
- [Colorectal Cancer Screening \(PDQ®\)](http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/pdq/screening/colorectal/HealthProfessional)(<http://www.cancer.gov/cancertopics/pdq/screening/colorectal/HealthProfessional>). National Cancer Institute.
- [Health Care Systems for Tracking Colorectal Cancer Screening Tests: Final Report](http://www.ahrq.gov/research/findings/final)(<http://www.ahrq.gov/research/findings/final>).

[reports/crcscreeningrpt/index.html](https://www.aahrq.gov/reports/crcscreeningrpt/index.html)). U.S. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality.

- [Screening for colorectal cancer: a guidance statement from the American College of Physicians](http://www.guideline.gov/content.aspx?id=38258#top)(<http://www.guideline.gov/content.aspx?id=38258#top>). U.S. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality, and the National Guideline Clearinghouse.

Scientific reports

- [Fecal DNA testing in screening for colorectal cancer in average-risk adults](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK91369/)(<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/books/NBK91369/>). Lin JS, Webber EM, Beil TL, et al. Comparative Effectiveness Reviews No. 52 (2012).
- [Breast and colorectal cancer screening: U.S. primary care physicians' reports of barriers](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/23159253)(<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/23159253>). Meissner HI, Klabunde CN, Breen N, et al. Am J Prev Med 2012;43(6):584–9.
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- [Colorectal cancer screening: structured abstract](http://www.ahrq.gov/research/findings/evidence-based-reports/er190-abstract.html)(<http://www.ahrq.gov/research/findings/evidence-based-reports/er190-abstract.html>). U.S. Agency for Healthcare Research and Quality. 2010.
- [Final Research Plan – Screening for Colorectal Cancer](http://www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org/Page/Topic/recommendation-summary/colorectal-cancer-screening)(<http://www.uspreventiveservicestaskforce.org/Page/Topic/recommendation-summary/colorectal-cancer-screening>). U.S. Preventative Services Task Force.

Statistics

- [Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System: Prevalence Data & Data Analysis Tools](http://www.cdc.gov/brfss/data_tools.htm)(http://www.cdc.gov/brfss/data_tools.htm). Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion.
- [National Health Interview Survey](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis.htm)(<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis.htm>). Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics.
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Diagnosis

The rate of newly diagnosed cancer cases (incidence) is one way to measure progress against cancer. A lower rate of new cases suggests greater progress is being made.

Another important measure is the proportion of cancers diagnosed at a later stage of development. The stage of a cancer shows how far the disease has progressed and spread within the body. The earlier the stage at diagnosis, the better the chances are for a cure. Downward trends in the proportion of late cancer diagnoses are a sign that screening is working for cancers for which early detection methods are available.

This section describes trends in the rates of new cancers by cancer site and by racial and ethnic group. It also includes data on the proportion of cancers diagnosed at a late stage for five of the major cancer sites (female breast, colon, rectum, cervix, and prostate) where cancer screening has been shown to make a difference in outcomes and is recommended or is being widely used.

- [Incidence](#)
- [Stage at Diagnosis](#)

Incidence

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Introduction

Cancer incidence is usually measured as the number of new cases each year for every 100,000 people (for gender-specific cancers, people of the same gender serve as the denominator) and age-adjusted to a standard population to allow comparisons over time.

In 2015, nearly half of all new cancer cases are expected to be cancers of the prostate, female breast, lung, and colon/rectum. According to American Cancer Society projections, about 1,658,370 new cases of cancer are expected to be diagnosed in 2015, including 220,800 cases of prostate cancer, 231,840 cases of female breast cancer, 221,200 cases of lung cancer, and 132,700 cases of colon/rectum cancer.

Measure

Incidence rate: the observed number of new cancer cases per 100,000 people per year, adjusted for cancer case reporting delays and based on data from approximately 10 percent of the U.S. population.

Delay adjustment: a method of estimating delayed reporting of incident cases and then adjusting rates to account for this delay.

Healthy People 2020 Target

- Reduce new cases of invasive colorectal cancer to 41.6 per 100,000 people.
- Reduce new cases of invasive uterine cervical cancer to 7.5 per 100,000 females.

Healthy People 2020 is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Data Source

SEER Program, National Cancer Institute, 1975–2012.

Trends and Most Recent Estimates All Cancer Sites Combined

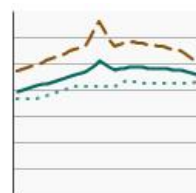
By Sex

Rates of new cases of all cancer, delay-adjusted cancer incidence by sex, 1975-2012

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Most Recent Estimates (2012)



[Both Sexes](#)

Rate per 100,000

Confidence Interval

[Male](#)

457.2

(454.8 - 459.6)

[Female](#)

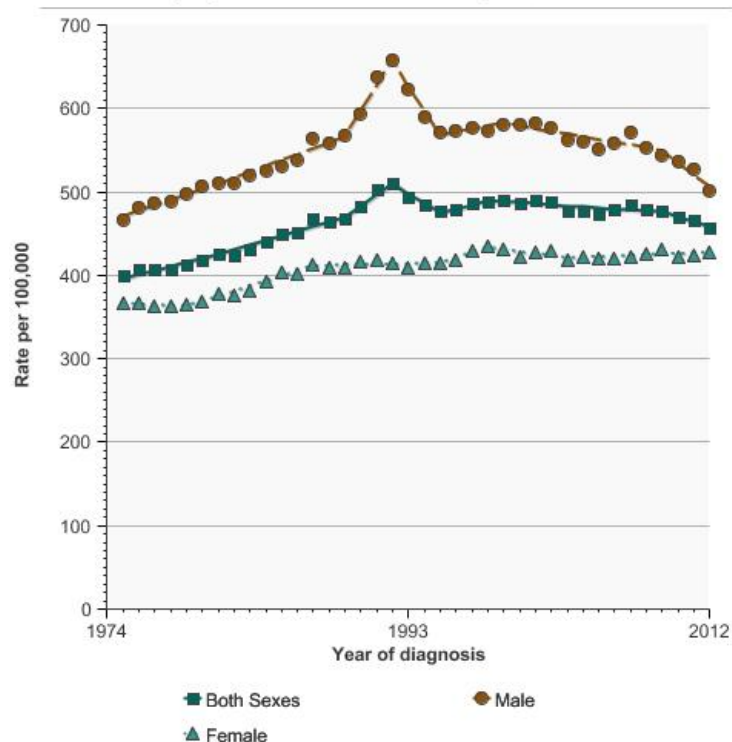
501.8

(498.0 - 505.6)

427.2

(424.0 - 430.5)

**Rates of new cases of all cancer,
delay-adjusted cancer incidence by sex, 1975-2012**



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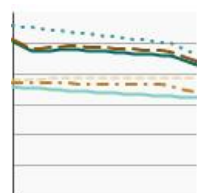
By Race/Ethnicity

Rates of new cases of all cancer by race/ethnicity, 1992-2012

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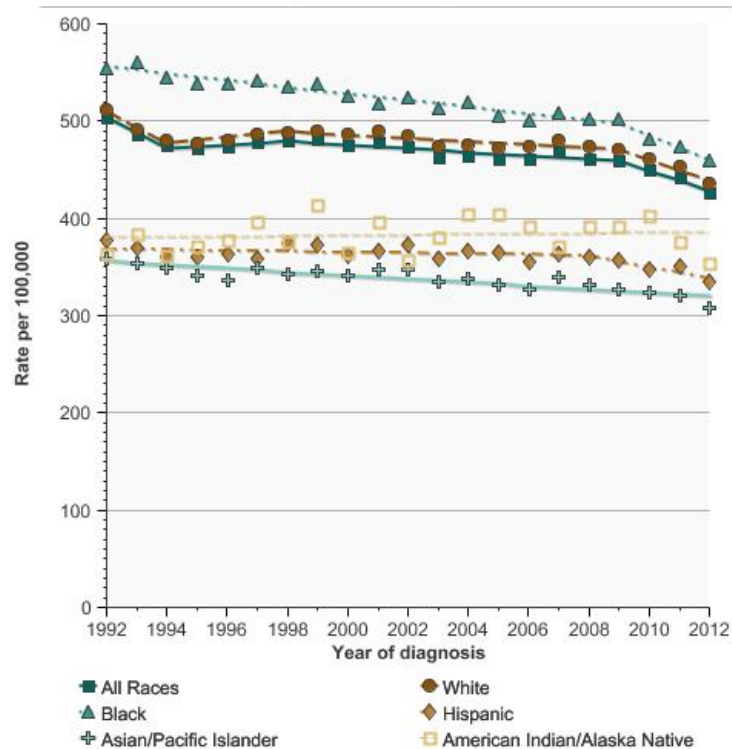
[Detailed Trend Graphs](#)

Most Recent Estimates (2012)



	Rate per 100,000	Confidence Interval
All Races	426.1	(424.1 - 428.0)
White	435.6	(433.3 - 437.8)
Black	459.2	(452.5 - 465.9)
Hispanic	334.2	(329.4 - 339.0)
Asian/Pacific Islander	308.5	(304.0 - 313.1)
American Indian/Alaska Native	353.6	(332.2 - 374.9)

Rates of new cases of all cancer by race/ethnicity, 1992-2012



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Top Cancer Sites

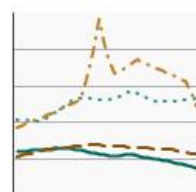
Comparison of Top Cancer Sites

Rates of new cases of the most common cancers, delay-adjusted cancer incidence, 1975-2012

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Most Recent Estimates (2012)



[Colon and Rectum](#)

Rate per 100,000

Confidence Interval

[Lung and Bronchus](#)

39.3

(38.6 - 40.0)

[Female Breast](#)

56.2

(55.4 - 57.1)

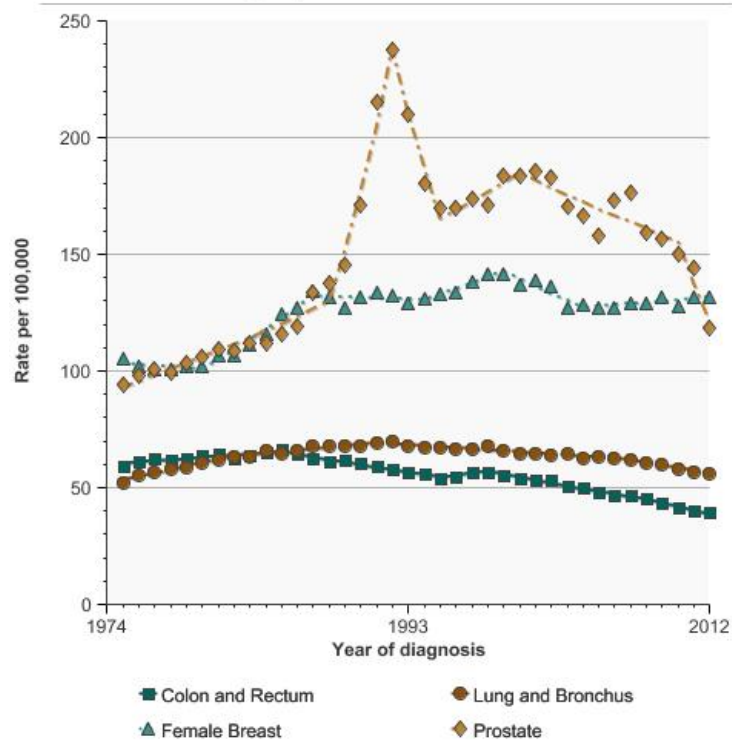
[Prostate](#)

131.8

(130.0 - 133.6)

(116.7 - 120.3)

Rates of new cases of the most common cancers, delay-adjusted cancer incidence, 1975-2012



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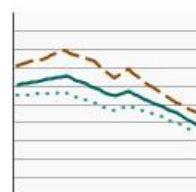
Colon and Rectum Cancer by Sex

Rates of new cases of colon and rectum cancer, delay-adjusted cancer incidence by sex, 1975-2012

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Most Recent Estimates (2012)



[Both Sexes](#)

Rate per 100,000

Confidence Interval

[Male](#)

39.3

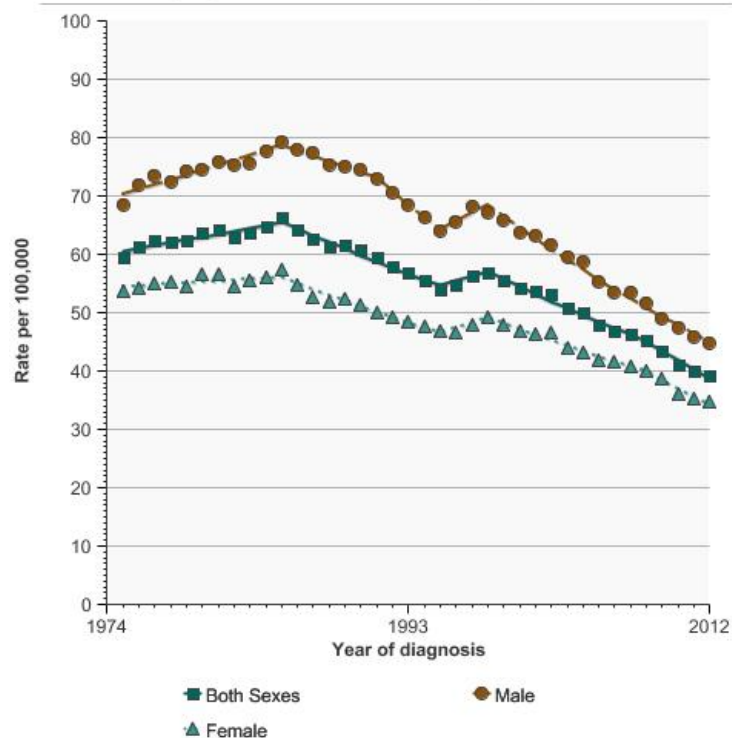
(38.6 - 40.0)

[Female](#)

34.8

(33.9 - 35.7)

Rates of new cases of colon and rectum cancer, delay-adjusted cancer incidence by sex, 1975-2012



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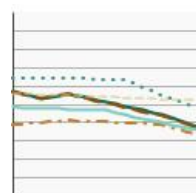
Colon and Rectum Cancer by Race/Ethnicity

Rates of new cases of colon and rectum cancer by race/ethnicity, 1992-2012

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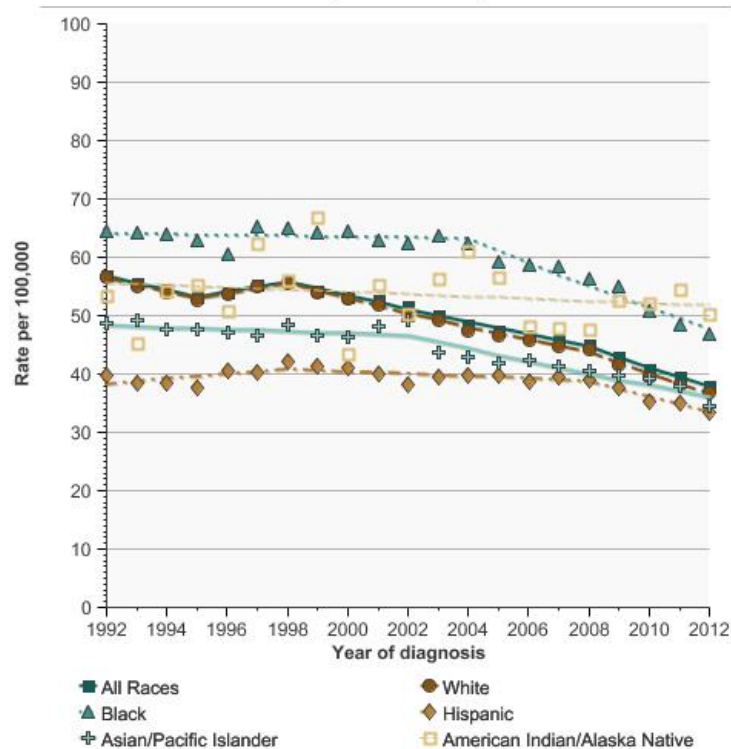
[Detailed Trend Graphs](#)

Most Recent Estimates (2012)



	Rate per 100,000	Confidence Interval
All Races	38.0	(37.4 - 38.6)
White	37.0	(36.3 - 37.6)
Black	46.9	(44.7 - 49.1)
Hispanic	33.3	(31.8 - 34.8)
Asian/Pacific Islander	34.6	(33.0 - 36.1)
American Indian/Alaska Native	50.3	(42.2 - 58.4)

Rates of new cases of colon and rectum cancer by race/ethnicity, 1992-2012



Source: SEER Program, National Cancer Institute. Incidence data are from the SEER 13 areas (<http://seer.cancer.gov/registries/terms.html>). Data are age-adjusted to the 2000 US standard population using age groups: <1, 1-4, 5-9, 10-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80-84, 85+.

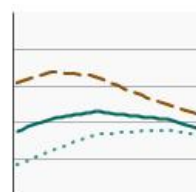
Lung and Bronchus Cancer by Sex

Rates of new cases of lung and bronchus cancer, delay-adjusted cancer incidence by sex, 1975-2012

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Most Recent Estimates (2012)



[Both Sexes](#)

Rate per 100,000

Confidence Interval

[Male](#)

56.2

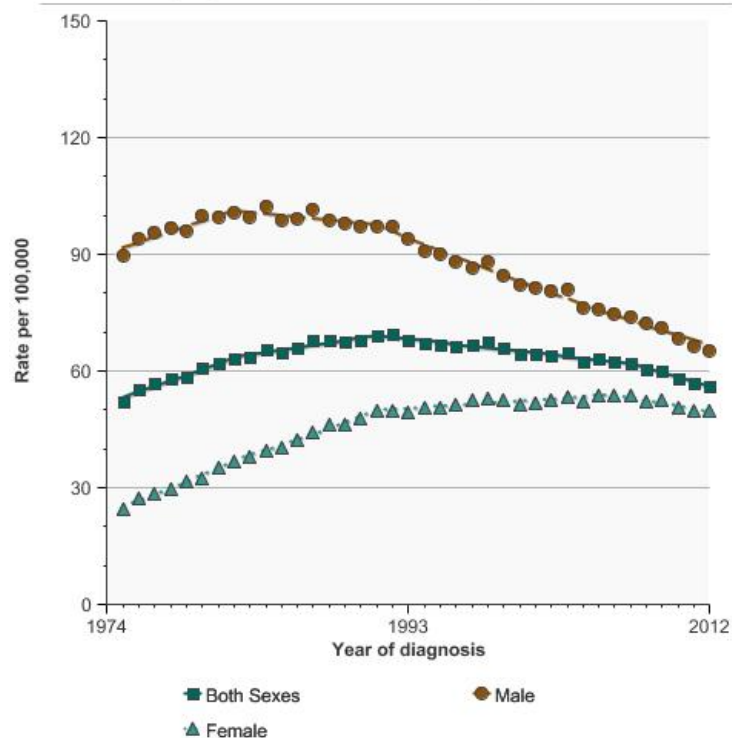
(55.4 - 57.1)

[Female](#)

49.6

(48.5 - 50.6)

Rates of new cases of lung and bronchus cancer, delay-adjusted cancer incidence by sex, 1975-2012



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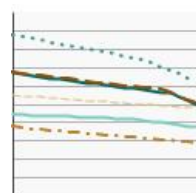
Lung and Bronchus Cancer by Race/Ethnicity

Rates of new cases of lung and bronchus cancer by race/ethnicity, 1992-2012

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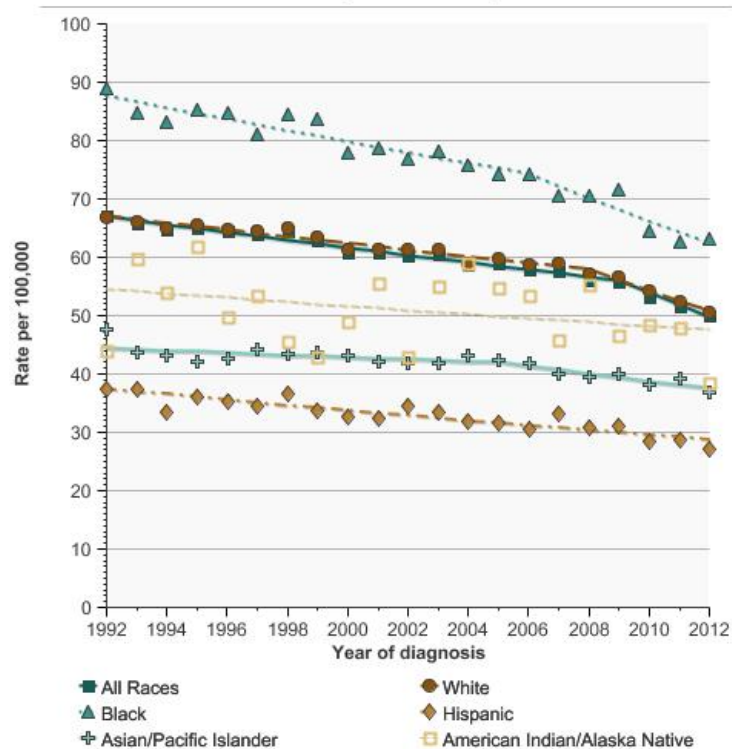
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Most Recent Estimates (2012)



	Rate per 100,000	Confidence Interval
<u>All Races</u>	50.0	(49.3 - 50.7)
<u>White</u>	50.6	(49.8 - 51.4)
<u>Black</u>	63.0	(60.5 - 65.6)
<u>Hispanic</u>	27.1	(25.6 - 28.6)
<u>Asian/Pacific Islander</u>	37.0	(35.4 - 38.6)
<u>American Indian/Alaska Native</u>	38.5	(31.1 - 45.9)

Rates of new cases of lung and bronchus cancer by race/ethnicity, 1992-2012

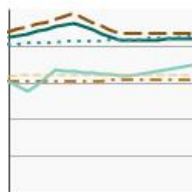


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Female Breast Cancer by Race/Ethnicity

Rates of new cases of female breast cancer by race/ethnicity, 1992-2012

[Overview Graph](#)



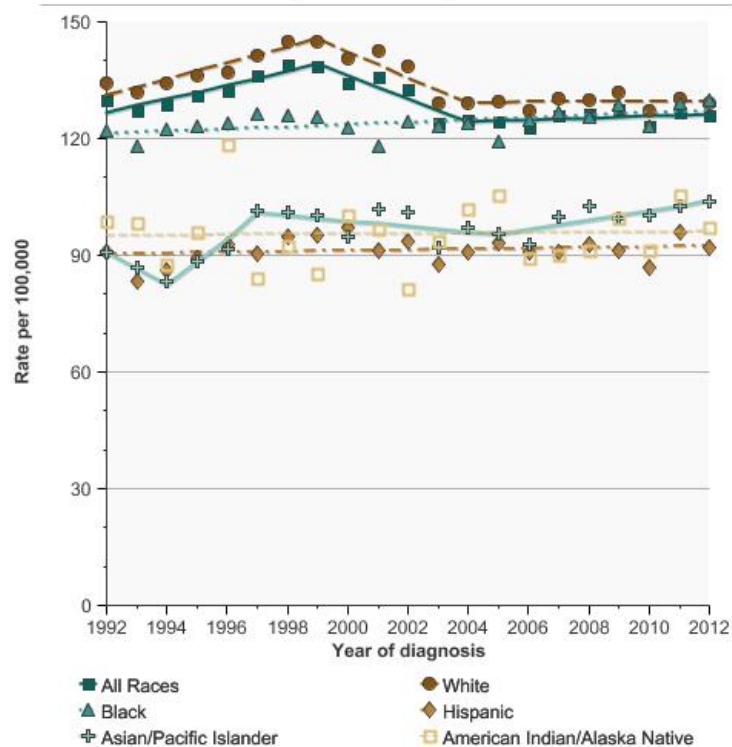
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Most Recent Estimates (2012)

Rate per 100,000 Confidence Interval

All Races	125.9	(124.5 - 127.4)
White	128.9	(127.2 - 130.6)
Black	130.0	(125.4 - 134.6)
Hispanic	91.8	(88.6 - 95.1)
Asian/Pacific Islander	103.9	(100.4 - 107.4)
American Indian/Alaska Native	96.9	(82.5 - 111.3)

Rates of new cases of female breast cancer by race/ethnicity, 1992-2012



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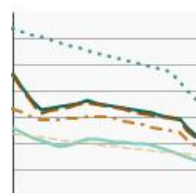
Prostate Cancer by Race/Ethnicity

Rates of new cases of prostate cancer by race/ethnicity, 1992-2012

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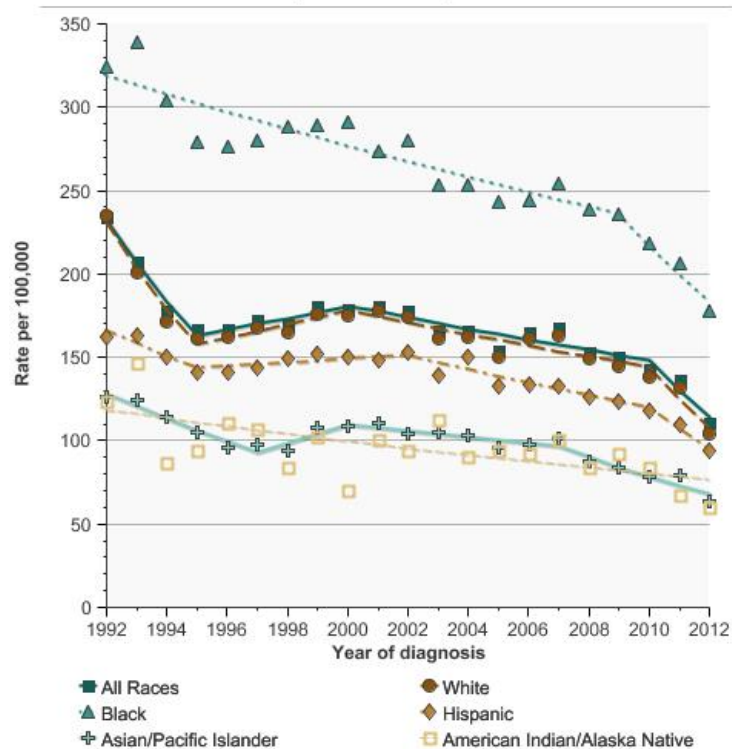
[Detailed Trend Graphs](#)

Most Recent Estimates (2012)



	Rate per 100,000	Confidence Interval
All Races	110.4	(109.0 - 111.9)
White	104.0	(102.4 - 105.6)
Black	178.1	(171.8 - 184.4)
Hispanic	93.5	(89.5 - 97.5)
Asian/Pacific Islander	63.3	(60.2 - 66.4)
American Indian/Alaska Native	59.5	(45.5 - 73.6)

Rates of new cases of prostate cancer by race/ethnicity, 1992-2012



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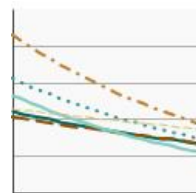
Additional Cancer Sites with Healthy People 2020 Targets

Rates of new cases of cervix uteri cancer by race/ethnicity, 1992-2012

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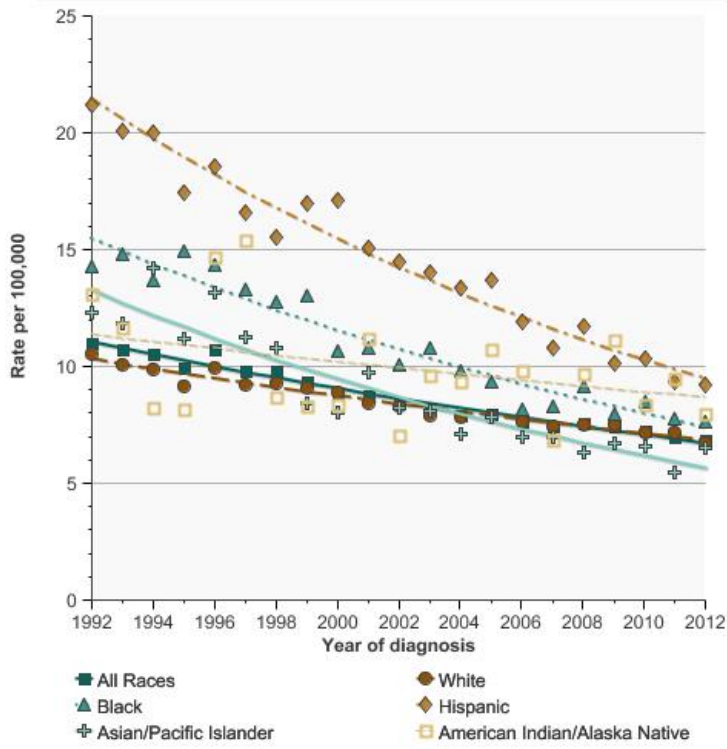
[Detailed Trend Graphs](#)

Most Recent Estimates (2012)



	Rate per 100,000	Confidence Interval
All Races	6.8	(6.5 - 7.2)
White	6.7	(6.3 - 7.1)
Black	7.6	(6.5 - 8.7)
Hispanic	9.2	(8.2 - 10.1)
Asian/Pacific Islander	6.5	(5.6 - 7.4)
American Indian/Alaska Native	8.0	(3.8 - 12.1)

Rates of new cases of cervix uteri cancer by race/ethnicity, 1992-2012



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Selected Cancer Sites with Increasing Trends

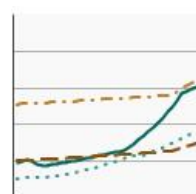
Increasing Greater than 1.5% Annually

Rates of selected cancer sites that are increasing by 1.5% or greater per year[^], delay-adjusted cancer incidence, 1975-2012

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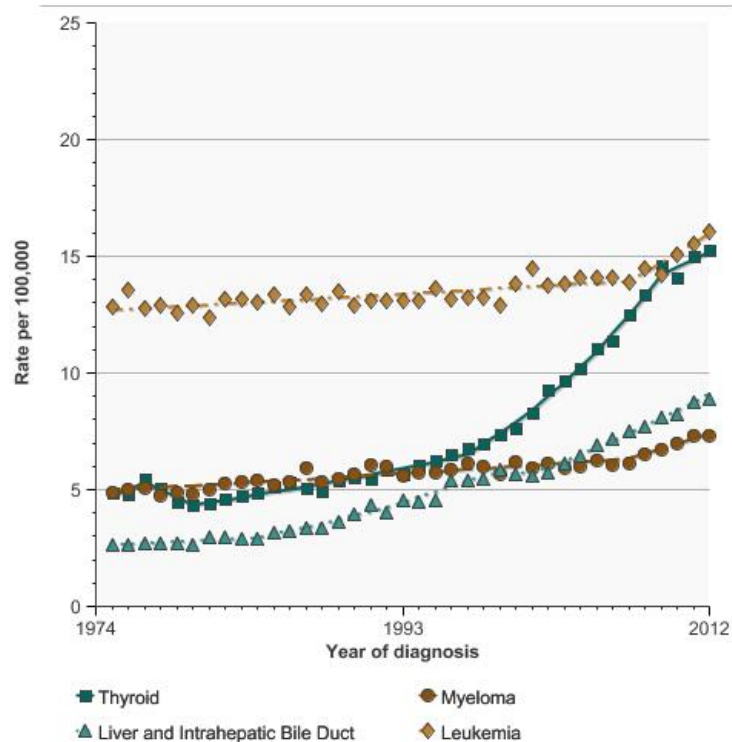
[Detailed Trend Graphs](#)

Most Recent Estimates (2012)



	Rate per 100,000	Confidence Interval
Thyroid	15.2	(14.8 - 15.7)
Myeloma	7.3	(7.0 - 7.6)
Liver and Intrahepatic Bile Duct	8.9	(8.6 - 9.2)
Leukemia	16.1	(15.6 - 16.6)

Rates of selected cancer sites that are increasing by 1.5% or greater per year[^], delay-adjusted cancer incidence, 1975-2012

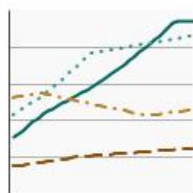


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 Restricted to cancer sites with 2011 incidence rates of 3 per 100,000 or greater.
[^] Annual percent change (APC) for final Joinpoint segment is greater than 1.5%.

Increasing Less than 1.5% Annually

Rates of selected cancer sites that are increasing by less than 1.5% per year[^], delay-adjusted cancer incidence, 1975-2012

[Overview Graph](#)



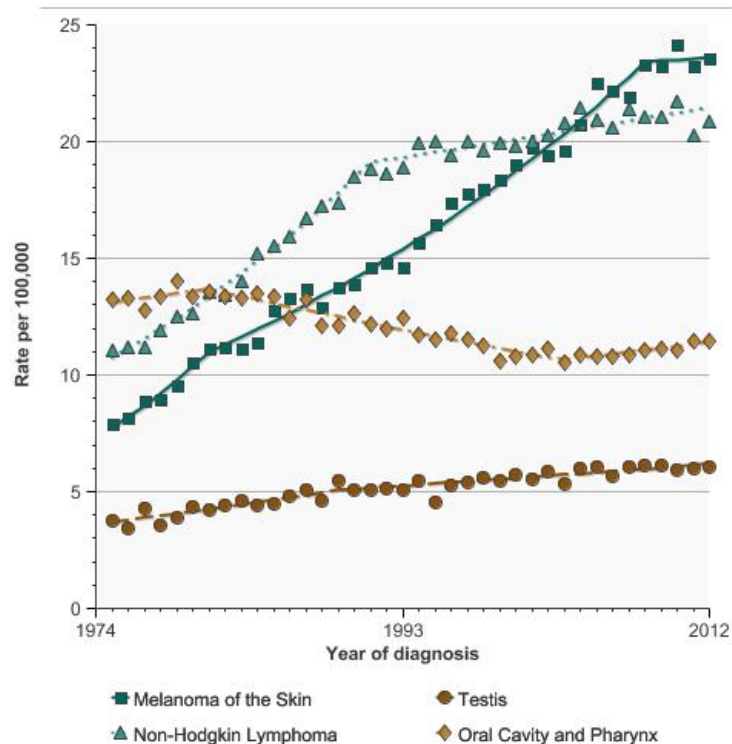
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[Melanoma of the Skin](#)
[Testis](#)
[Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma](#)
[Oral Cavity and Pharynx](#)

Most Recent Estimates (2012)

Rate per 100,000	Confidence Interval
23.6	(23.0 - 24.1)
6.1	(5.7 - 6.5)
20.9	(20.4 - 21.4)
11.4	(11.0 - 11.8)

Rates of selected cancer sites that are increasing by less than 1.5% per year[^], delay-adjusted cancer incidence, 1975-2012

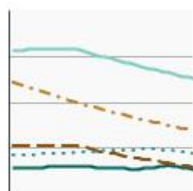


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Selected Cancer Sites with Decreasing Trends

Rates of selected cancer sites with decreasing delay-adjusted incidence[^], 1975-2012

[Overview Graph](#)



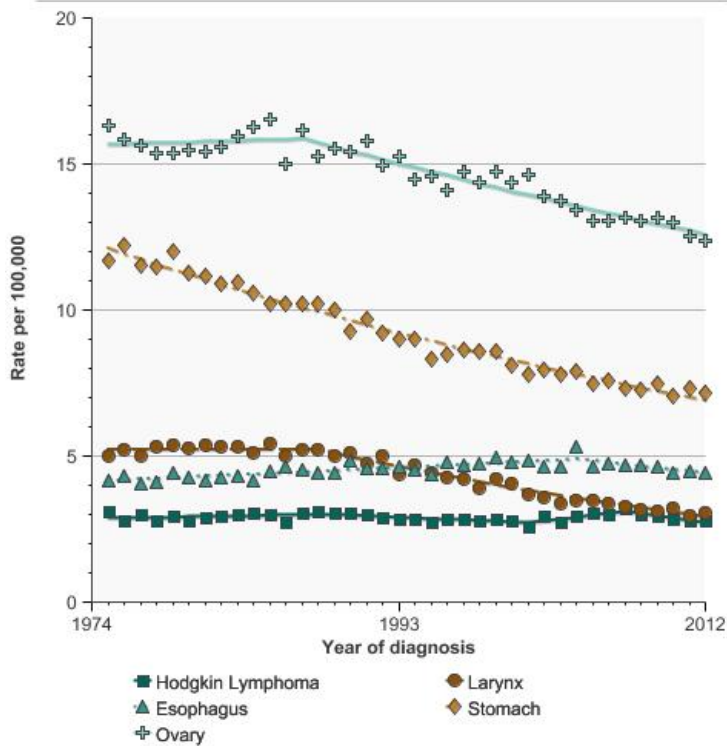
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[Hodgkin Lymphoma](#)
[Larynx](#)
[Esophagus](#)
[Stomach](#)
[Ovary](#)

Most Recent Estimates (2012)

Rate per 100,000	Confidence Interval
2.8	(2.6 - 3.0)
3.1	(2.9 - 3.3)
4.4	(4.2 - 4.7)
7.2	(6.9 - 7.5)
12.4	(11.8 - 12.9)

Rates of selected cancer sites with decreasing delay-adjusted incidence[^], 1975-2012



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Stage at Diagnosis

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Introduction

Cancers can be diagnosed at different stages in their development. Stage of cancer diagnosis may be expressed as numbers (for example, I, II, III, or IV) or by terms such as "localized," "regional," and "distant." The lower the number or the more localized the cancer, the better a person's chances of benefiting from treatment.

Tracking the rates of late-stage (distant) cancers is a good way to monitor the impact of cancer screening. When more cancers are detected in early stages, fewer should be detected in late stages.

Measure

Late-stage diagnosis rate: The number of new cancer cases diagnosed at a late (distant) stage, per 100,000 people per year. This report shows the rates for cancers of the prostate, colon, rectum, female breast, and cervix uteri.

Healthy People 2020 Target

- Healthy People 2020 has only one target for late-stage diagnoses: to reduce the number of new late-stage female breast cancer cases to 38.9 per 100,000 females. Healthy People 2020 also includes targets for increasing the proportion of adults who are screened for cervical, colorectal, and breast cancer, and for increasing the proportion of men who are counseled about prostate-specific screening tests. These screenings may increase the proportion of adults whose cancer is detected in its early stage.

Healthy People 2020 is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Data Source

SEER 9 Registries, National Cancer Institute, 1980–2012.

Trends and Most Recent Estimates

Late Stage Breast Cancer

Rates of new cases of late stage breast cancer, 1980-2012

[Overview Graph](#)

[Detailed Trend Graphs](#)

Most Recent Estimates (2012)

Rate per 100,000

Confidence Interval

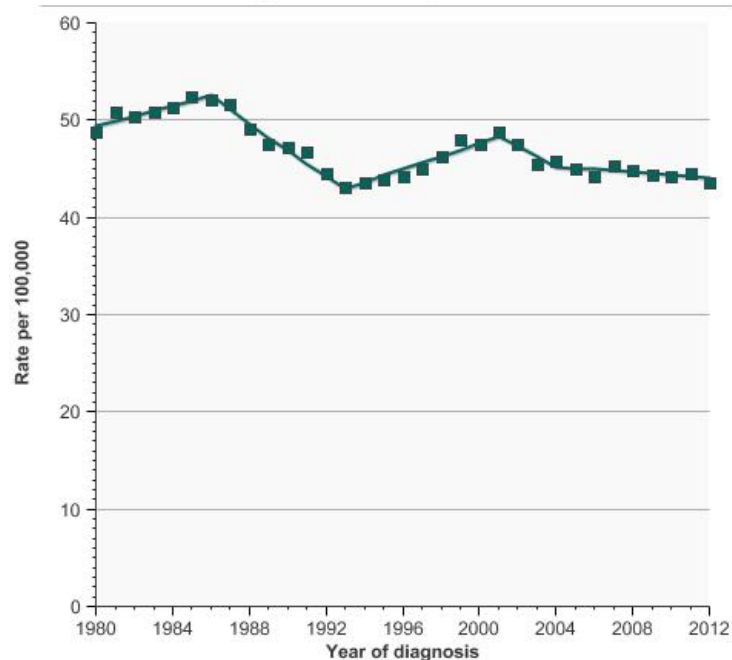


Late Stage Breast Cancer

43.6

(42.5 - 44.6)

Rates of new cases of late stage breast cancer, 1980-2012



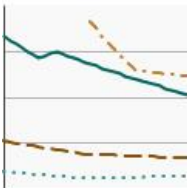
Source: SEER Program, National Cancer Institute. Incidence data are from the SEER 9 areas (<http://seer.cancer.gov registries/terms.html>).

Late stage breast cancer includes cases diagnosed at regional and distant stages.

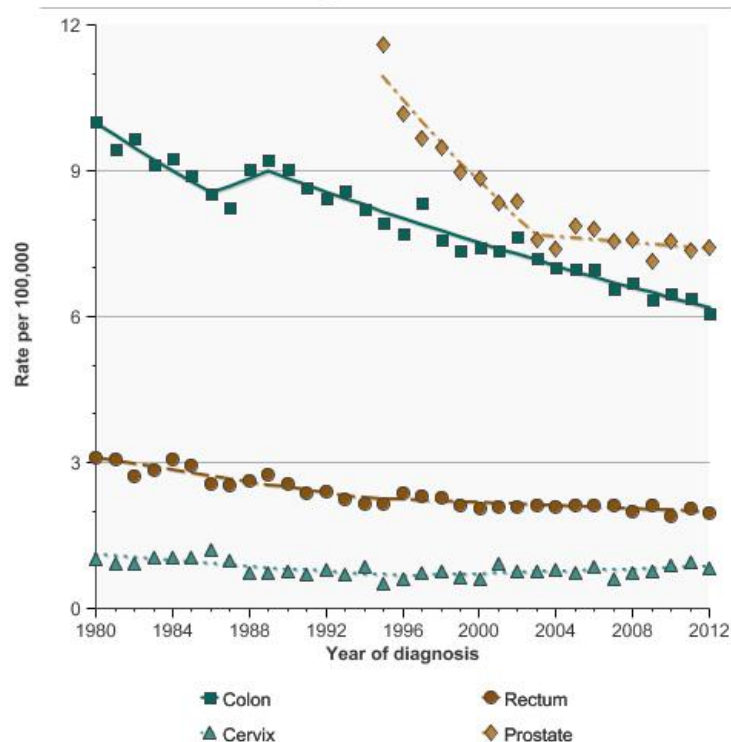
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Distant Stage Cancer

Rates of new cancers of distant stage diseases, 1980-2012

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2012)	
		Rate per 100,000	Confidence Interval
	Colon	6.1	(5.8 - 6.3)
	Rectum	2.0	(1.8 - 2.1)
	Cervix	0.8	(0.7 - 0.9)
	Prostate	7.4	(7.0 - 7.9)

Rates of new cancers of distant stage diseases, 1980-2012



Source: SEER Program, National Cancer Institute. Incidence data are from the SEER 9 areas (<http://seer.cancer.gov/registries/terms.html>). Data are age-adjusted to the 2000 US standard population using age groups: <1, 1-4, 5-9, 10-14, 15-19, 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80-84, 85+.

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Treatment

Cancer treatment is improving, saving lives and extending survival for many people. Depending on various factors, treatment options may include surgery, radiation, immunotherapy, chemotherapy, hormone therapy, or targeted, local therapy, among others. These treatments might be used alone or in combination. Clinical trials evaluate the benefits of new therapies and broaden the options available to patients.

This section includes treatment trends for cancer sites for which there are available data trends and definitive treatment guidelines based on rigorous evidence of benefit to patients, including bladder, breast, colorectal, kidney, lung, ovarian, and prostate cancers.

- [Bladder Cancer Treatment](#)
- [Breast Cancer Treatment](#)
- [Colorectal Cancer Treatment](#)
- [Kidney Cancer Treatment](#)

- [Lung Cancer Treatment](#)
- [Ovarian Cancer Treatment](#)
- [Prostate Cancer Treatment](#)

Bladder Cancer Treatment

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Introduction

Bladder cancer is a disease in which malignant (cancer) cells form in the tissues of the bladder. Treatment options depend on the stage of bladder cancer. Three types of standard treatment are used: surgery, radiation therapy, and chemotherapy. Intravesical (within the bladder) therapy is another less common treatment option which involves the instillation of an agent or biologic into the bladder. The use of intravesical therapy has been associated with improved survival. There has been a significant increase in the use of intravesical therapy for patients diagnosed with non-muscle invasive Ta G1-2 bladder cancer.

Measure

Percentage of individuals receiving intravesical therapy in non-muscle invasive bladder cancer.

Healthy People 2020 Target

- There are no Healthy People 2020 targets for cancer treatment, including bladder cancer treatment.

Healthy People 2020 is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

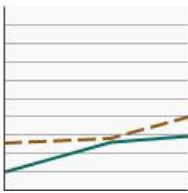
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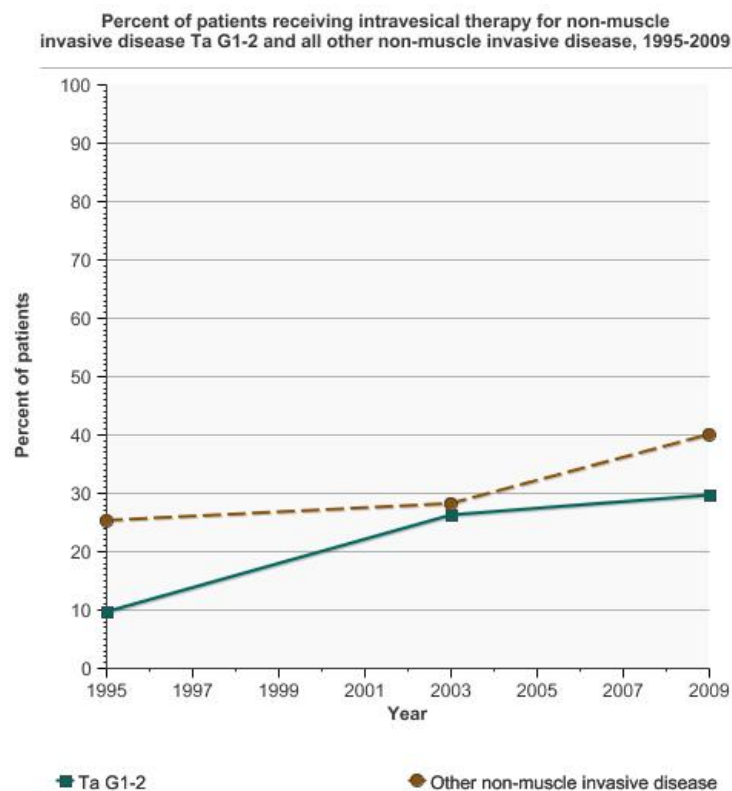
SEER Patterns of Care/Quality of Care Studies, National Cancer Institute, 1995 -2009.

Trends and Most Recent Estimates

Intravesical Therapy

Percent of patients receiving intravesical therapy for non-muscle invasive disease Ta G1-2 and all other non-muscle invasive disease, 1995-2009

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2009)	
		Percent of patients	95% Confidence Interval
	Ta G1-2	29.7	(22.3 - 37.1)
	Other non-muscle invasive disease	39.9	(31.2 - 48.6)



Source: SEER Patterns of Care/Quality of Care Studies, National Cancer Institute. Data are age-adjusted based on the age distribution of urinary bladder cancer patients from 2008-2010 in the SEER 18 areas (<http://seer.cancer.gov/registries/terms.html>) using age groups: 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80-84, 85+.

Additional Information on Bladder Cancer Treatment For the public

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For health professionals

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Breast Cancer Treatment

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Introduction

Breast cancer is the most common type of cancer among women in the United States (other than skin cancer). Women with breast cancer have many treatment options, including surgery, radiation therapy, hormone therapy, chemotherapy, and targeted therapy. A woman diagnosed with breast cancer may receive more than one type of treatment.

The proportion of women with node-positive disease (cancer in the lymph nodes near the tumor) receiving guideline treatment is high. Clinical trials have demonstrated that women with early stage breast cancer who receive breast-conserving surgery (BCS) with radiation have a survival rate similar to those of women who undergo a mastectomy. Additionally, older women are less likely to receive chemotherapy than younger women, but there are no major differences in treatment among major racial and ethnic groups.

Breast cancer also develops in men, but it is rare.

Measure

Percentage of women aged 20 and older, diagnosed with early stage breast cancer (less than stage IIIA), receiving breast-conserving surgery and radiation treatment.

Percentage of women aged 20 and older, diagnosed with node-positive, stage I–IIIA breast cancer, receiving multi-agent chemotherapy.

Healthy People 2020 Target

- There are no Healthy People 2020 targets for cancer treatment, including breast cancer treatment and multi-agent chemotherapy.

Healthy People 2020 is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Data Source

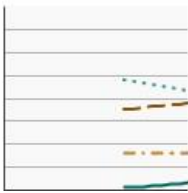
Breast-conserving surgery and radiation treatment estimates: SEER 13 Registries, National Cancer Institute, 1992–2011.

Multi-agent chemotherapy estimates: SEER Patterns of Care/Quality of Care Studies, National Cancer Institute, 1987-2010.

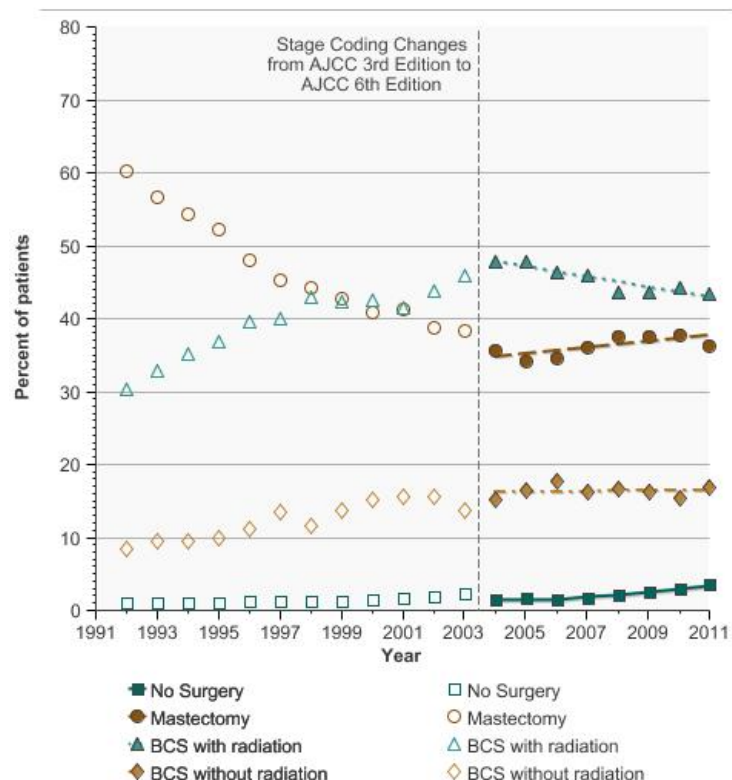
Trends and Most Recent Estimates

Treatment Distribution

Treatment distribution for invasive female breast cancer patients aged 20 years and older with AJCC stage less than IIIA, 1992-2011

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2011)	
		Percent of patients	95% Confidence Interval
	<u>No Surgery</u>	3.5	(3.4 - 3.6)
	<u>Mastectomy</u>	36.3	(36.0 - 36.5)
	<u>BCS with radiation</u>	43.3	(43.1 - 43.6)
	<u>BCS without radiation</u>	16.9	(16.7 - 17.0)

Treatment distribution for invasive female breast cancer patients aged 20 years and older with AJCC stage less than IIIA, 1992-2011



Source: SEER Program, National Cancer Institute. Incidence data are from the SEER 13 areas (<http://seer.cancer.gov/registries/terms.html>). Data are age-adjusted based on the age distribution of female breast cancer patients from 2009-2011 in the SEER 18 areas (<http://seer.cancer.gov/registries/terms.html>) using age groups: 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80-84, 85+.

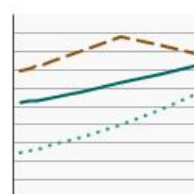
Chemotherapy

Percentage of node positive female breast cancer patients receiving multiagent chemotherapy treatment by age at diagnosis, 1987-2010

[Overview Graph](#)

[Detailed Trend Graphs](#)

Most Recent Estimates (2010)



[Ages 20+](#)

Percent of patients

65.2

95% Confidence Interval

(57.7 - 72.7)

[Ages 20-64](#)

79.6

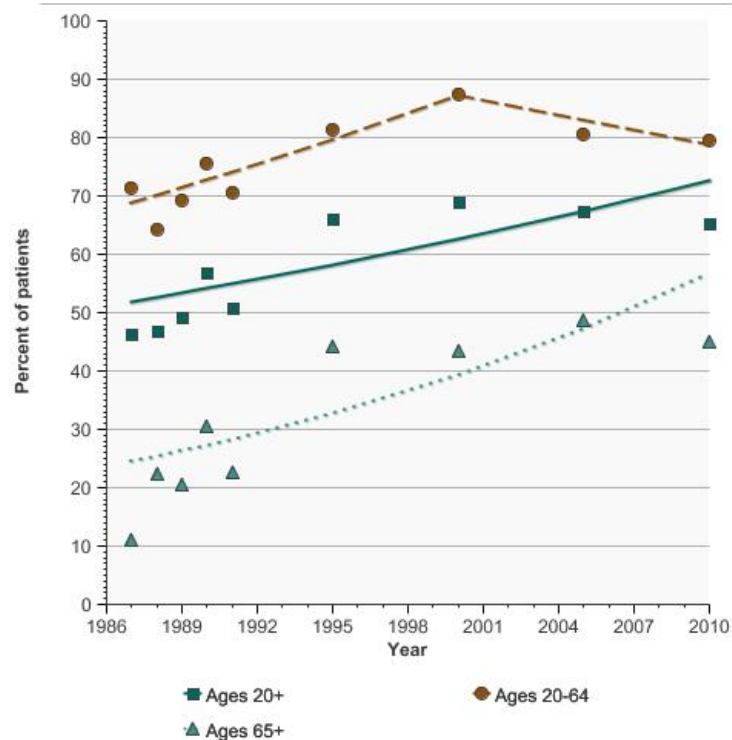
(72.0 - 87.2)

[Ages 65+](#)

44.9

(29.4 - 60.5)

Percentage of node positive female breast cancer patients receiving multiagent chemotherapy treatment by age at diagnosis, 1987-2010



Source: SEER Patterns of Care/Quality of Care Studies, National Cancer Institute. Data are age-adjusted based on the age distribution of female breast cancer patients from 2008-2010 in the SEER 18 areas (<http://seer.cancer.gov registries/terms.html>) using age groups: 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80-84, 85+.

Additional Information on Breast Cancer Treatment For the public

- [Breast Cancer – For women facing a breast biopsy](http://www.cancer.org/treatment/understandingyourdiagnosis/examsandtestdescriptions/forwomenfacingabreastbiopsy/index)(<http://www.cancer.org/treatment/understandingyourdiagnosis/examsandtestdescriptions/forwomenfacingabreastbiopsy/index>). American Cancer Society.
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For health professionals

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Colorectal Cancer Treatment

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Introduction

Colon cancer forms in the tissues of the colon, which is the longest part of the large intestine. Rectal cancer forms in the tissues of the rectum, which is the last several inches of the large intestine closest to the anus.

The main types of treatment for colon and rectal cancer are surgery, radiation therapy, chemotherapy, and targeted therapy. Depending on the stage of the cancer, two or more of these types of treatment may be combined at the same time or used one after another.

Surgery is the most common treatment for all stages of colorectal cancer. Adjuvant chemo is used after surgery to minimize chances of recurrence and has been shown to help people with stage II and stage III colon and rectal cancer live longer. Chemotherapy can make radiation therapy, which uses high-energy rays or particles to destroy cancer cells, more effective against some colon and rectal cancers. The proportion of patients receiving guideline adjuvant therapy increased steadily between 1987 and 2005. Potential disparities remain for some groups of patients.

Measure

Percent of individuals, aged 20 years and older, diagnosed with stage III colon cancer who received chemotherapy or diagnosed with stage II or stage III rectal cancer who received chemotherapy with or without radiotherapy.

Healthy People 2020 Target

- There are no Healthy People 2020 targets for cancer treatment, including colorectal cancer treatment.

Healthy People 2020 is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Data Source

SEER Patterns of Care/Quality of Care Studies, National Cancer Institute, 1987 -2010.

Trends and Most Recent Estimates

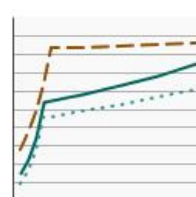
Guideline Therapy

Percent of colon stage III and rectal stages II & III cancer patients who received the guideline chemotherapy treatment by age at diagnosis, 1987-2010

[Overview Graph](#)

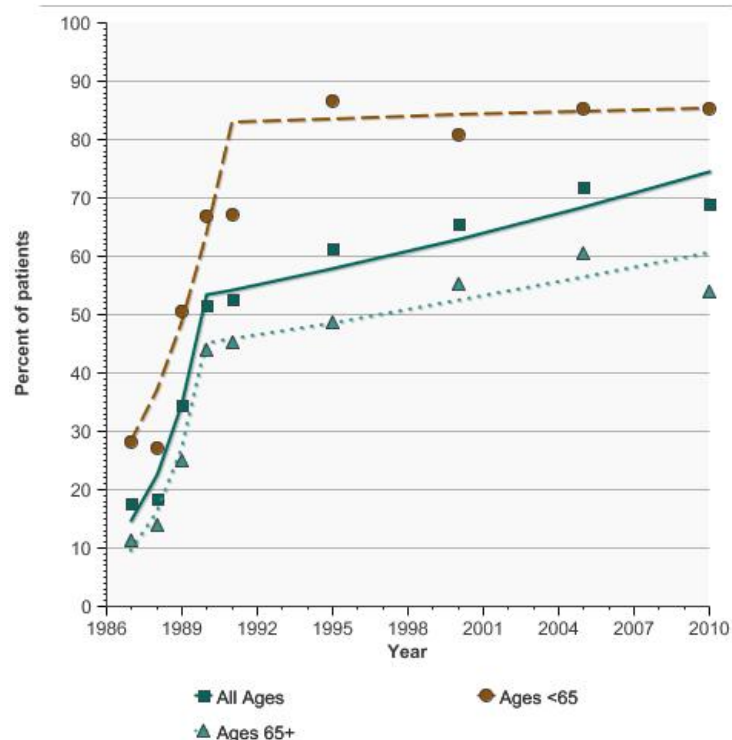
[Detailed Trend Graphs](#)

Most Recent Estimates (2010)



	Percent of patients	95% Confidence Interval
All Ages	68.9	(64.0 - 73.7)
Ages <65	85.2	(80.0 - 90.3)
Ages 65+	53.8	(46.6 - 61.0)

Percent of colon stage III and rectal stages II & III cancer patients who received the guideline chemotherapy treatment by age at diagnosis, 1987-2010



Source: SEER Patterns of Care/Quality of Care Studies, National Cancer Institute. Data are age-adjusted based on the age distribution of colorectal cancer patients from 2008-2010 in the SEER 18 areas (<http://seer.cancer.gov/registries/terms.html>) using age groups: 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80-84, 85+.

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For health professionals

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Scientific reports

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Kidney Cancer Treatment

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Introduction

Kidney cancer, also called renal cell cancer, is one of the ten most common cancers in both men and women. Treatment options may include surgery, ablation and other local therapies, active surveillance, radiation therapy, targeted therapy, immunotherapy (biological therapy), and chemotherapy. These treatments might be used alone or in combination, depending on various factors.

Surgery is the main treatment for most types of kidney cancer. Since 2000, the use of complete nephrectomy (removal of the whole kidney) in patients with localized kidney cancer or cancer in the immediately surrounding tissue (regional kidney cancer) has decreased, while the rate of partial nephrectomy has increased. Partial nephrectomy is now the preferred treatment for patients with early stage kidney cancer, though it may not always be a treatment option. Studies have shown the long-term results of partial nephrectomy are about the same as those when the whole kidney is removed, and partial nephrectomy may prevent serious side effects, including chronic kidney disease.

Measure

Partial nephrectomy or complete nephrectomy in patients with localized/regional kidney cancer.

Healthy People 2020 Target

- There are no Healthy People 2020 targets for cancer treatment, including kidney cancer treatment.

Healthy People 2020 is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

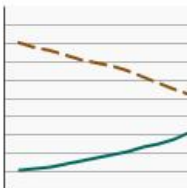
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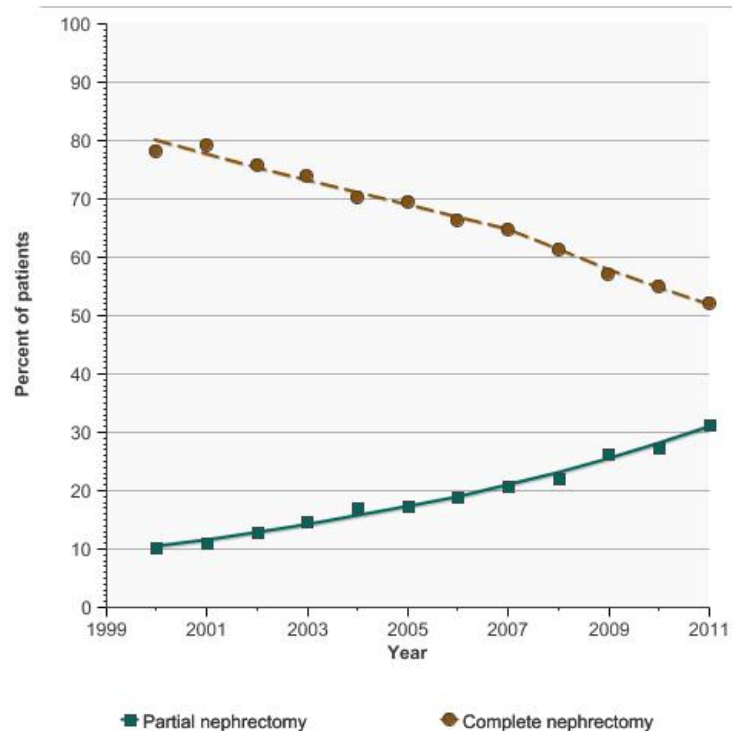
Trends and Most Recent Estimates

All Ages

Percent of patients aged 20 years and older diagnosed with localized/regional kidney cancer receiving partial nephrectomy or complete nephrectomy, 2000-2011

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2011)	
		Percent of patients	95% Confidence Interval
	<u>Partial nephrectomy</u>	31.3	(30.5 - 32.1)
	<u>Complete nephrectomy</u>	52.2	(51.1 - 53.2)

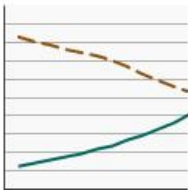
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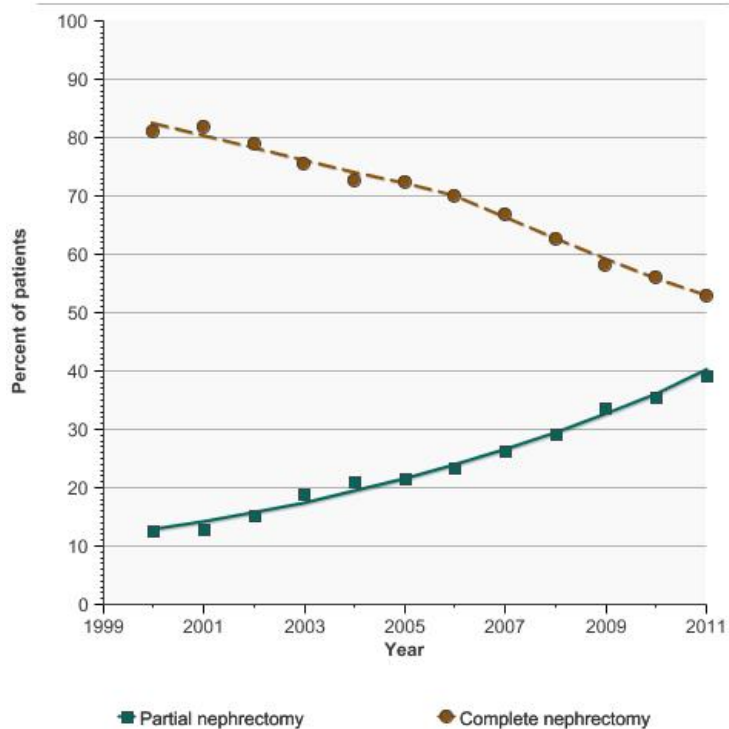
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Complete nephrectomy includes complete, total, simple and radical nephrectomies.

Ages 20-64

Percent of patients aged 20 - 64 years diagnosed with localized/regional kidney cancer receiving partial nephrectomy or complete nephrectomy, 2000-2011

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2011)	
		Percent of patients	95% Confidence Interval
	<u>Partial nephrectomy</u>	39.3	(38.0 - 40.5)
	<u>Complete nephrectomy</u>	53.0	(51.6 - 54.4)

Percent of patients aged 20 - 64 years diagnosed with localized/regional kidney cancer receiving partial nephrectomy or complete nephrectomy, 2000-2011



Source: SEER Program, National Cancer Institute. Incidence data are from the SEER 18 areas (<http://seer.cancer.gov/registries/terms.html>). Data are age-adjusted based on the age distribution of kidney cancer patients from 2009-2011 in the SEER 18 areas (<http://seer.cancer.gov/registries/terms.html>) using age groups: 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80-84, 85+.

Complete nephrectomy includes complete, total, simple and radical nephrectomies.

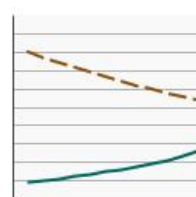
Ages 65 and Older

Percent of patients aged 65 years and older diagnosed with localized/regional kidney cancer receiving partial nephrectomy or complete nephrectomy, 2000-2011

[Overview Graph](#)

[Detailed Trend Graphs](#)

Most Recent Estimates (2011)



[Partial nephrectomy](#)

Percent of patients

26.7

95% Confidence Interval

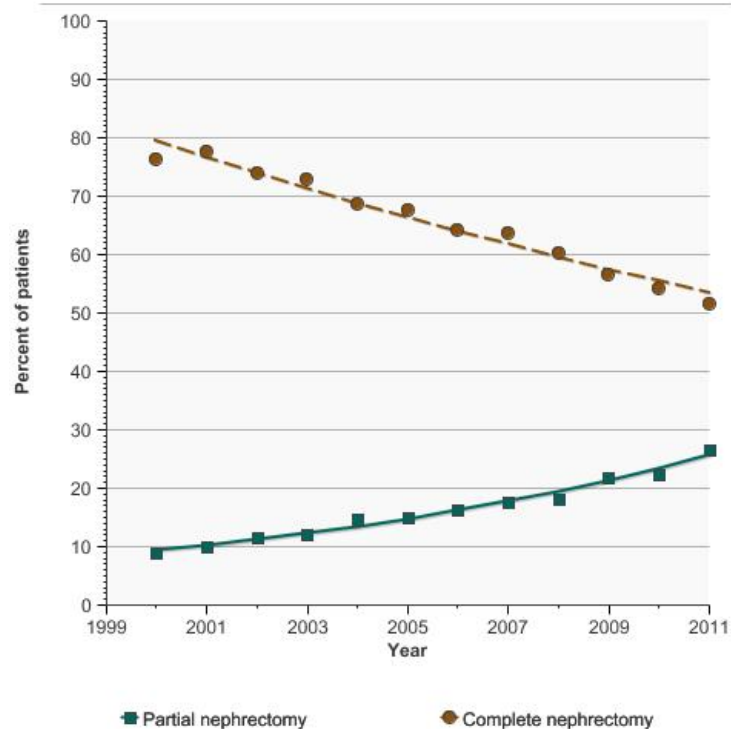
(26.1 - 27.2)

[Complete nephrectomy](#)

51.7

(50.8 - 52.5)

Percent of patients aged 65 years and older diagnosed with localized/regional kidney cancer receiving partial nephrectomy or complete nephrectomy, 2000-2011



Source: SEER Program, National Cancer Institute. Incidence data are from the SEER 18 areas (<http://seer.cancer.gov/registries/terms.html>).

Data are age-adjusted based on the age distribution of kidney cancer patients from 2009-2011 in the SEER 18 areas (<http://seer.cancer.gov/registries/terms.html>) using age groups: 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80-84, 85+.

Complete nephrectomy includes complete, total, simple and radical nephrectomies.

Additional Information on Kidney Cancer Treatment For the public

- [Treating Kidney Cancer](http://www.cancer.org/cancer/kidneycancer/detailedguide/kidney-cancer-adult-treating-general-info)(<http://www.cancer.org/cancer/kidneycancer/detailedguide/kidney-cancer-adult-treating-general-info>). American Cancer Society.
- [Kidney Cancer Association](http://www.kidneycancer.org)(<http://www.kidneycancer.org>).
- [Renal Cell Cancer Treatment \(PDQ®\)](http://www.cancer.gov/types/kidney/patient/kidney-treatment-pdq)(<http://www.cancer.gov/types/kidney/patient/kidney-treatment-pdq>). National Cancer Institute.
- [What You Need to Know About™ Kidney Cancer](http://www.cancer.gov/publications/patient-education/wyntk-kidney-cancer)(<http://www.cancer.gov/publications/patient-education/wyntk-kidney-cancer>). National Cancer Institute.

For health professionals

- [Renal Cell Cancer Treatment \(PDQ®\)](http://www.cancer.gov/types/kidney/hp/kidney-treatment-pdq)(<http://www.cancer.gov/types/kidney/hp/kidney-treatment-pdq>). National Cancer Institute.

Statistics

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- [SEER-Medicare Linked Database](http://healthcaredelivery.cancer.gov/seermedicare/), National Cancer Institute(<http://healthcaredelivery.cancer.gov/seermedicare/>).
- [SEER Patterns of Care/Quality of Care Studies](http://appliedresearch.cancer.gov/poc/), National Cancer Institute(<http://appliedresearch.cancer.gov/poc/>).

Lung Cancer Treatment

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Introduction

Lung cancer forms in tissues of the lung, usually in the cells that line air passages. The two main types of lung cancer are small cell lung cancer and non-small cell lung cancer (NSCLC), which is the most common. About 85 percent of lung cancers are NSCLCs.

Primary treatment options for people with NSCLC include surgery, radiation therapy, other local treatments, chemotherapy, and targeted therapies. In many cases, more than one of these treatments is used.

Surgery to remove the tumor presents the greatest chance of curing NSCLC, and is commonly used to treat stages I and II and some stage III cancers but is rarely used to treat stage IV cancers. Postoperative chemotherapy may provide an additional benefit to patients with resected NSCLC. Radiation therapy combined with chemotherapy can produce a cure in a small number of patients and can provide palliation in most patients.

Measure

Chemotherapy following the diagnosis of non-small cell lung cancer stages IIIB or IV.

Healthy People 2020 Target

- There are no Healthy People 2020 targets for cancer treatment, including lung cancer treatment.

Healthy People 2020 is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

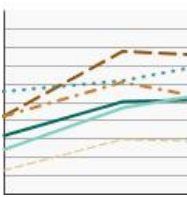
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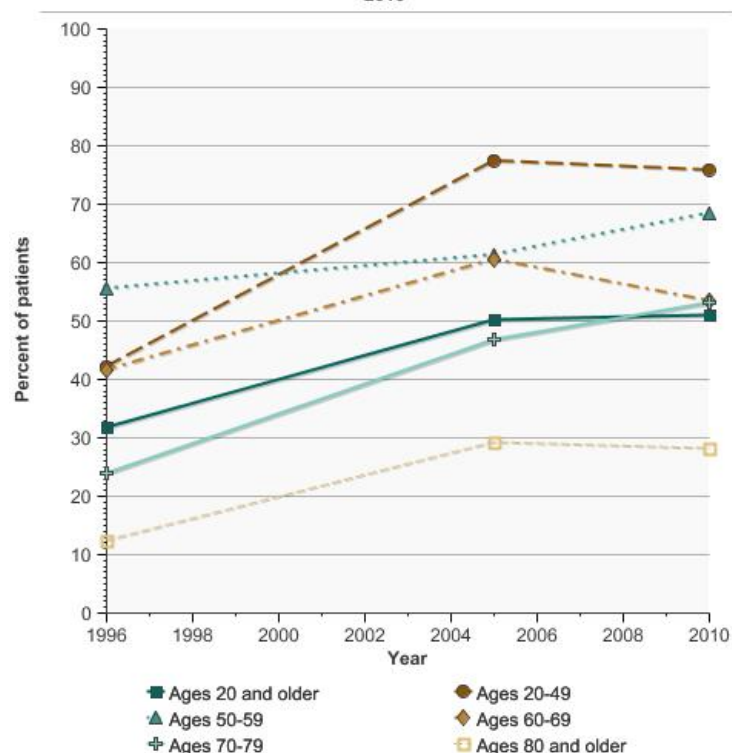
Trends and Most Recent Estimates

Chemotherapy

Distribution of patients aged 20 years and older diagnosed with stage IIIB or IV non-small cell lung cancer receiving any chemotherapy by age at diagnosis, 1996-2010

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2010)	
		Percent of patients	95% Confidence Interval
	Ages 20 and older	51.1	(45.5 - 56.7)
	Ages 20-49	75.7	(62.6 - 88.8)
	Ages 50-59	68.4	(58.0 - 78.9)
	Ages 60-69	53.4	(42.1 - 64.8)
	Ages 70-79	53.2	(42.7 - 63.8)
	Ages 80 and older	28.2	(15.8 - 40.5)

Distribution of patients aged 20 years and older diagnosed with stage IIIB or IV non-small cell lung cancer receiving any chemotherapy by age at diagnosis, 1996-2010



Source: SEER Patterns of Care/Quality of Care Studies, National Cancer Institute. Data are age-adjusted based on the age distribution of lung cancer patients from 2008-2010 in the SEER 18 areas (<http://seer.cancer.gov/registries/terms.html>) using age groups: 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80-84, 85+.

Additional Information on Lung Cancer Treatment For the public

- [Treating Non-small Cell Lung Cancer](http://www.cancer.org/cancer/lungcancer-non-smallcell/detailedguide/non-small-cell-lung-cancer-treating-general-info)(<http://www.cancer.org/cancer/lungcancer-non-smallcell/detailedguide/non-small-cell-lung-cancer-treating-general-info>). American Cancer Society.
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- [Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer \(NCCN Guidelines for Patients®\)](#). National Comprehensive Cancer Network.

For health professionals

- [Non-Small Cell Lung Cancer Treatment \(PDQ®\)](#). National Cancer Institute.

For smokers

- [Stay Away from Tobacco](#). American Cancer Society.
- [Free Help to Quit Smoking](http://www.cancer.gov/about-cancer/causes-prevention/risk/tobacco)(<http://www.cancer.gov/about-cancer/causes-prevention/risk/tobacco>). National Cancer Institute.

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Ovarian Cancer Treatment

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Introduction

Ovarian cancer forms in the tissues of the ovary (one of a pair of female reproductive glands in which the ova, or eggs, are formed). Most ovarian cancers are either ovarian epithelial carcinomas (cancer that begins in the cells on the surface of the ovary) or malignant germ cell tumors (cancer that begins in egg cells). Cancerous ovarian tumors can also begin in stromal cells, which release hormones and connect the different structures of the ovaries, though this is less common.

The main treatments for ovarian cancer are surgery, chemotherapy, hormone therapy, targeted therapy, and radiation therapy. Often, two or more different treatments are used, though surgery is the main initial treatment for most ovarian cancers. Studies in early stage ovarian cancer have shown an increase in overall survival with the administration of chemotherapy, which is used in the majority of cases as a follow-up therapy to surgery.

Guidelines suggest intraperitoneal (IP) chemotherapy for later stage ovarian cancer. IP chemotherapy involves injecting a concentrated dose of drugs into the cancer cells in the abdominal cavity through a thin tube. In a study of women with advanced ovarian cancer, those receiving IP chemotherapy lived longer than those getting regular chemo, but the side effects were often more severe.

Measure

Percentage of individuals diagnosed with ovarian cancer who received chemotherapy by stage of diagnosis.

Healthy People 2020 Target

- There are no Healthy People 2020 targets for cancer treatment, including ovarian cancer treatment.

Healthy People 2020 is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

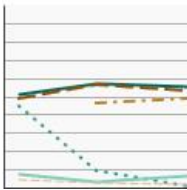
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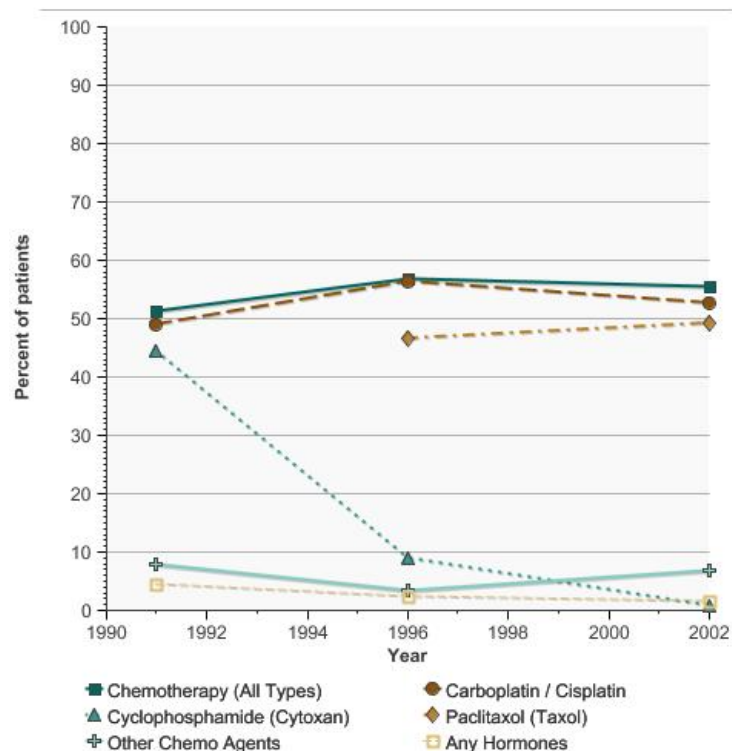
Trends and Most Recent Estimates

Stage I and II Diagnoses

Percent of patients aged 20 years and older diagnosed with stage I or II ovarian cancer receiving specific chemotherapeutic and hormonal agents, 1991-2002

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2002)	
		Percent of patients	95% Confidence Interval
	Chemotherapy (All Types)	55.5	(49.6 - 61.5)
	Carboplatin / Cisplatin	52.7	(46.8 - 58.7)
	Cyclophosphamide (Cytoxan)	0.7	(0.1 - 1.3)
	Paclitaxol (Taxol)	49.2	(43.3 - 55.0)
	Other Chemo Agents	6.9	(4.7 - 9.1)
	Any Hormones	1.6	(0.5 - 2.7)

Percent of patients aged 20 years and older diagnosed with stage I or II ovarian cancer receiving specific chemotherapeutic and hormonal agents, 1991-2002



Source: SEER Patterns of Care/Quality of Care Studies, National Cancer Institute. Data are age-adjusted based on the age distribution of ovarian cancer patients from 2001-2003 in the SEER 17 areas (<http://seer.cancer.gov registries/terms.html>) using age groups: 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80-84, 85+.

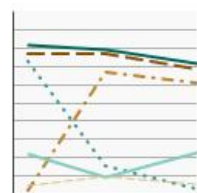
Stage III and IV Diagnoses

Percent of patients aged 20 years and older diagnosed with stage III or IV ovarian cancer receiving specific chemotherapeutic and hormonal agents, 1991-2002

[Overview Graph](#)

[Detailed Trend Graphs](#)

Most Recent Estimates (2002)



[Chemotherapy \(All Types\)](#)

Percent of patients

95% Confidence Interval

[Carboplatin / Cisplatin](#)

71.5

(67.3 - 75.7)

[Cyclophosphamide \(Cytoxan\)](#)

67.8

(63.5 - 72.0)

[Paclitaxol \(Taxol\)](#)

2.8

(1.1 - 4.5)

[Other Chemo Agents](#)

60.6

(56.1 - 65.2)

[Any Hormones](#)

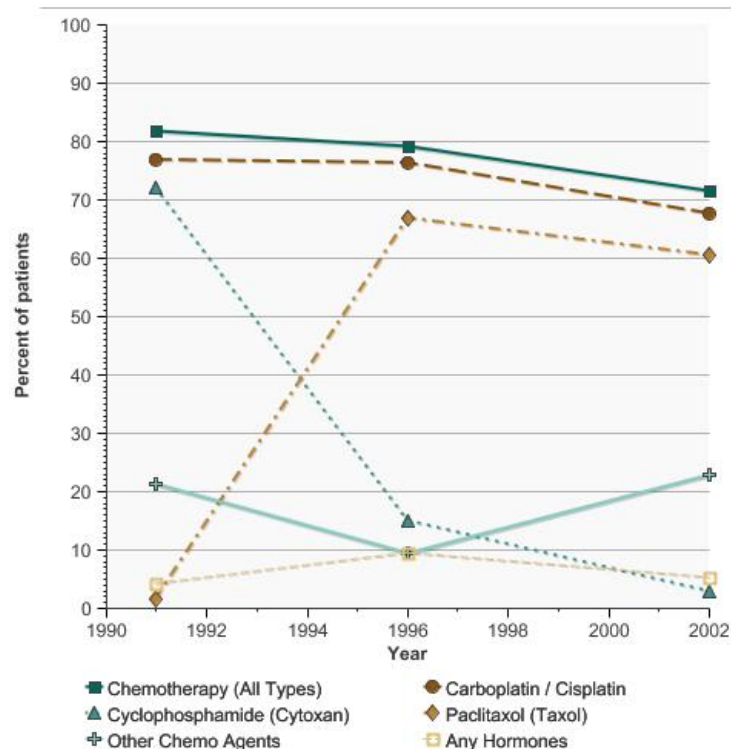
22.9

(18.9 - 26.9)

5.3

(3.1 - 7.6)

Percent of patients aged 20 years and older diagnosed with stage III or IV ovarian cancer receiving specific chemotherapeutic and hormonal agents, 1991-2002



Source: SEER Patterns of Care/Quality of Care Studies, National Cancer Institute. Data are age-adjusted based on the age distribution of ovarian cancer patients from 2001-2003 in the SEER 17 areas (<http://seer.cancer.gov/registries/terms.html>) using age groups: 20-24, 25-29, 30-34, 35-39, 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80-84, 85+.

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- [Ovarian Cancer](http://www.cancer.gov/types/ovarian)(<http://www.cancer.gov/types/ovarian>). National Cancer Institute.
- [Ovarian Cancer \(NCCN Guidelines for Patients®\)](http://www.nccn.org/patients/guidelines/ovarian/index.html)(<http://www.nccn.org/patients/guidelines/ovarian/index.html>). National Comprehensive Cancer Network.
- [Treatment Options](http://www.ovarian.org/treatment_options.php)(http://www.ovarian.org/treatment_options.php). National Ovarian Cancer Coalition.
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For health professionals

- [Ovarian Epithelial Cancer Treatment \(PDQ®\)](http://www.cancer.gov/types/ovarian/hp/ovarian-epithelial-treatment-pdq)(<http://www.cancer.gov/types/ovarian/hp/ovarian-epithelial-treatment-pdq>). National Cancer Institute.
- [Ovarian Germ Cell Tumors Treatment \(PDQ®\)](http://www.cancer.gov/types/ovarian/hp/ovarian-germ-cell-treatment-pdq)(<http://www.cancer.gov/types/ovarian/hp/ovarian-germ-cell-treatment-pdq>). National Cancer Institute.
- [Ovarian Low Malignant Potential Tumors Treatment \(PDQ®\)](http://www.cancer.gov/types/ovarian/hp/ovarian-low-malignant-treatment-pdq)(<http://www.cancer.gov/types/ovarian/hp/ovarian-low-malignant-treatment-pdq>). National Cancer Institute.

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Prostate Cancer Treatment

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Introduction

Prostate cancer forms in tissues of the prostate (a gland in the male reproductive system found below the bladder and in front of the rectum). This disease, which usually occurs in older men and grows relatively slowly, is the most common cancer among men (after skin cancer), but can often be treated successfully.

Standard treatment options may include active surveillance, surgery, radiation therapy, hormonal therapy, chemotherapy, biologic therapy, bisphosphonate therapy, and targeted therapy. These treatments are generally used one at a time, although in some cases they may be combined.

Hormonal therapy is also called *androgen deprivation therapy* or *androgen suppression therapy*. Its goal is to reduce levels of male hormones, called *androgens*, in the body, and to prevent them from reaching prostate cancer cells. This type of therapy can slow prostate cancer cell growth, which is stimulated by androgens.

The use of hormonal therapy for prostate cancer typically increases with the age of the patient, and it is currently also recommended for men with a high risk of recurrence. It may also be used for men who are not able to have surgery or radiation, and for men who can't be cured by these treatments because the cancer has already spread beyond the prostate gland. It is increasingly being used before, during, and after local treatment as well.

Measure

Hormonal therapy following the diagnosis of prostate cancer.

Healthy People 2020 Target

- There are no Healthy People 2020 targets for cancer treatment, including prostate cancer treatment.

Healthy People 2020 is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Data Source

SEER Patterns of Care/Quality of Care Studies, National Cancer Institute, 1998-2008.

Trends and Most Recent Estimates

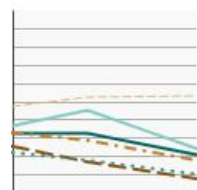
Hormonal Therapy

Percent of men aged 40 years and older with localized/regional prostate cancer and receiving hormonal therapy by age at diagnosis, 1998-2008

[Overview Graph](#)

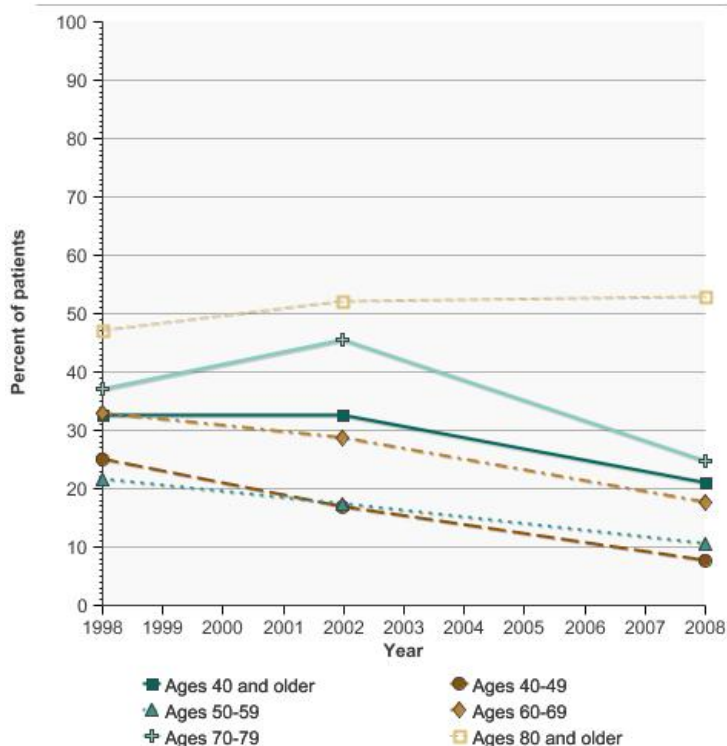
[Detailed Trend Graphs](#)

Most Recent Estimates (2008)



	Percent of patients	95% Confidence Interval
Ages 40 and older	21.1	(17.6 - 24.5)
Ages 40-49	7.7	(3.4 - 12.1)
Ages 50-59	10.4	(6.9 - 13.9)
Ages 60-69	17.7	(10.9 - 24.5)
Ages 70-79	24.7	(18.1 - 31.3)
Ages 80 and older	53.0	(43.1 - 63.0)

Percent of men aged 40 years and older with localized/regional prostate cancer and receiving hormonal therapy by age at diagnosis, 1998-2008



Source: SEER Patterns of Care/Quality of Care Studies, National Cancer Institute. Data are age-adjusted based on the age distribution of prostate cancer patients from 2008-2010 in the SEER 18 areas (<http://seer.cancer.gov registries/terms.html>) using age groups: 40-44, 45-49, 50-54, 55-59, 60-64, 65-69, 70-74, 75-79, 80-84, 85+.

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For health professionals

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Scientific reports

- [Initial hormonal management of androgen-sensitive metastatic, recurrent, or progressive prostate cancer: 2006 update of an American Society of Clinical Oncology practice guideline](http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/17404365)(<http://www.ncbi.nlm.nih.gov/pubmed/17404365>). Loblaw DA, Virgo KS, Nam R, et al. Journal of Clinical Oncology

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Life After Cancer

More and more people are benefiting from the early detection of cancer and its successful treatment. These medical advances are improving both quality of life and length of survival, permitting many survivors to continue full and productive lives at home and at work.

National data regarding life after cancer track the financial burden of cancer care and relative survival rates, as well as the health behaviors of cancer survivors, including survivors' physical activity, weight management, and smoking status.

- [Financial Burden of Cancer Care](#)
- [Survival](#)
- [Cancer Survivors and Smoking](#)

- [Cancer Survivors and Obesity](#)
- [Cancer Survivors and Physical Activity](#)

Financial Burden of Cancer Care

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Introduction

The financial costs of cancer care are a burden to people diagnosed with cancer, their families, and society as a whole. National expenditures associated with cancer have been steadily increasing in the United States. Care for cancer survivors accounted for an estimated 137.4 billion in medical care expenditures in the United States in 2010. In the near future, cancer costs may increase at a faster rate than overall medical expenditures. As the population ages, cancer prevalence and the absolute number of people treated for cancer will increase even if cancer incidence rates remain constant or decrease somewhat. Costs are also likely to increase as new, more advanced, and more expensive treatments are adopted as standards of care.

The national economic burden of cancer care in 2015 is shown below for bladder, brain, female breast, cervical, colorectal, esophageal, head and neck, kidney, lung, ovarian, pancreatic, prostate, stomach, and uterine cancers, as well as lymphoma, leukemia, and melanoma. All other cancers are combined as a single category.

National expenditures were largest for lymphoma and female breast, colorectal, prostate, and lung cancers, reflecting prevalence of disease, treatment patterns, and costs for different types of care.

Measure

Estimates of national expenditures for cancer care.

Healthy People 2020 Target

- There is no Healthy People 2020 target for the financial burden of cancer care.

Healthy People 2020 is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

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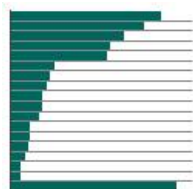
Trends and Most Recent Estimates Cost of Cancer Care

By Cancer Site

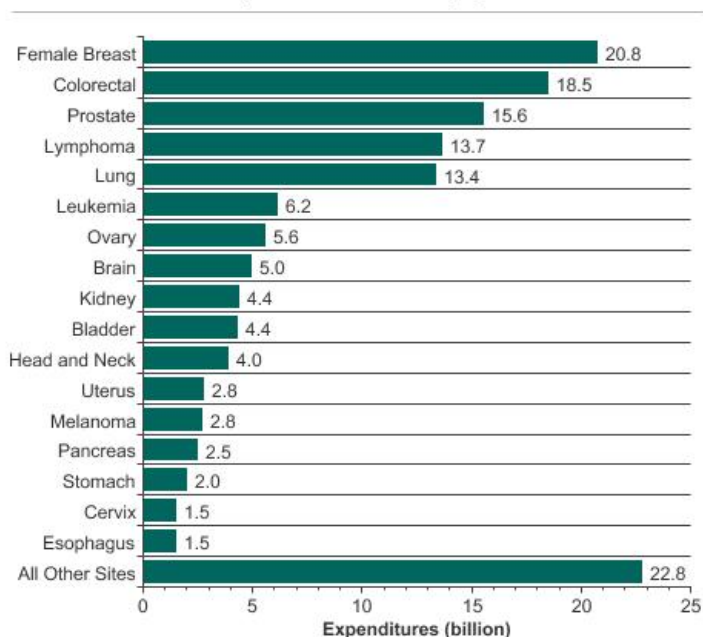
Estimates of national expenditures for cancer care in 2015 (in billions of dollars) by cancer site

[Overview graph](#)

Cancer Site	Expenditures (billion)
Female Breast	20.8
Colorectal	18.5
Prostate	15.6
Lymphoma	13.7
Lung	13.4
Leukemia	6.2
Ovary	5.6
Brain	5.0
Kidney	4.4
Bladder	4.4
Head and Neck	4.0
Uterus	2.8
Melanoma	2.8
Pancreas	2.5
Stomach	2.0
Cervix	1.5
Esophagus	1.5
All Other Sites	22.8



Estimates of national expenditures for cancer care in 2015 (in billions of dollars) by cancer site

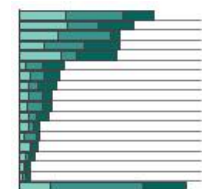


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Estimates for the population younger than 65 were developed using ratios of cost in the younger than 65 and older 65 populations from studies conducted in managed care populations.

By Cancer Site and Phase of Care

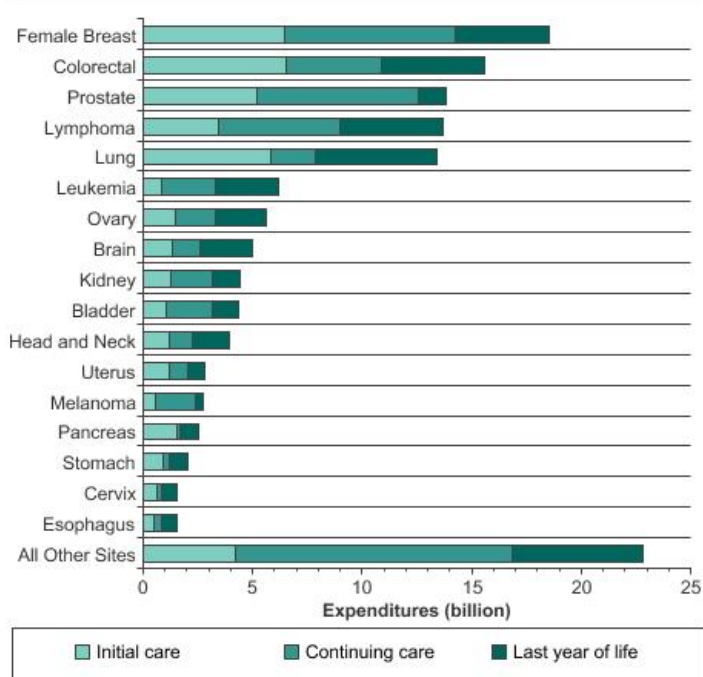
Estimates of national expenditures for cancer care in 2015 (in billions of dollars) by cancer site and phase of care

[Overview graph](#)



Cancer Site	Last year of life	Continuing care	Initial care
Female Breast	4.2	7.8	6.5
Colorectal	4.7	4.3	6.5
Prostate	1.3	7.4	5.2
Lymphoma	4.7	5.5	3.4
Lung	5.5	2.0	5.8
Leukemia	2.9	2.4	0.9
Ovary	2.3	1.8	1.5
Brain	2.4	1.2	1.4
Kidney	1.3	1.9	1.3
Bladder	1.2	2.1	1.1
Head and Neck	1.7	1.1	1.2
Uterus	0.8	0.8	1.2
Melanoma	0.4	1.9	0.5
Pancreas	0.8	0.1	1.6
Stomach	0.8	0.3	0.9
Cervix	0.7	0.2	0.6
Esophagus	0.7	0.4	0.5
All Other Sites	5.9	12.6	4.2

**Estimates of national expenditures for cancer care in 2015
(in billions of dollars) by cancer site and phase of care**



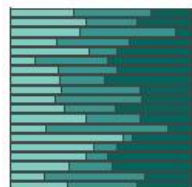
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Distribution of Cost by Cancer Site

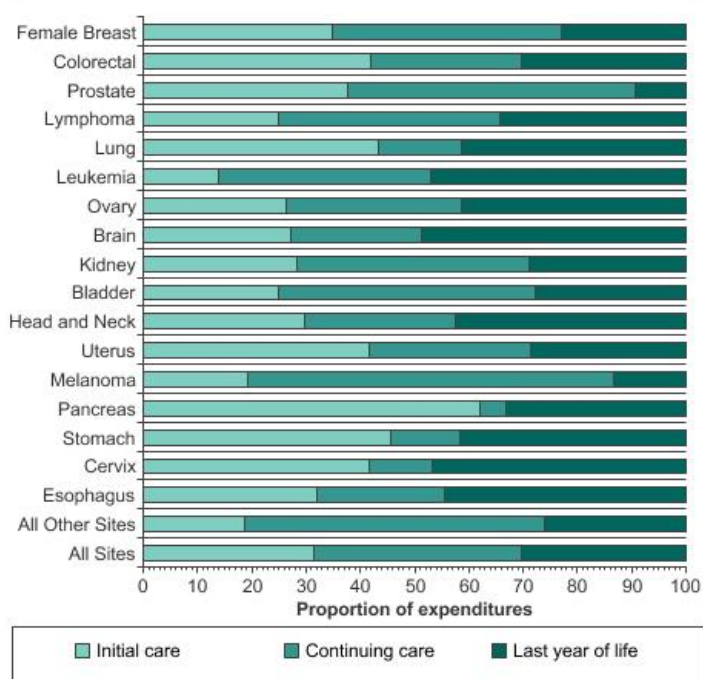
Estimates of the proportion of national expenditures for cancer care in 2015 by cancer site and phase of care

[Overview graph](#)

Cancer Site	Last year of life	Continuing care	Initial care
Female Breast	22.8	42.3	34.9
Colorectal	30.3	27.9	41.8
Prostate	9.2	53.0	37.7
Lymphoma	34.4	40.6	25.0
Lung	41.4	15.2	43.4
Leukemia	47.0	39.1	13.9
Ovary	41.2	32.4	26.4
Brain	48.7	24.2	27.1
Kidney	29.0	42.6	28.3
Bladder	27.7	47.4	24.8
Head and Neck	42.5	27.7	29.8
Uterus	28.6	29.8	41.7
Melanoma	13.4	67.3	19.2
Pancreas	33.0	5.0	62.0
Stomach	41.7	12.7	45.5
Cervix	46.6	11.8	41.6
Esophagus	44.3	23.5	32.1
All Other Sites	26.0	55.3	18.6
All Sites	30.2	38.3	31.5



Estimates of the proportion of national expenditures for cancer care in 2015 by cancer site and phase of care



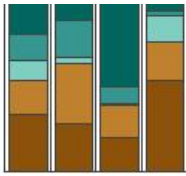
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Medicare Payments During First Year After Cancer Diagnosis

Percentage of Medicare payments in the first year following diagnosis for cancer care by type of service in 2002

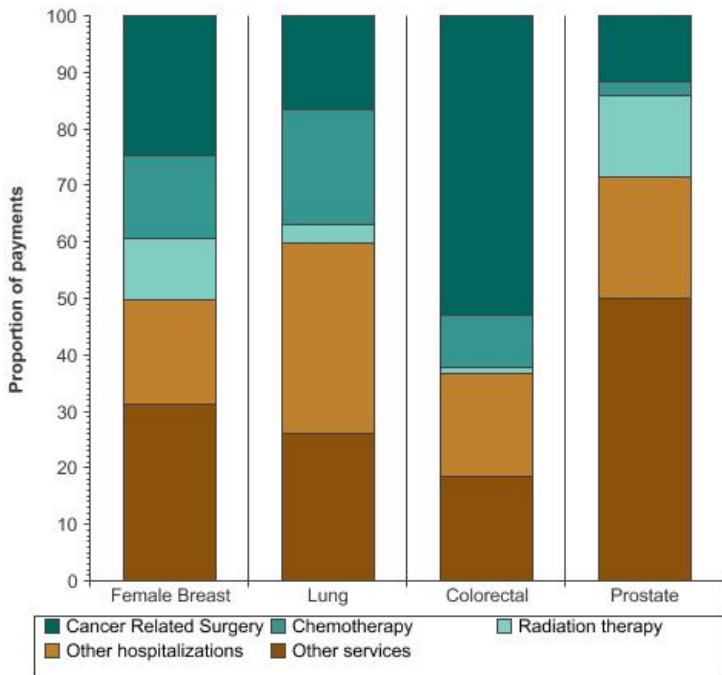
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Cancer Site	Cancer Related Surgery	Chemotherapy	Radiation therapy	Other hospitalizations	Other services
Female Breast	24.6	14.8	11.0	18.3	31.3



Lung	16.6	20.4	3.3	33.6	26.1
Colorectal	53.1	9.2	0.9	18.4	18.4
Prostate	11.8	2.3	14.4	21.4	50.1

Percentage of Medicare payments in the first year following diagnosis for cancer care by type of service in 2002



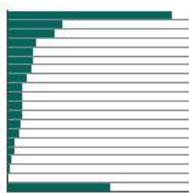
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Lost Productivity Due to Cancer Diagnosis

Lost productivity due to cancer deaths in the United States among adults aged 20 years and older, 2005

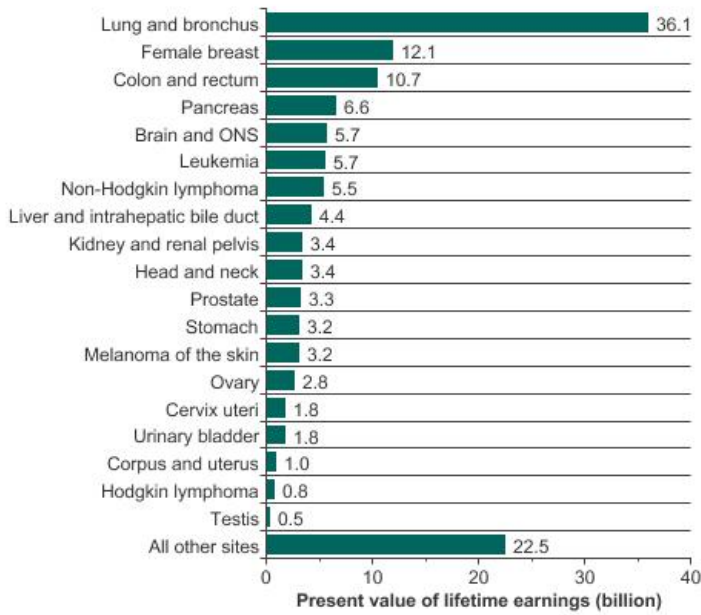
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Cancer Site	Present value of lifetime earnings (billion)
Lung and bronchus	36.1
Female breast	12.1
Colon and rectum	10.7
Pancreas	6.6
Brain and ONS	5.7
Leukemia	5.7
Non-Hodgkin lymphoma	5.5
Liver and intrahepatic bile duct	4.4
Kidney and renal pelvis	3.4
Head and neck	3.4
Prostate	3.3
Stomach	3.2
Melanoma of the skin	3.2
Ovary	2.8
Cervix uteri	1.8
Urinary bladder	1.8
Corpus and uterus	1.0
Hodgkin lymphoma	0.8



Testis	0.5
All other sites	22.5

Lost productivity due to cancer deaths in the United States among adults aged 20 years and older, 2005



Source: Bradley CJ, Yabroff KR, Dahman B, Feuer EJ, Mariotto A, Brown ML. Productivity costs of cancer mortality in the United States: 2000-2020. *J Natl Cancer Inst* 2008;100: 1763-70.

**Additional Information on the Financial Burden of Cancer Care
Scientific reports**

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Survival

Last Updated:

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Introduction

Advances in the ways that cancer is diagnosed and treated have increased the number of people who live disease-free for long periods of time. This report looks at trends in 5-year survival rates for cancer, the time period traditionally associated with good prognosis. However, some people will experience a recurrence of their cancer after 5 years.

Measure

Five-year relative cancer survival rate. The proportion of patients surviving cancer 5 years after diagnosis calculated in the absence of other causes of death. This rate is a ratio (expressed as a percentage) of the proportion of observed survivors in a cohort of cancer patients to the proportion of expected survivors. This report shows survival rates for cancers of the prostate, female breast, colon/rectum, and lung/bronchus. It also shows survival rates for all cancers combined.

Healthy People 2020 Target

- Increase the proportion of cancer survivors who are living 5 years or longer after diagnosis.

Healthy People 2020 is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Data Source

SEER Program, National Cancer Institute, 1975–2007 with follow-up through 2012.

Trends and Most Recent Estimates All Cancer Sites Combined

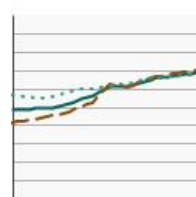
By Sex

5-year relative survival for all cancer sites combined by sex, 1975-2007

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Most Recent Estimates (2007)



[Both Sexes](#)

Percent surviving

Confidence Interval

[Male](#)

69.0

(68.7 - 69.4)

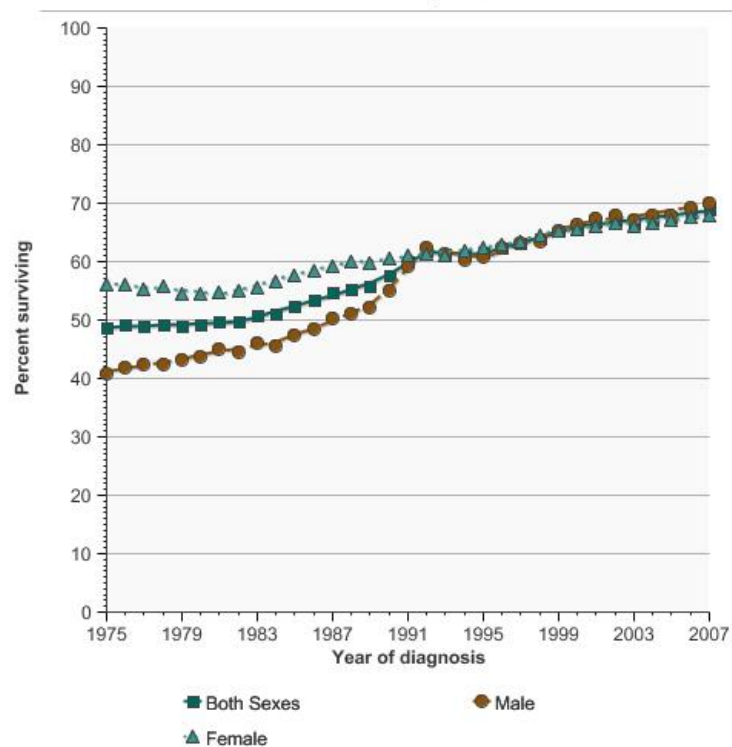
[Female](#)

67.9

(69.6 - 70.5)

(67.5 - 68.4)

5-year relative survival for all cancer sites combined by sex, 1975-2007



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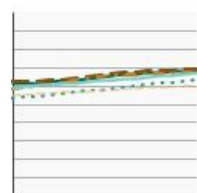
By Race/Ethnicity

5-year cause-specific survival for all cancer sites combined by race/ethnicity, 1992-2007

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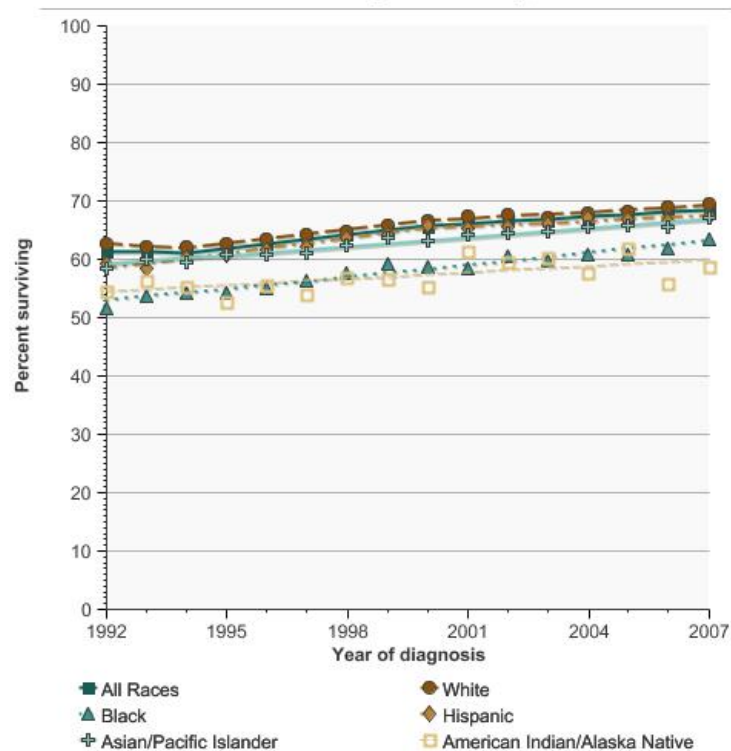
[Detailed Trend Graphs](#)

Most Recent Estimates (2007)



	Percent surviving	Confidence Interval
All Races	68.8	(68.5 - 69.0)
White	69.4	(69.1 - 69.6)
Black	63.5	(62.7 - 64.3)
Hispanic	67.3	(66.5 - 68.1)
Asian/Pacific Islander	67.0	(66.2 - 67.8)
American Indian/Alaska Native	58.6	(55.3 - 62.0)

5-year cause-specific survival for all cancer sites combined by race/ethnicity, 1992-2007



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Top Cancer Sites

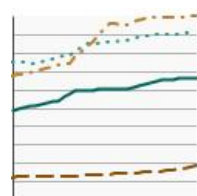
Comparison of Top Cancer Sites

5-year relative survival for the most common cancers, 1975-2007

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[Colon and Rectum](#)

Percent surviving

Confidence Interval

[Lung and Bronchus](#)

66.5

(65.4 - 67.6)

[Female Breast](#)

18.2

(17.5 - 19.0)

[Prostate](#)

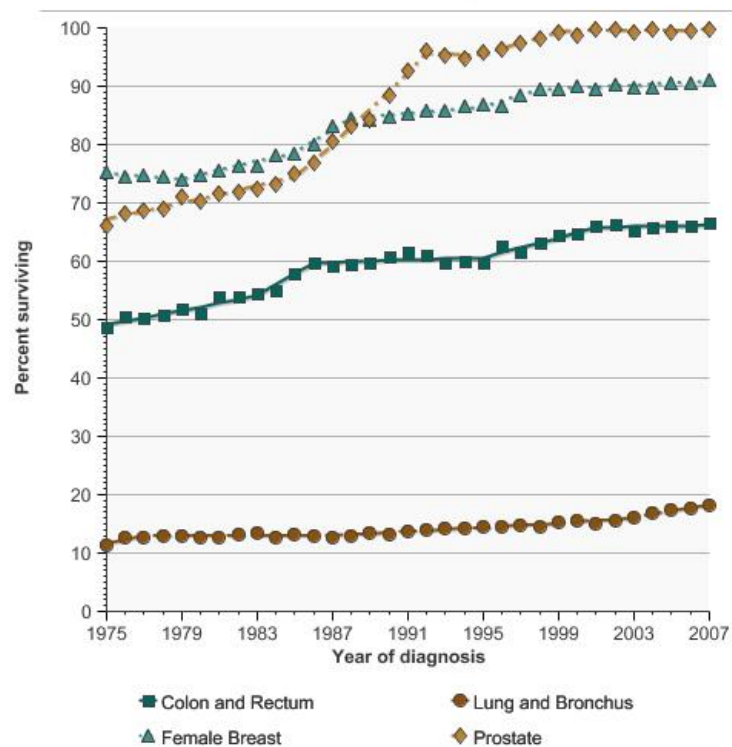
91.0

(90.4 - 91.6)

99.7

(99.2 - 100.2)

5-year relative survival for the most common cancers, 1975-2007



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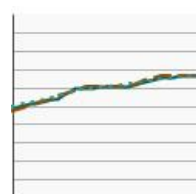
Colon and Rectum Cancer by Sex

5-year relative survival for colon and rectum cancer by sex, 1975-2007

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[Both Sexes](#)

Percent surviving

Confidence Interval

[Male](#)

66.5

(65.4 - 67.6)

[Female](#)

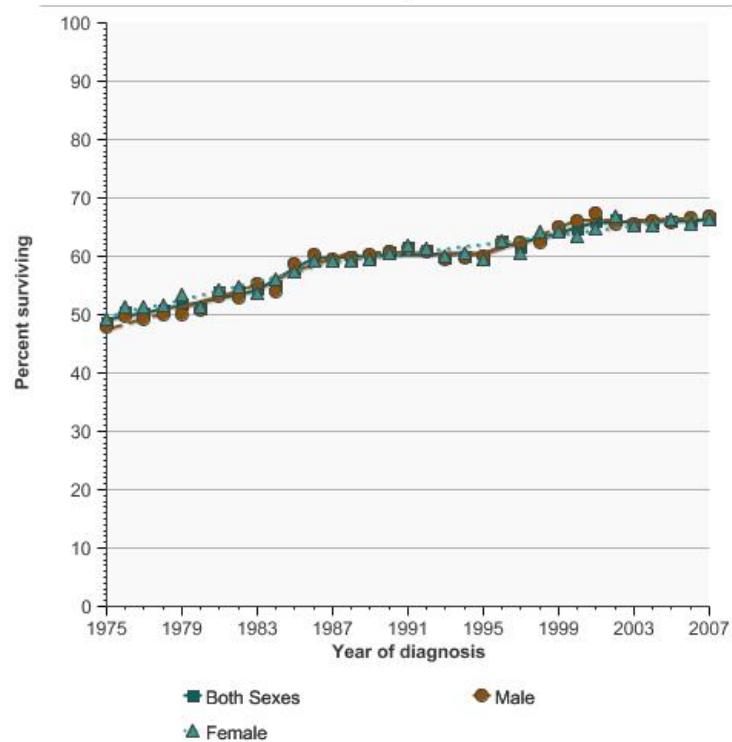
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(64.6 - 67.9)

5-year relative survival for colon and rectum cancer by sex, 1975-2007



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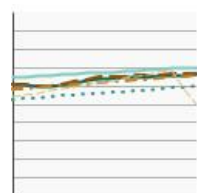
Colon and Rectum Cancer by Race/Ethnicity

5-year cause-specific survival for colon and rectum cancer by race/ethnicity, 1992-2007

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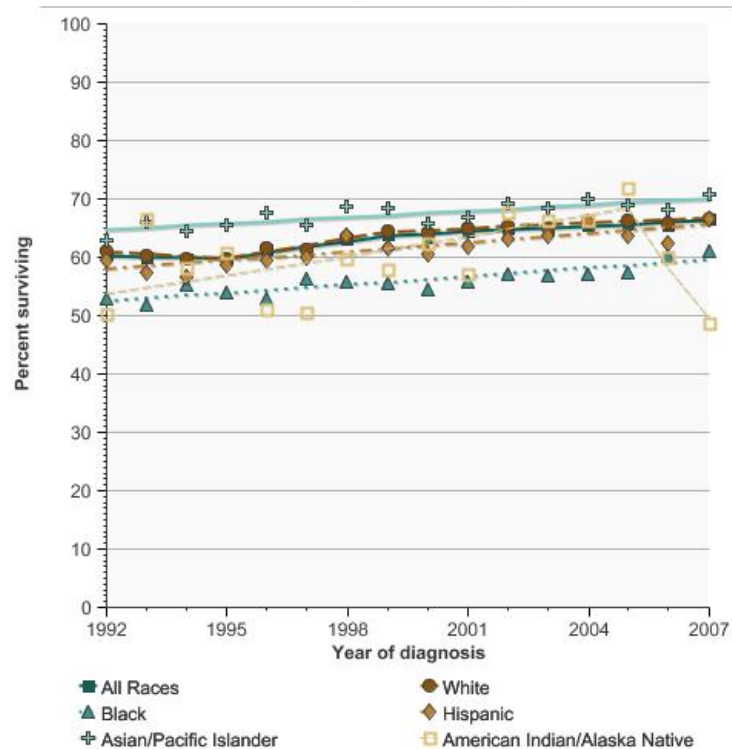
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Most Recent Estimates (2007)



	Percent surviving	Confidence Interval
All Races	66.5	(65.7 - 67.3)
White	66.6	(65.7 - 67.5)
Black	61.0	(58.5 - 63.4)
Hispanic	66.6	(64.2 - 69.1)
Asian/Pacific Islander	70.7	(68.4 - 73.0)
American Indian/Alaska Native	48.6	(39.5 - 57.7)

5-year cause-specific survival for colon and rectum cancer by race/ethnicity, 1992-2007



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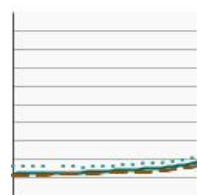
Lung and Bronchus Cancer by Sex

5-year relative survival for lung and bronchus cancer by sex, 1975-2007

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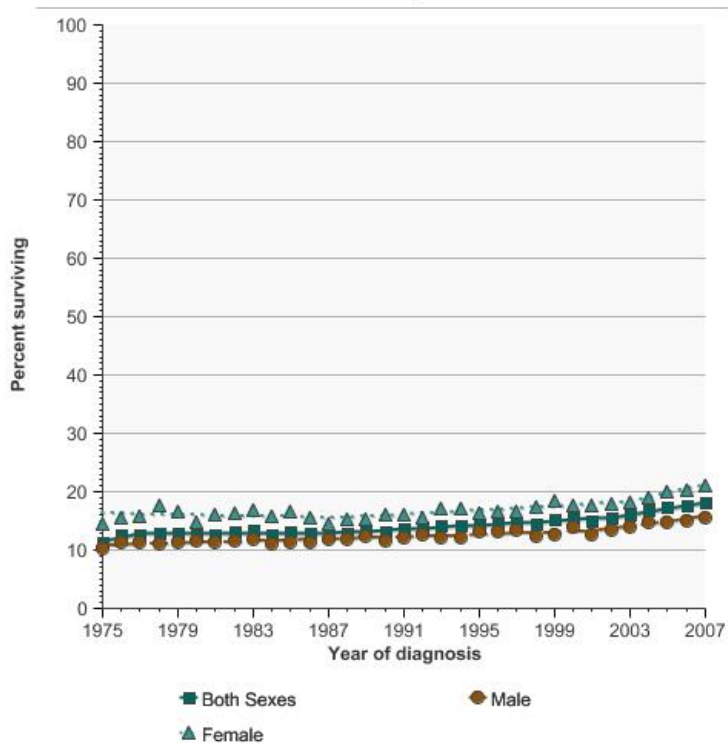
[Detailed Trend Graphs](#)

Most Recent Estimates (2007)



	Percent surviving	Confidence Interval
Both Sexes	18.2	(17.5 - 19.0)
Male	15.6	(14.7 - 16.6)
Female	21.1	(19.9 - 22.2)

5-year relative survival for lung and bronchus cancer by sex, 1975-2007



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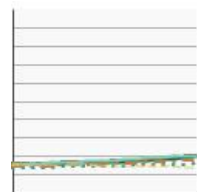
Lung and Bronchus Cancer by Race/Ethnicity

5-year cause-specific survival for lung and bronchus cancer by race/ethnicity, 1992-2007

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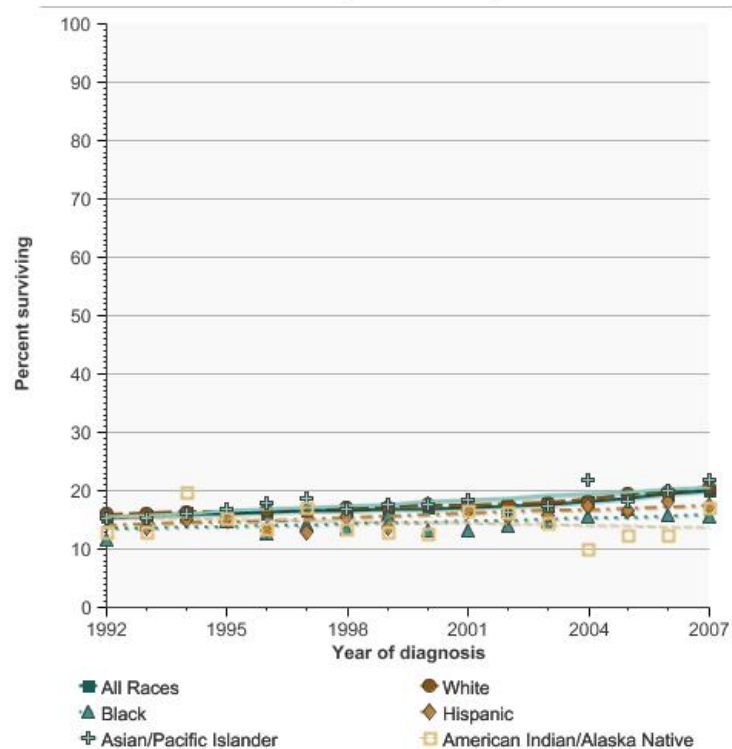
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Most Recent Estimates (2007)



	Percent surviving	Confidence Interval
All Races	20.1	(19.5 - 20.8)
White	20.5	(19.8 - 21.3)
Black	15.6	(13.8 - 17.4)
Hispanic	17.4	(14.9 - 19.8)
Asian/Pacific Islander	22.0	(19.7 - 24.2)
American Indian/Alaska Native	17.0	(8.4 - 25.7)

5-year cause-specific survival for lung and bronchus cancer by race/ethnicity, 1992-2007



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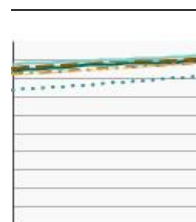
Female Breast Cancer by Race/Ethnicity

5-year cause-specific survival for female breast cancer by race/ethnicity, 1992-2007

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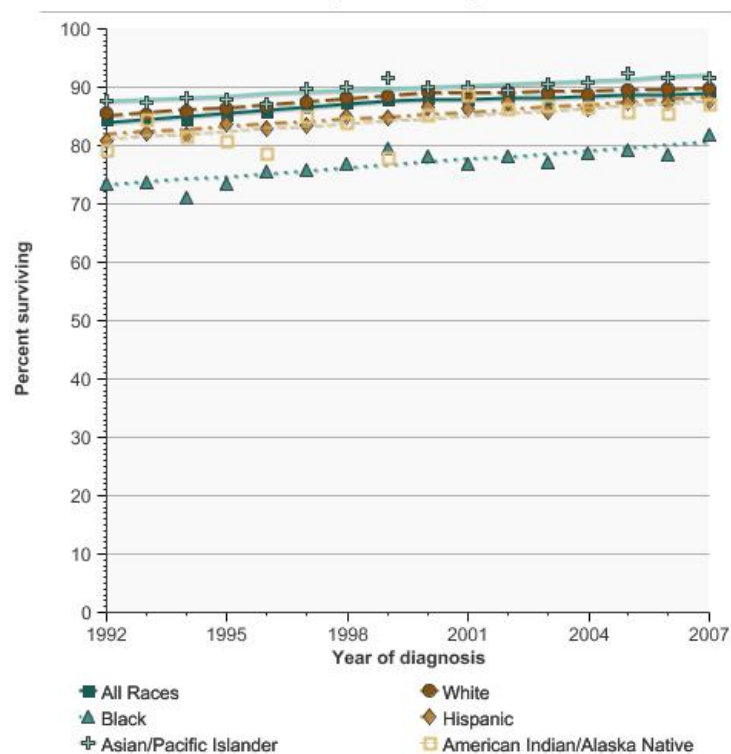
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Most Recent Estimates (2007)



	Percent surviving	Confidence Interval
All Races	89.1	(88.7 - 89.5)
White	89.7	(89.3 - 90.2)
Black	81.7	(80.1 - 83.4)
Hispanic	87.7	(86.3 - 89.1)
Asian/Pacific Islander	91.7	(90.5 - 92.8)
American Indian/Alaska Native	87.2	(81.5 - 92.9)

5-year cause-specific survival for female breast cancer by race/ethnicity, 1992-2007



Source: SEER Program, National Cancer Institute. Underlying incidence data are from the SEER 13 areas (<http://seer.cancer.gov/registries/terms.html>). Data are not age-adjusted.

Prostate Cancer by Race/Ethnicity

5-year cause-specific survival for prostate cancer by race/ethnicity, 1992-2007

[Overview Graph](#)

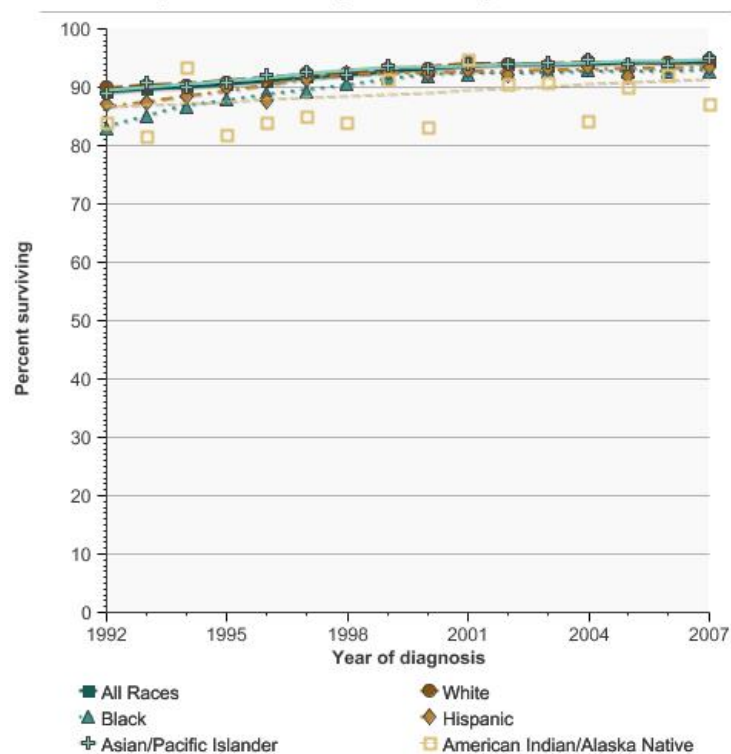
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Most Recent Estimates (2007)



	Percent surviving	Confidence Interval
All Races	94.5	(94.3 - 94.8)
White	94.7	(94.4 - 95.0)
Black	92.7	(91.8 - 93.6)
Hispanic	93.4	(92.3 - 94.4)
Asian/Pacific Islander	95.1	(94.1 - 96.1)
American Indian/Alaska Native	87.2	(80.0 - 94.3)

5-year cause-specific survival for prostate cancer by race/ethnicity, 1992-2007



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Additional Information on Survival Statistics

- [American Cancer Society – Cancer Facts & Figures 2014](http://www.cancer.org/research/cancerfactsstatistics/cancerfactsfigures2014/index)(<http://www.cancer.org/research/cancerfactsstatistics/cancerfactsfigures2014/index>)
- [Healthy People 2020, 2020 Topic & Objectives – Cancer](http://www.healthypeople.gov/2020/topics-objectives/topic/cancer)(<http://www.healthypeople.gov/2020/topics-objectives/topic/cancer>)
- [SEER Cancer Statistics Review, 1975–2011](http://seer.cancer.gov/csr/1975_2011/). National Cancer Institute.(http://seer.cancer.gov/csr/1975_2011/)
- [SEER Fast Stats: An interactive tool for access to SEER cancer statistics](http://seer.cancer.gov/faststats).(<http://seer.cancer.gov/faststats>) Surveillance Research Program, National Cancer Institute.

Cancer Survivors and Smoking

Last Updated:

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Introduction

Despite their increased risk for chronic health conditions and premature death, many cancer survivors continue to smoke after their diagnosis. Young survivors (those younger than age 40) may be at particular risk for smoking. To enhance the length and health-related quality of their lives, efforts are needed to identify these individuals and provide them with evidence-based interventions to help them quit smoking and remain tobacco free.

As the population of cancer survivors increases and their expected time of survival lengthens, the health behaviors of these individuals is becoming an important focus of attention. Adoption or maintenance of healthy lifestyles after cancer has the potential to reduce both cancer- and non-cancer-related morbidity. In some cases, lifestyle choices such as smoking may also affect survival. Tracking these behaviors permits evaluation of how well cancer control efforts are working to reduce unnecessary disability and death among those with a history of cancer.

Examination of survivors' smoking status was first added to the Cancer Trends Progress Report in the 2009–2010 issue. We update these numbers through 2012 here.

Measure

Rates of smoking among cancer survivors are based on the self-reporting of individuals with a cancer history who are interviewed as part of the annual population-based National Health Interview Survey (NHIS). Participants were asked whether they were a current smoker.

Healthy People 2020 Target

- There is no Healthy People 2020 target for smoking rates among cancer survivors, though it does include a national objective to increase the mental and physical health-related quality of life of cancer survivors. However, it is reasonable to set this at the goal determined for the general population, which is to decrease to 12 percent the proportion of people who smoke.

Healthy People 2020 is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

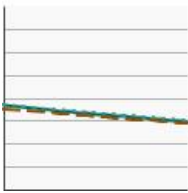
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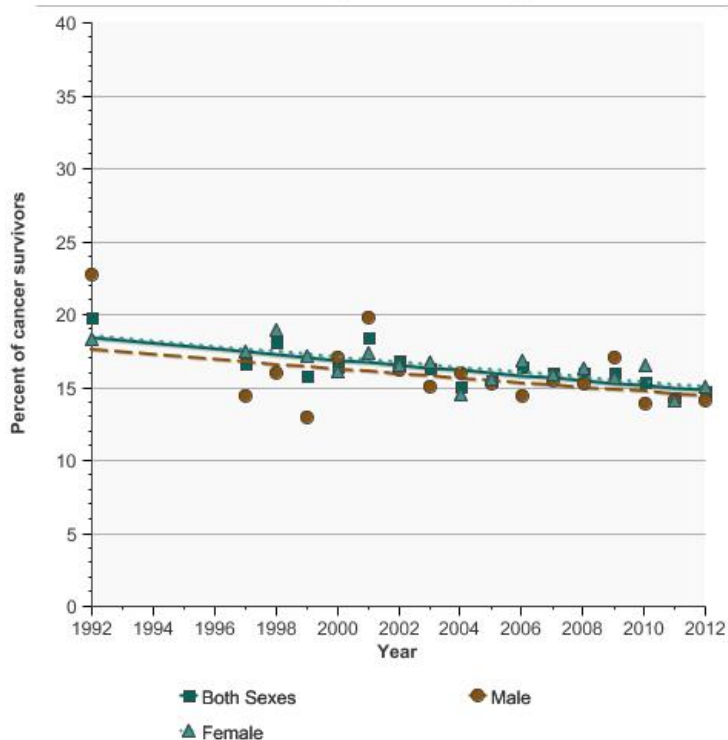
Trends and Most Recent Estimates

By Sex

Percentage of cancer survivors aged 18 years and older who were current cigarette smokers by sex, 1992-2012

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2012)	
		Percent of cancer survivors	95% Confidence Interval
	<u>Both Sexes</u>	14.8	(13.1 - 16.4)
	<u>Male</u>	14.1	(11.5 - 16.7)
	<u>Female</u>	15.0	(12.9 - 17.1)

Percentage of cancer survivors aged 18 years and older who were current cigarette smokers by sex, 1992-2012



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. National Health Interview Survey.
 Data are age-adjusted based on the age distribution of cancer patients diagnosed in 2000 in the SEER 18 areas (<http://seer.cancer.gov/registries/terms.html>) using age groups: 18-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65-74, 75-84, 85+.

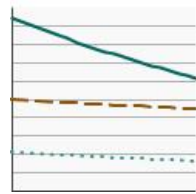
By Age

Percentage of cancer survivors aged 18 years and older who were current cigarette smokers by age, 1992-2012

[Overview Graph](#)

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Most Recent Estimates (2012)



[Ages 18-44](#)

Percent of cancer survivors

95% Confidence Interval

[Ages 45-64](#)

27.3

(21.2 - 33.4)

[Ages 65 and older](#)

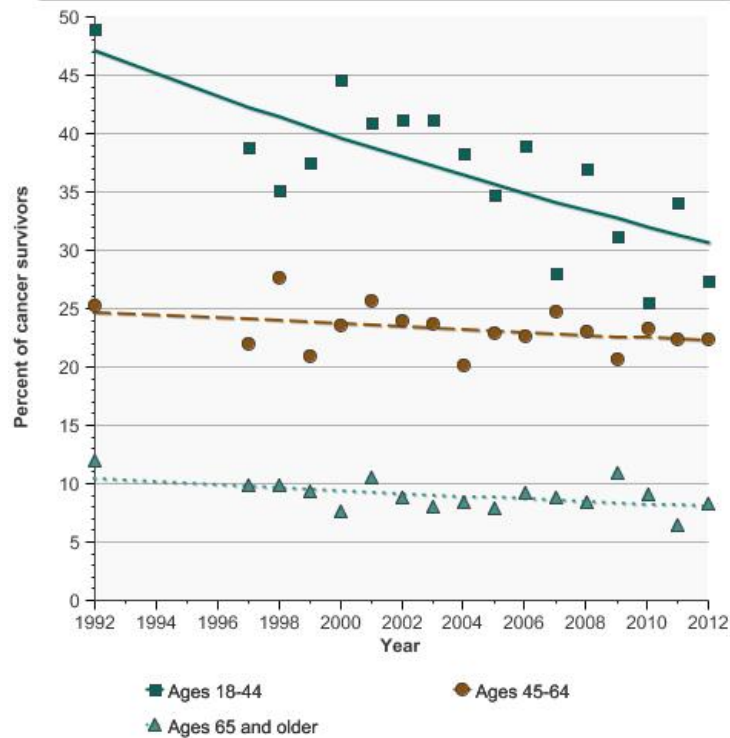
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(18.8 - 25.9)

8.3

(6.6 - 10.0)

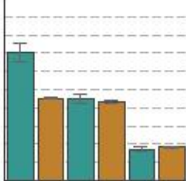
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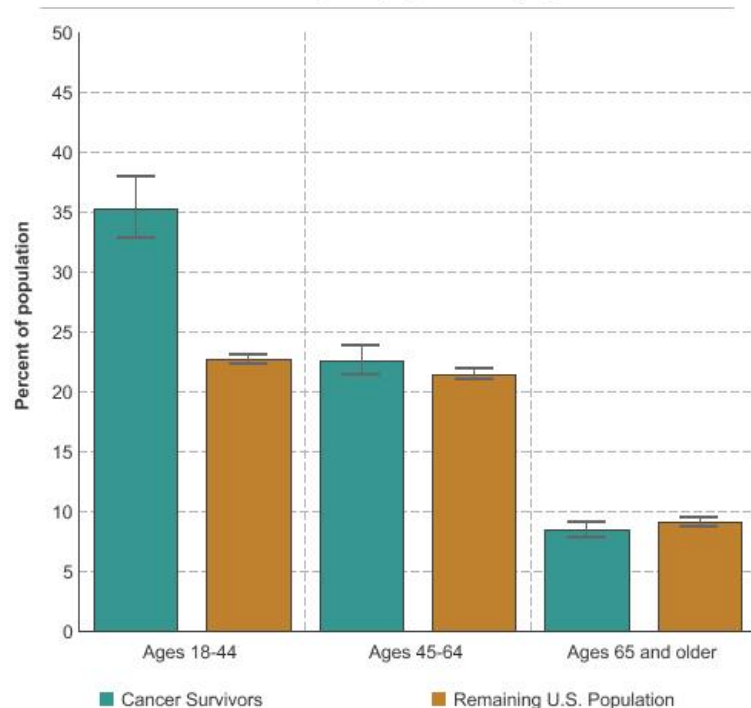
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Compared to Remaining U.S. Population

Percentage of current smokers among cancer survivors and remaining U.S. population by age : 2003-2012

Overview graph	Age Group	Cancer Survivors		Remaining U.S. Population	
		Percent of population	95% Confidence Interval	Percent of population	95% Confidence Interval
	Ages 18-44	35.3	(32.8 - 37.9)	22.7	(22.3 - 23.0)
	Ages 45-64	22.6	(21.4 - 23.9)	21.4	(21.0 - 21.9)
	Ages 65 and older	8.5	(7.9 - 9.1)	9.1	(8.8 - 9.5)

Percentage of current smokers among cancer survivors and remaining U.S. population by age : 2003-2012



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. National Health Interview Survey. Data are age-adjusted to the 2000 US standard population using age groups: 18-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45-64, 65+. Analysis uses the 2000 Standard Population.

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For health professionals

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Cancer Survivors and Obesity

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Introduction

Adopting or maintaining a healthy lifestyle after cancer has the potential to reduce both cancer- and non-cancer-related morbidity. Preventing excess body weight and obesity can enhance the length and health-related quality of life of cancer survivors, and it can reduce the risk of developing cancers that have been linked to excess body weight, including colorectal, breast (among women who have gone through menopause), uterine, esophageal, renal cell (kidney), and pancreatic cancer.

As the number of cancer survivors grows and expected survival time increases, the health behaviors of these individuals are becoming an important focus of attention. Examination of survivors and obesity is new to the Cancer Trends Progress Report this year.

Measure

Rates of obesity among cancer survivors are based on the self-reporting of individuals with a cancer history, who are interviewed as part of the annual population-based National Health Interview Survey (NHIS). These weight groups are defined by a measurement called body mass index (BMI), which is calculated by dividing weight in kilograms by height in meters squared. For most adults, experts consider a BMI of 30 and over to be obese.

Healthy People 2020 Target

Although Healthy People 2020 has no target for obesity among cancer survivors, it does have nutrition and health status targets regarding obesity in the general population, including:

- Increase to 33.9 percent the proportion of adults who are at a healthy weight.
- Reduce to 30.5 percent the proportion of adults who are obese.
- Reduce the proportion of children and adolescents who are considered obese.

There is also a Healthy People 2020 objective to increase the mental and physical health-related quality of life of cancer survivors.

Healthy People 2020 is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

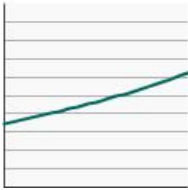
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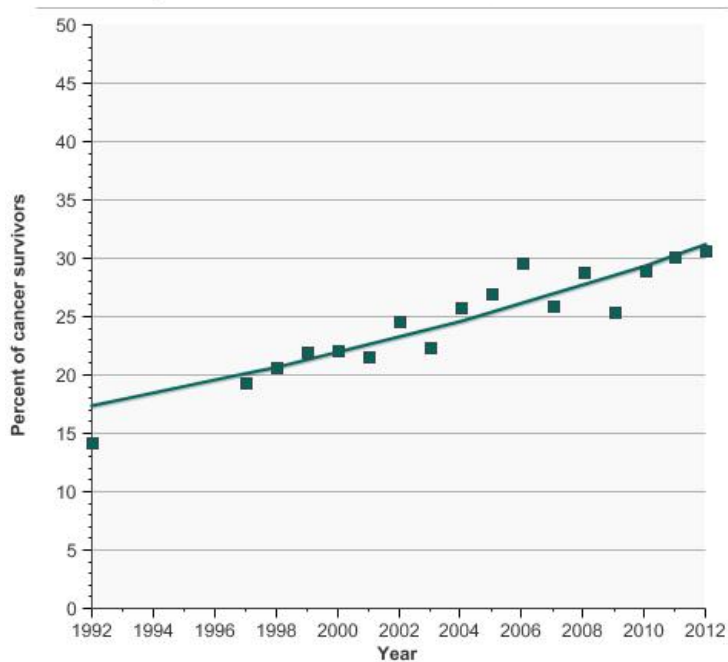
Trends and Most Recent Estimates

Obesity Among Cancer Survivors

Percentage of cancer survivors aged 20 years and older who were obese, 1992-2012

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2012)	
		Percent of cancer survivors	95% Confidence Interval
	Cancer Survivors	30.6	(28.3 - 32.9)

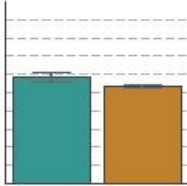
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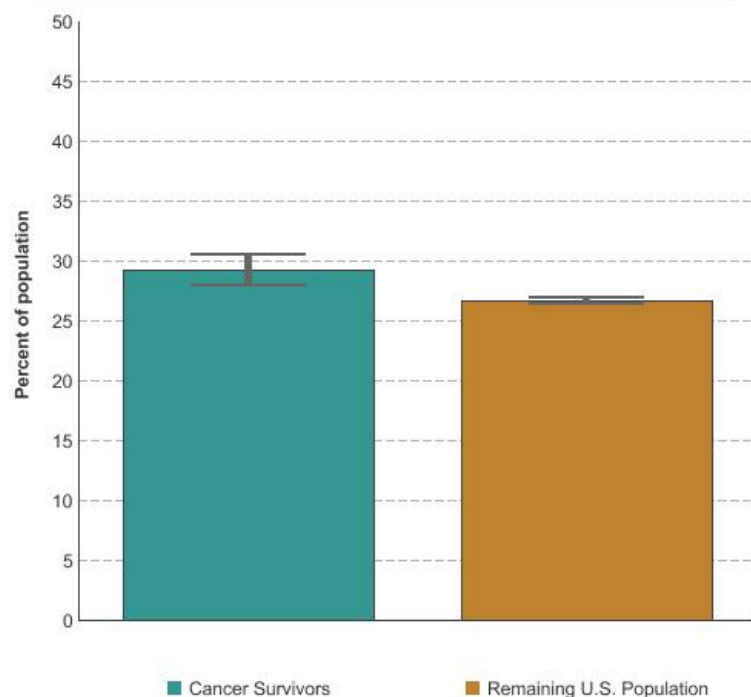
Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. National Health Interview Survey.
 Data are age-adjusted based on the age distribution of cancer patients diagnosed in 2000 in the SEER 18 areas (<http://seer.cancer.gov/registries/terms.html>) using age groups: 20-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65-74, 75-84, 85+.

Compared to Remaining U.S. Population

Comparison of cancer survivors and remaining U.S. population for percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who were obese, 2003-2012

Overview graph	Age Group	Cancer Survivors		Remaining U.S. Population	
		Percent of population	95% Confidence Interval	Percent of population	95% Confidence Interval
	Ages 18 and older	29.2	(27.9 - 30.5)	26.7	(26.4 - 27.0)

Comparison of cancer survivors and remaining U.S. population for percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who were obese, 2003-2012



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. National Health Interview Survey. Data are age-adjusted to the 2000 US standard population using age groups: 18-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45-64, 65+. Analysis uses the 2000 Standard Population.

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Cancer Survivors and Physical Activity

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Introduction

As the number of cancer survivors grows and expected survival time increases, the health behaviors of these individuals is becoming an important focus of attention. Adoption or maintenance of healthy lifestyles after cancer has the potential to reduce both cancer- and non-cancer-related morbidity. Tracking these behaviors permits evaluation of how well cancer control efforts are working to reduce unnecessary disability and death among those with a history of cancer. To enhance the length and health-related quality of life of cancer survivors, efforts are needed to encourage adequate physical activity. Physical activity may reduce the risk of several types of cancer, including breast, colon, endometrium (lining of the uterus), and advanced prostate cancers, and it may also lower a person's risk of other health problems such as heart disease, high blood pressure, diabetes, and osteoporosis (bone thinning). Being active may also help to prevent weight gain and obesity, which can reduce the risk of developing cancers that have been linked to excess body weight. Examination of survivors' physical activity is new to the Cancer Trends Progress Report this year.

Measure

The percentage of cancer survivors reporting no physical activity are based on the self-reporting of individuals with a cancer history who are interviewed as part of the annual population-based National Health Interview Survey (NHIS). Participants were asked how often they perform light, moderate, or vigorous activity for at least 10 minutes.

Healthy People 2020 Target

- There is no Healthy People 2020 target for physical activity among cancer survivors, though it does include a national objective to increase the mental and physical health-related quality of life of cancer survivors. However, it is reasonable to set this at the goal determined for the general population, which is to reduce the proportion of adults who engage in no leisure time physical activity to 32.6%.

Healthy People 2020 is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

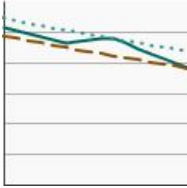
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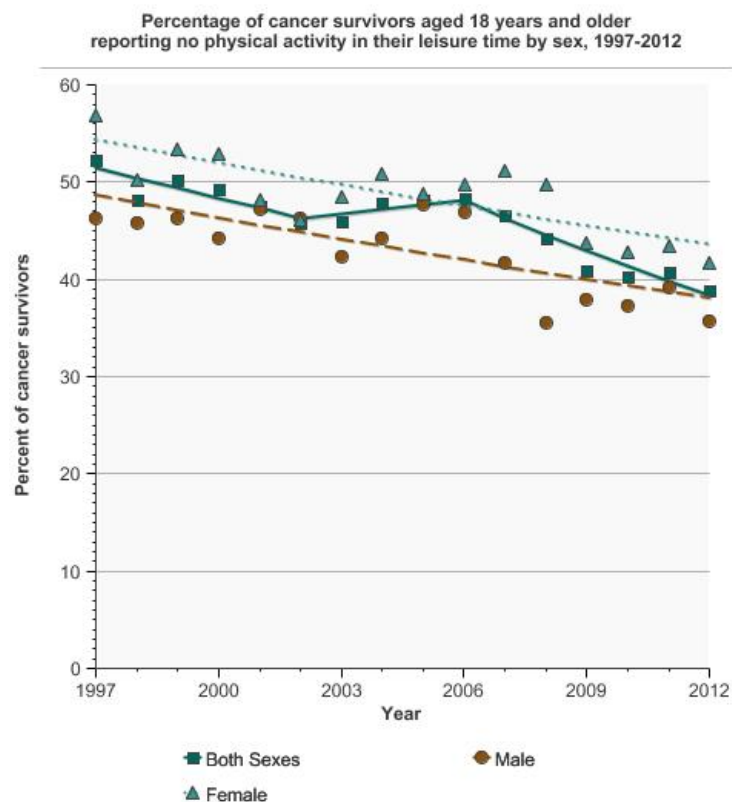
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Trends and Most Recent Estimates

By Sex

Percentage of cancer survivors aged 18 years and older reporting no physical activity in their leisure time by sex, 1997-2012

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2012)	
		Percent of cancer survivors	95% Confidence Interval
	<u>Both Sexes</u>	38.8	(36.4 - 41.1)
	<u>Male</u>	35.7	(32.2 - 39.1)
	<u>Female</u>	41.7	(38.7 - 44.8)



Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics. National Health Interview Survey. Data are age-adjusted based on the age distribution of cancer patients diagnosed in 2000 in the SEER 18 areas (<http://seer.cancer.gov/registries/terms.html>) using age groups: 18-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65-74, 75-84, 85+.

By Age

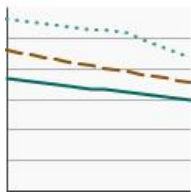
Percentage of cancer survivors aged 18 years and older reporting no physical activity in their leisure time by age, 1997-2012

[Overview Graph](#)

[Detailed Trend Graphs](#)

Most Recent Estimates (2012)

Percent of cancer survivors	95% Confidence Interval
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[Ages 18-44](#)

21.8

(16.1 - 27.6)

[Ages 45-64](#)

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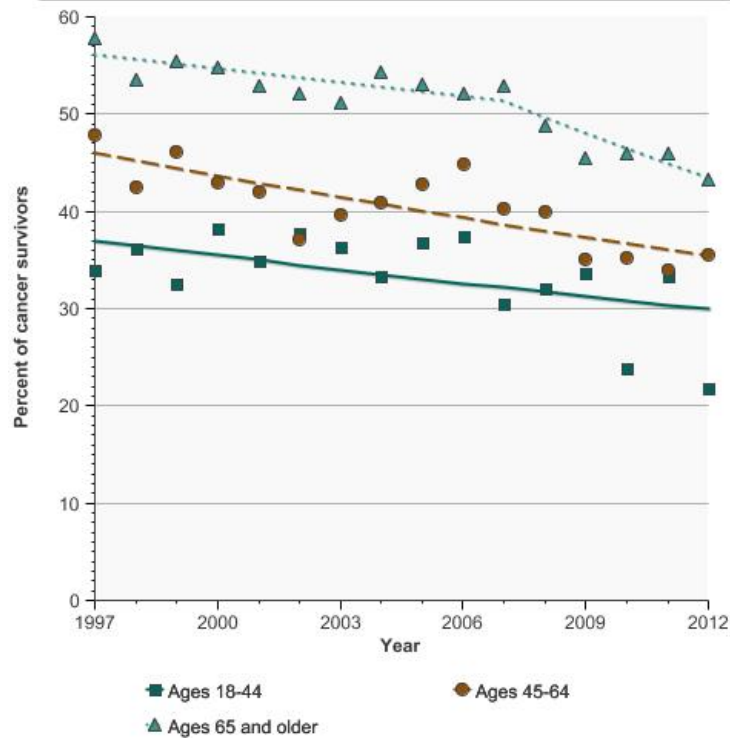
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[Ages 65 and older](#)

43.3

(40.3 - 46.4)

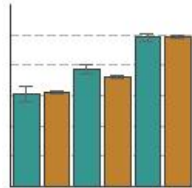
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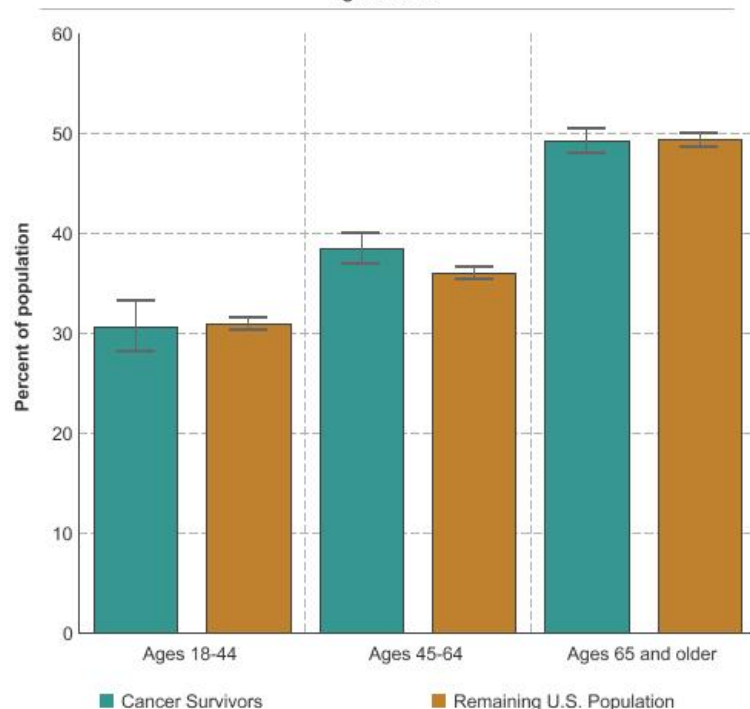
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Compared to Remaining U.S. Population

Comparison of cancer survivors and remaining U.S. population for percentage of adults aged 18 years and older reporting no physical activity in their leisure time by age : 2003-2012

Overview graph	Age Group	Cancer Survivors		Remaining U.S. Population	
		Percent of population	95% Confidence Interval	Percent of population	95% Confidence Interval
	Ages 18-44	30.6	(28.2 - 33.2)	30.9	(30.3 - 31.5)
	Ages 45-64	38.4	(36.9 - 39.9)	36.0	(35.4 - 36.6)
	Ages 65 and older	49.2	(47.9 - 50.4)	49.3	(48.6 - 50.1)

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End of Life

The ultimate measure of our nation's success against cancer is how quickly and how far we can lower the death rate from this group of diseases. This report provides national data not only on cancer mortality by major sites, sex, and race/ethnicity, but also in terms of the years of life lost to cancer—a measure that emphasizes the tragedy of common cancers that strike people at a relatively young age.

The good news is that the rate of death from cancer in the United States continues to decline among both men and women, among all major racial and ethnic groups, and for the most common types of cancer. It is our job as a nation to maintain and accelerate this trend.

- [Mortality](#)
- [Person-Years of Life Lost](#)

Mortality

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Introduction

The rate of death from cancer in the United States continues to decline among both men and women, among all major racial and ethnic groups, and for the most common types of cancer, including [lung](http://www.cancer.org/Cancer/LungCancer/index), [colon](http://www.cancer.org/Cancer/ColonandRectumCancer/index), [breast](http://www.cancer.org/Cancer/BreastCancer/index), and [prostate](http://www.cancer.org/Cancer/ProstateCancer/index) cancers. The [Annual Report to the Nation on the Status of Cancer](http://onlinelibrary.wiley.com/doi/10.1002/cncr.28509/abstract), published in the journal *Cancer*, shows that the death rate from all cancers combined is continuing the decline that began in the early 1990s.

Still, in 2015 cancers of the female breast, prostate, lung, colon/rectum, and pancreas accounted for nearly one-half (47 percent) of all cancer deaths in the United States. Lung cancer alone claimed nearly 27 percent of lives lost to cancer.

Measure

The number of cancer deaths per 100,000 people per year, age-adjusted to a U.S. 2000 standard population.

Healthy People 2020 Target

- Reduce the overall cancer death rate to 161.4 cancer deaths per 100,000 people per year.
- Reduce the lung cancer death rate to 45.5 deaths per 100,000 people per year.
- Reduce the female breast cancer death rate to 20.7 deaths per 100,000 females per year.
- Reduce the death rate from cancer of the uterine cervix to 2.2 deaths per 100,000 females per year.
- Reduce the colorectal cancer death rate to 14.5 deaths per 100,000 people per year.
- Reduce the oropharyngeal cancer death rate to 2.3 deaths per 100,000 people per year.
- Reduce the prostate cancer death rate to 21.8 deaths per 100,000 males per year.
- Reduce the melanoma cancer death rate to 2.4 deaths per 100,000 people per year.

[Healthy People 2020](#) is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

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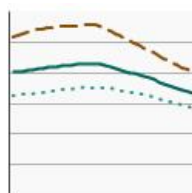
Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, 1975–2012.

Trends and Most Recent Estimates All Cancer Sites Combined

By Sex

Death rates for all cancers by sex, 1975-2012

[Overview Graph](#)



[Detailed Trend Graphs](#)

Most Recent Estimates (2012)

Rate per 100,000 Confidence Interval

[Both Sexes](#)

166.5

(166.1 - 166.9)

[Male](#)

200.3

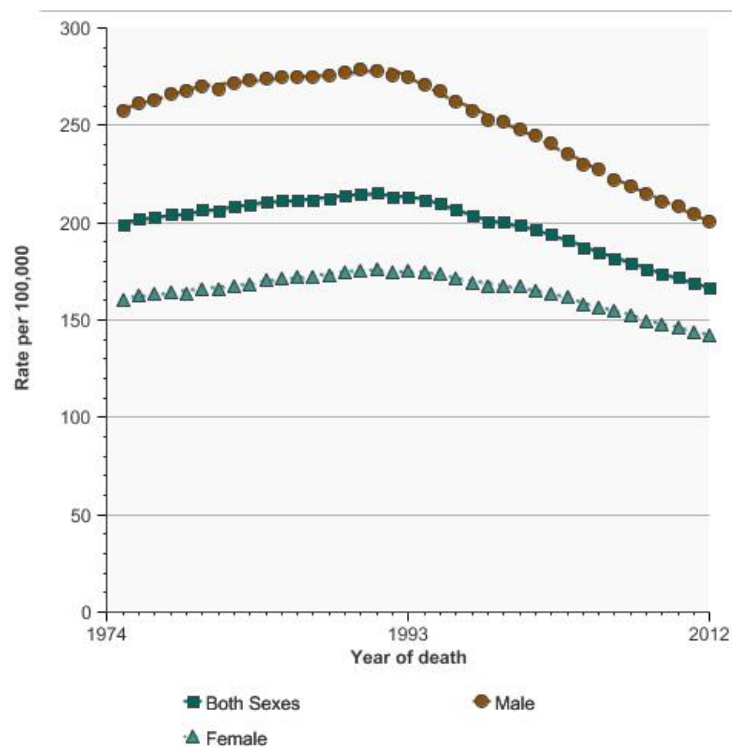
(199.5 - 201.0)

[Female](#)

142.2

(141.7 - 142.8)

Death rates for all cancers by sex, 1975-2012



Source: National Center for Health Statistics data as analyzed by NCI.
Data are age-adjusted to the 2000 US standard population using age groups: <1, 1-4, 5-14, 15-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65-74, 75-84, 85+.

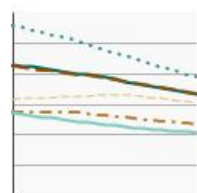
By Race/Ethnicity

Death rates for all cancers by race/ethnicity, 1992-2012

[Overview Graph](#)

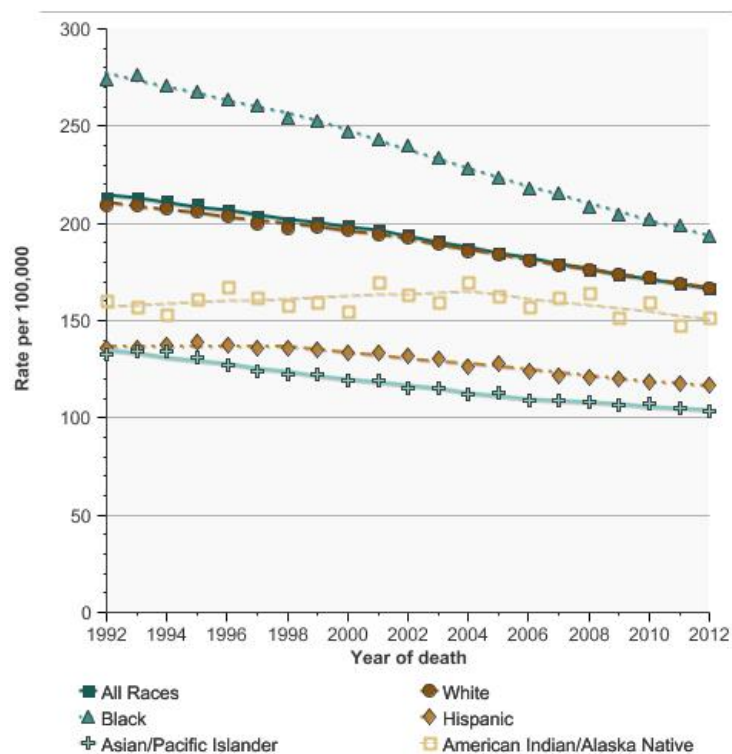
[Detailed Trend Graphs](#)

Most Recent Estimates (2012)



	Rate per 100,000	Confidence Interval
All Races	166.5	(166.1 - 166.9)
White	166.7	(166.2 - 167.2)
Black	193.7	(192.2 - 195.2)
Hispanic	117.0	(115.7 - 118.3)
Asian/Pacific Islander	103.7	(102.1 - 105.4)
American Indian/Alaska Native	151.4	(144.5 - 158.2)

Death rates for all cancers by race/ethnicity, 1992-2012



Source: National Center for Health Statistics data as analyzed by NCI. Data are age-adjusted to the 2000 US standard population using age groups: <1, 1-4, 5-14, 15-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65-74, 75-84, 85+.

Top Cancer Sites

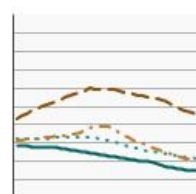
Comparison of Top Cancer Sites

Death rates for the most common cancers, 1975-2012

[Overview Graph](#)

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Most Recent Estimates (2012)



[Colon and Rectum](#)

Rate per 100,000

Confidence Interval

[Lung and Bronchus](#)

14.7

(14.6 - 14.9)

[Female Breast](#)

44.9

(44.6 - 45.1)

[Prostate](#)

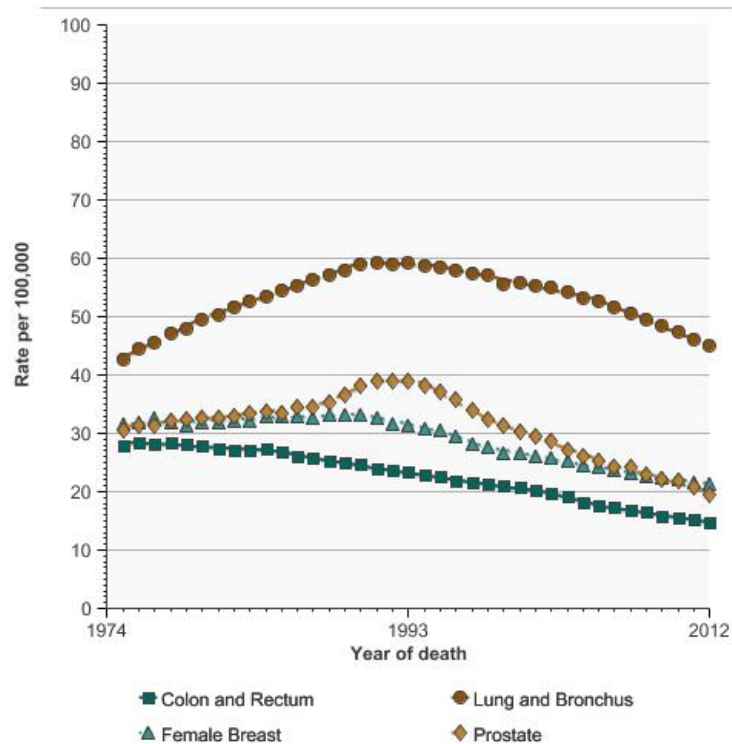
21.4

(21.1 - 21.6)

19.5

(19.3 - 19.7)

Death rates for the most common cancers, 1975-2012



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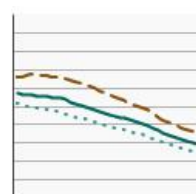
Colon and Rectum Cancer by Sex

Death rates for colon and rectum cancer by sex, 1975-2012

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Most Recent Estimates (2012)



[Both Sexes](#)

Rate per 100,000

Confidence Interval

[Male](#)

14.7

(14.6 - 14.9)

[Female](#)

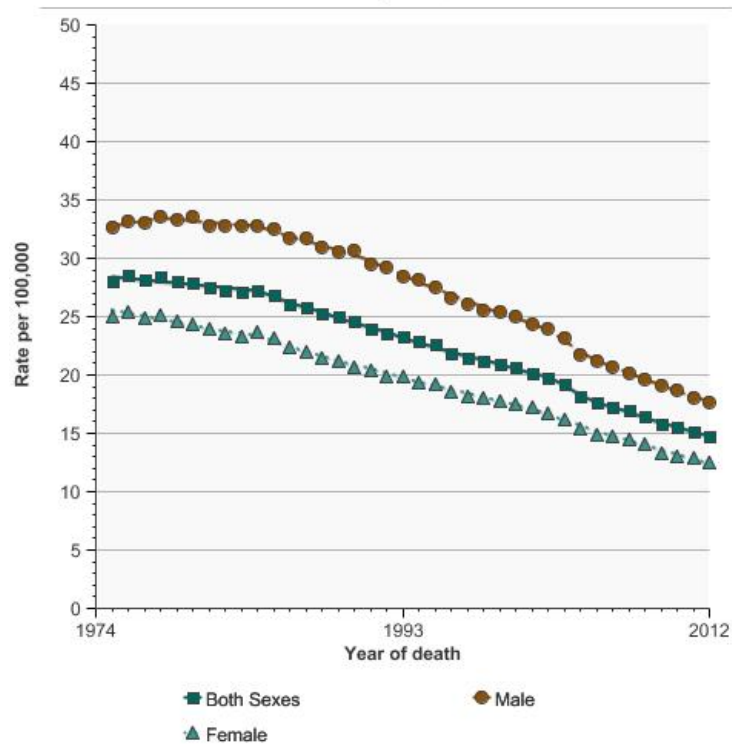
17.6

(17.4 - 17.8)

12.4

(12.3 - 12.6)

Death rates for colon and rectum cancer by sex, 1975-2012



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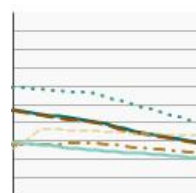
Colon and Rectum Cancer by Race/Ethnicity

Death rates for colon and rectum cancer by race/ethnicity, 1992-2012

[Overview Graph](#)

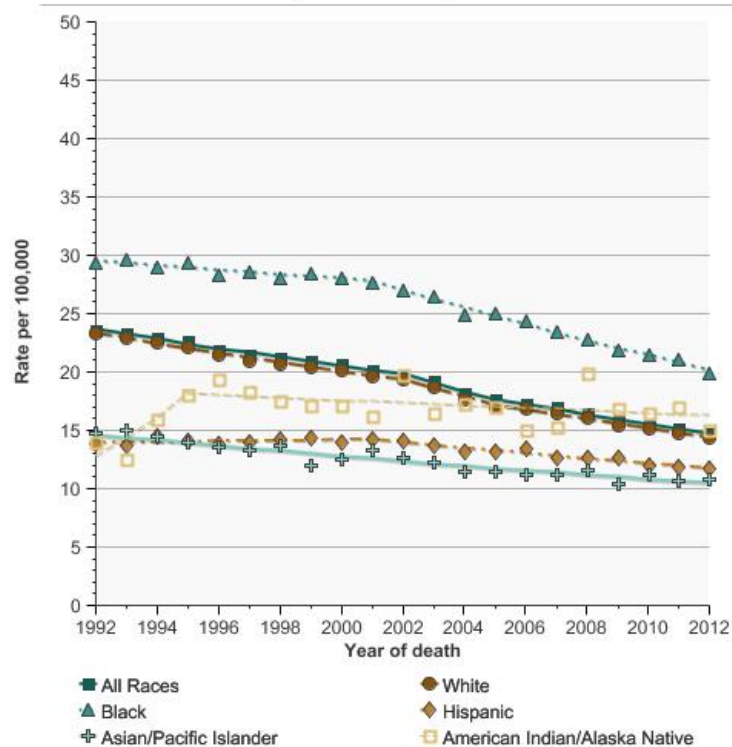
[Detailed Trend Graphs](#)

Most Recent Estimates (2012)



	Rate per 100,000	Confidence Interval
<u>All Races</u>	14.7	(14.6 - 14.9)
<u>White</u>	14.3	(14.2 - 14.5)
<u>Black</u>	19.9	(19.4 - 20.4)
<u>Hispanic</u>	11.7	(11.3 - 12.1)
<u>Asian/Pacific Islander</u>	10.8	(10.2 - 11.3)
<u>American Indian/Alaska Native</u>	15.0	(12.8 - 17.1)

Death rates for colon and rectum cancer by race/ethnicity, 1992-2012



Source: National Center for Health Statistics data as analyzed by NCI. Data are age-adjusted to the 2000 US standard population using age groups: <1, 1-4, 5-14, 15-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65-74, 75-84, 85+.

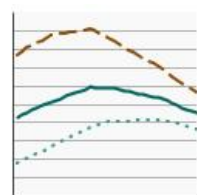
Lung and Bronchus Cancer by Sex

Death rates for lung and bronchus cancer by sex, 1975-2012

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Most Recent Estimates (2012)



[Both Sexes](#)

Rate per 100,000

Confidence Interval

[Male](#)

44.9

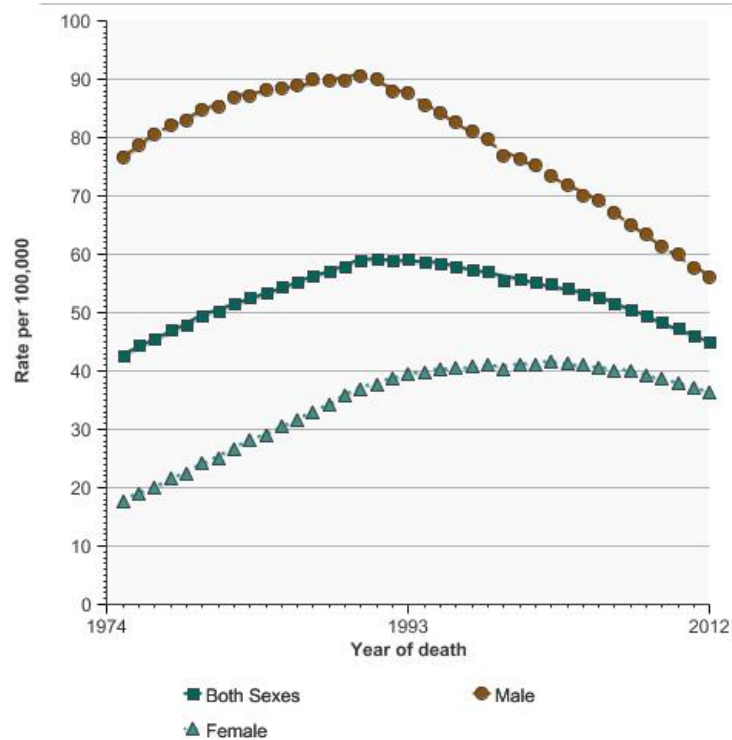
(44.6 - 45.1)

[Female](#)

36.4

(36.1 - 36.7)

Death rates for lung and bronchus cancer by sex, 1975-2012

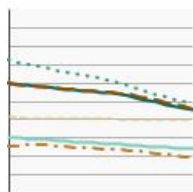


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Lung and Bronchus Cancer by Race/Ethnicity

Death rates for colon and rectum cancer by race/ethnicity, 1992-2012

Overview Graph



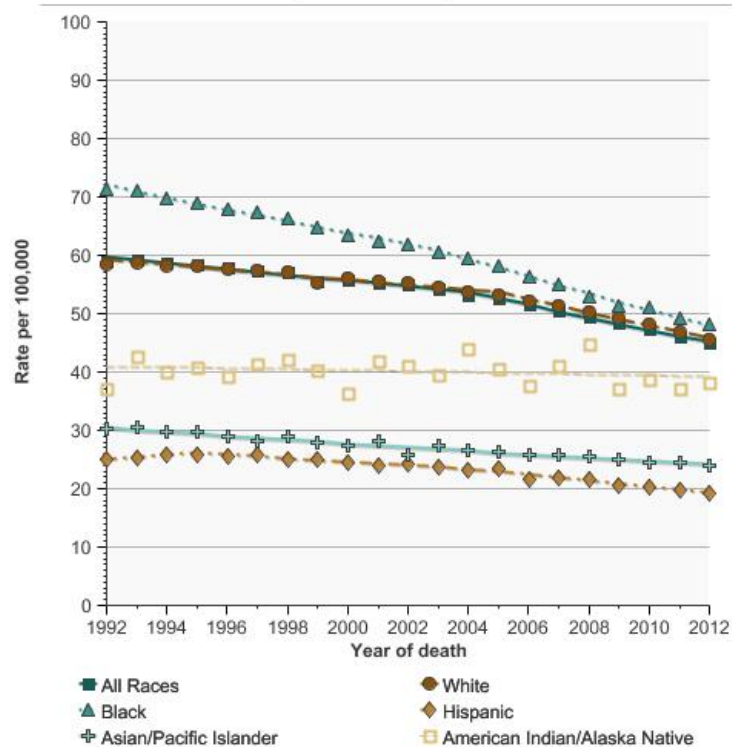
Detailed Trend Graphs

Most Recent Estimates (2012)

Rate per 100,000 Confidence Interval

	Rate per 100,000	Confidence Interval
All Races	44.9	(44.6 - 45.1)
White	45.6	(45.3 - 45.8)
Black	48.2	(47.5 - 49.0)
Hispanic	19.2	(18.7 - 19.7)
Asian/Pacific Islander	23.9	(23.1 - 24.7)
American Indian/Alaska Native	38.0	(34.6 - 41.5)

Death rates for colon and rectum cancer by race/ethnicity, 1992-2012



Source: National Center for Health Statistics data as analyzed by NCI. Data are age-adjusted to the 2000 US standard population using age groups: <1, 1-4, 5-14, 15-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65-74, 75-84, 85+.

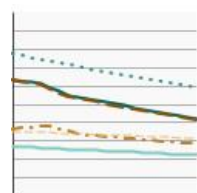
Female Breast Cancer by Race/Ethnicity

Death rates for female breast cancer by race/ethnicity, 1992-2012

[Overview Graph](#)

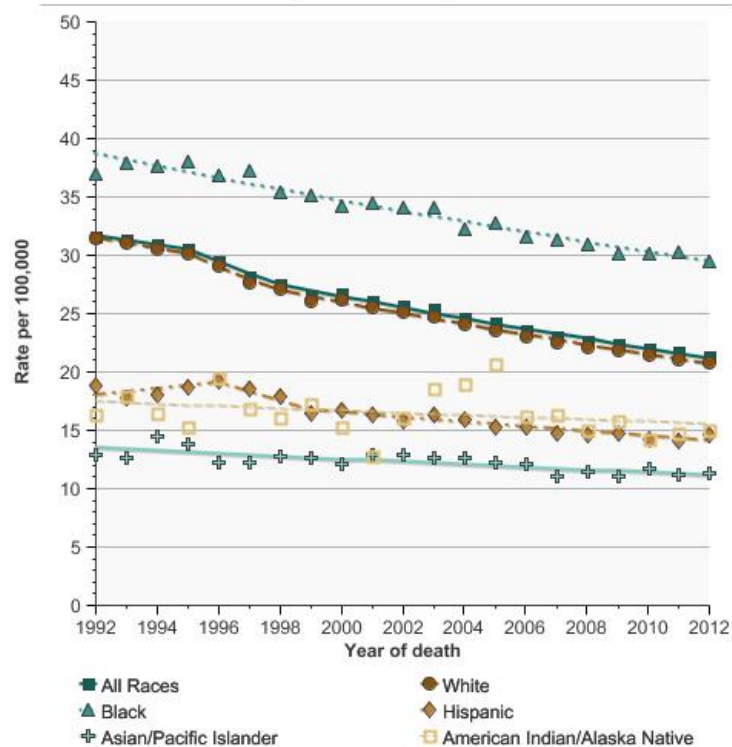
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Most Recent Estimates (2012)



	Rate per 100,000	Confidence Interval
All Races	21.4	(21.1 - 21.6)
White	20.8	(20.6 - 21.0)
Black	29.4	(28.7 - 30.2)
Hispanic	14.7	(14.1 - 15.2)
Asian/Pacific Islander	11.3	(10.6 - 12.0)
American Indian/Alaska Native	15.0	(12.2 - 17.7)

Death rates for female breast cancer by race/ethnicity, 1992-2012



Source: National Center for Health Statistics data as analyzed by NCI. Data are age-adjusted to the 2000 US standard population using age groups: <1, 1-4, 5-14, 15-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65-74, 75-84, 85+.

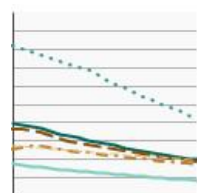
Prostate Cancer by Race/Ethnicity

Death rates for prostate cancer by race/ethnicity, 1992-2012

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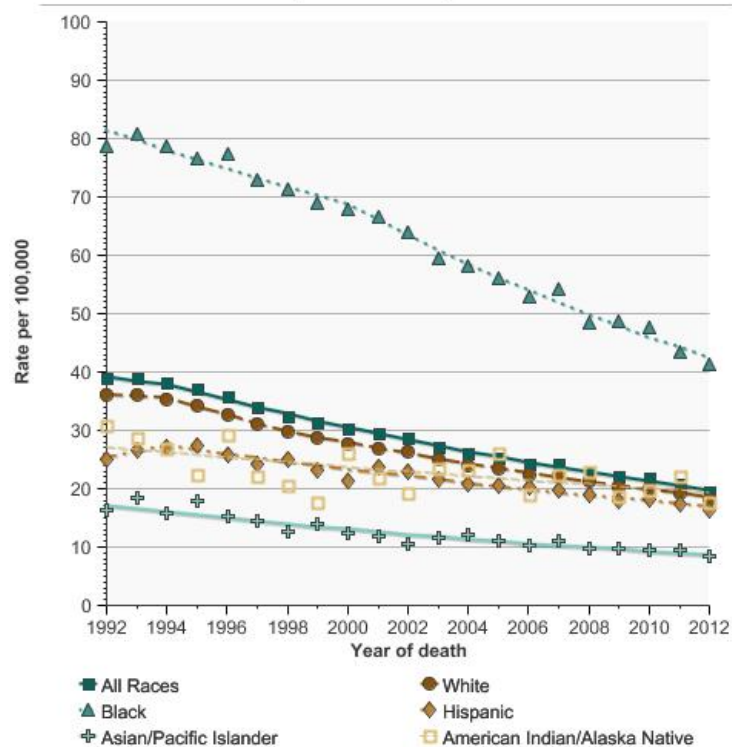
[Detailed Trend Graphs](#)

Most Recent Estimates (2012)



	Rate per 100,000	Confidence Interval
<u>All Races</u>	19.5	(19.3 - 19.7)
<u>White</u>	18.1	(17.9 - 18.3)
<u>Black</u>	41.2	(40.0 - 42.5)
<u>Hispanic</u>	16.4	(15.5 - 17.2)
<u>Asian/Pacific Islander</u>	8.4	(7.5 - 9.2)
<u>American Indian/Alaska Native</u>	17.5	(13.6 - 21.4)

Death rates for prostate cancer by race/ethnicity, 1992-2012



Source: National Center for Health Statistics data as analyzed by NCI. Data are age-adjusted to the 2000 US standard population using age groups: <1, 1-4, 5-14, 15-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65-74, 75-84, 85+.

Additional Cancer Sites with Healthy People 2020 Targets

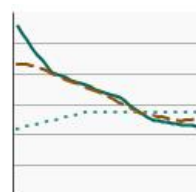
Comparison of Sites

Death rates for additional cancer sites with Healthy People 2020 reduction goals, 1975-2012

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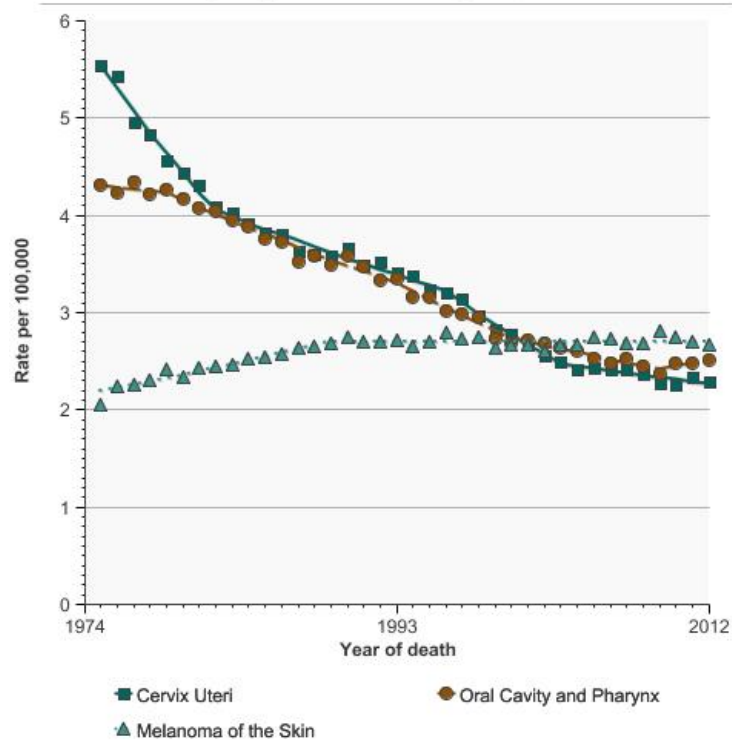
[Detailed Trend Graphs](#)

Most Recent Estimates (2012)



	Rate per 100,000	Confidence Interval
Cervix Uteri	2.3	(2.2 - 2.4)
Oral Cavity and Pharynx	2.5	(2.5 - 2.6)
Melanoma of the Skin	2.7	(2.6 - 2.7)

Death rates for additional cancer sites with Healthy People 2020 reduction goals, 1975-2012



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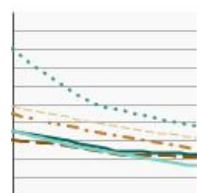
Cervix Uteri by Race/Ethnicity

Death rates for cervix uteri cancer by race/ethnicity, 1992-2012

[Overview Graph](#)

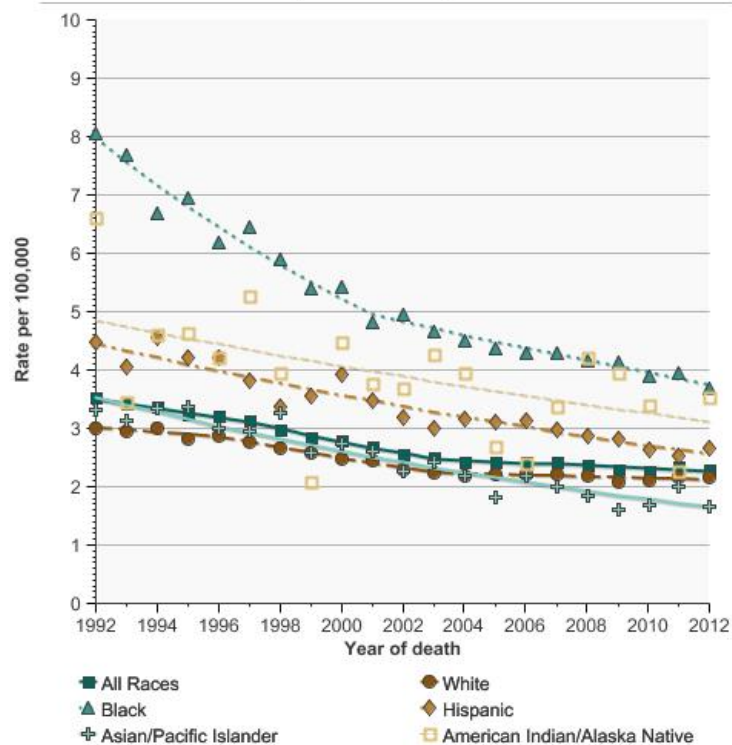
[Detailed Trend Graphs](#)

Most Recent Estimates (2012)



	Rate per 100,000	Confidence Interval
All Races	2.3	(2.2 - 2.4)
White	2.2	(2.1 - 2.2)
Black	3.7	(3.4 - 4.0)
Hispanic	2.7	(2.4 - 2.9)
Asian/Pacific Islander	1.7	(1.4 - 1.9)
American Indian/Alaska Native	3.5	(2.3 - 4.7)

Death rates for cervix uteri cancer by race/ethnicity, 1992-2012



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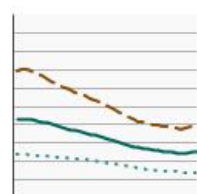
Oral Cavity and Pharynx by Sex

Death rates for oral cavity and pharynx cancer by sex, 1975-2012

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Most Recent Estimates (2012)



[Both Sexes](#)

Rate per 100,000

Confidence Interval

[Male](#)

2.5

(2.5 - 2.6)

[Female](#)

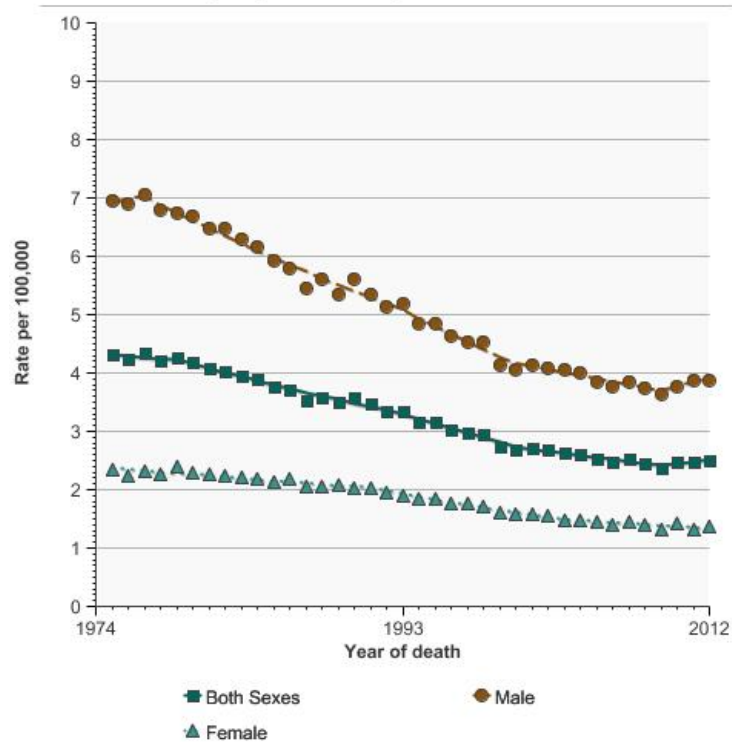
3.9

(3.8 - 4.0)

1.4

(1.3 - 1.4)

Death rates for oral cavity and pharynx cancer by sex, 1975-2012



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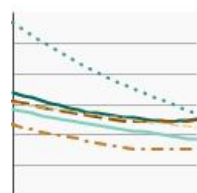
Oral Cavity and Pharynx by Race/Ethnicity

Death rates for oral cavity and pharynx cancer by race/ethnicity, 1992-2012

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[All Races](#)

Rate per 100,000

Confidence Interval

[White](#)

2.5

(2.5 - 2.6)

[Black](#)

2.5

(2.4 - 2.5)

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2.9

(2.7 - 3.1)

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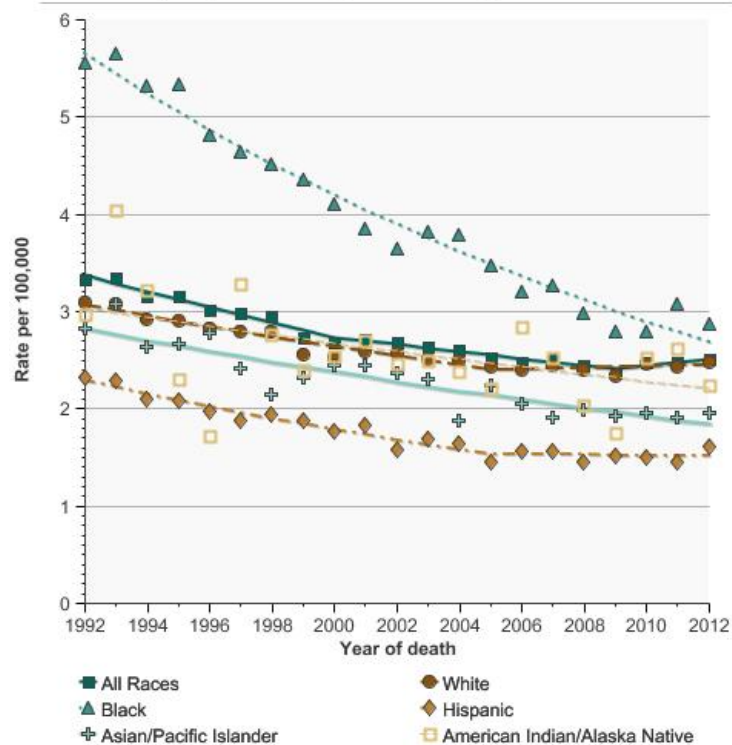
(1.5 - 1.8)

[American Indian/Alaska Native](#)

2.2

(1.5 - 3.0)

Death rates for oral cavity and pharynx cancer by race/ethnicity, 1992-2012



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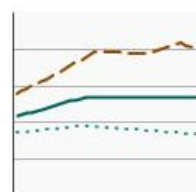
Melanoma of the Skin by Sex

Death rates for melanoma of the skin by sex, 1975-2012

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[Both Sexes](#)

Rate per 100,000

Confidence Interval

[Male](#)

2.7

(2.6 - 2.7)

[Female](#)

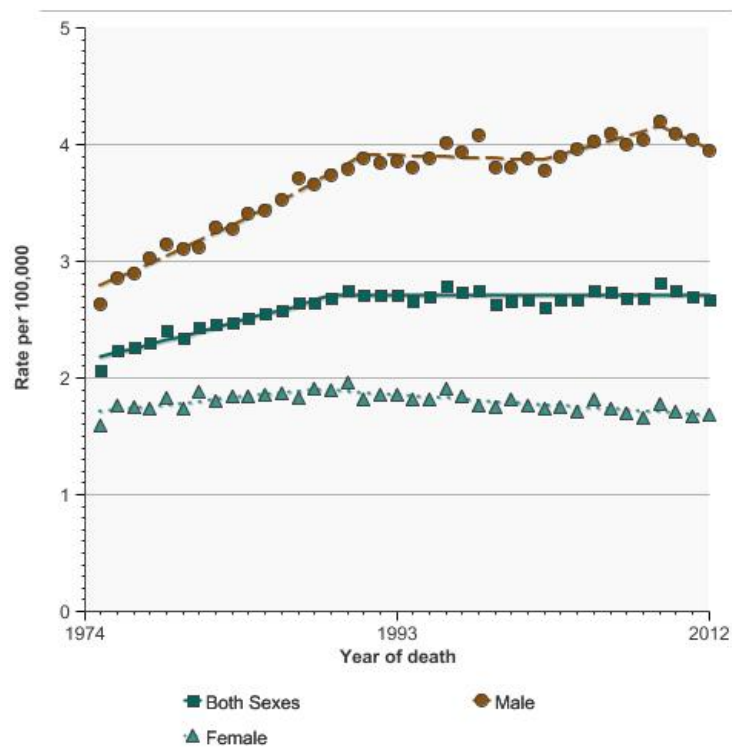
4.0

(3.9 - 4.1)

1.7

(1.6 - 1.7)

Death rates for melanoma of the skin by sex, 1975-2012



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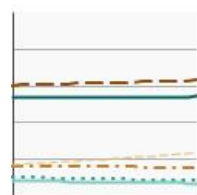
Melanoma of the Skin by Race/Ethnicity

Death rates for melanoma of the skin by race/ethnicity, 1992-2012

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Most Recent Estimates (2012)



[All Races](#)

[White](#)

[Black](#)

[Hispanic](#)

[Asian/Pacific Islander](#)

[American Indian/Alaska Native](#)

Rate per 100,000

Confidence Interval

2.7

(2.6 - 2.7)

3.1

(3.0 - 3.1)

0.4

(0.3 - 0.5)

0.7

(0.6 - 0.8)

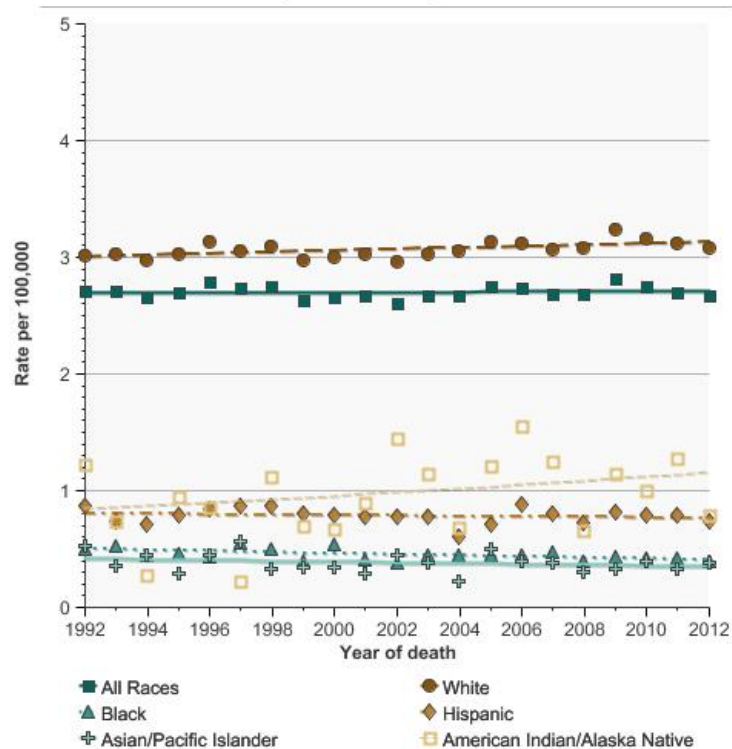
0.4

(0.3 - 0.5)

0.8

(0.3 - 1.3)

Death rates for melanoma of the skin by race/ethnicity, 1992-2012



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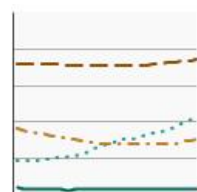
Selected Cancer Sites with Increasing Trends

Death rates for selected cancer sites that are increasing annually^a, 1975-2012

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[Thyroid](#)

[Pancreas](#)

[Liver and Intrahepatic Bile Duct](#)

[Corpus and Uterus, NOS](#)

Rate per 100,000

Confidence Interval

0.5

(0.5 - 0.5)

11.0

(10.9 - 11.1)

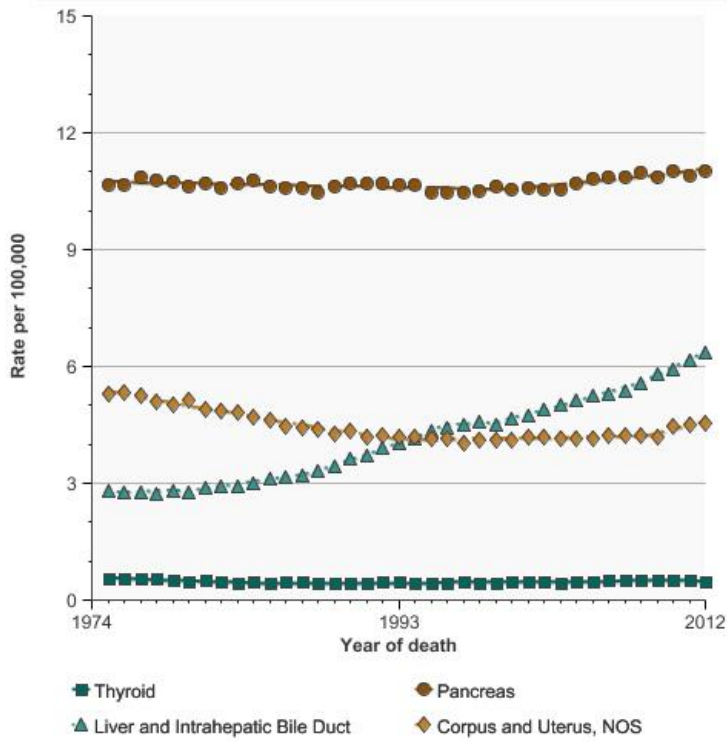
6.4

(6.3 - 6.5)

4.5

(4.4 - 4.6)

Death rates for selected cancer sites that are increasing annually[^], 1975-2012



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 Data are age-adjusted to the 2000 US standard population using age groups: <1, 1-4, 5-14, 15-24, 25-34, 35-44, 45-54, 55-64, 65-74, 75-84, 85+.
 Restricted to cancer sites with 2011 death rates of 3 per 100,000 or greater.
[^] Annual percent change (APC) for final Joinpoint segment is greater than zero.

Selected Cancer Sites with Decreasing Trends

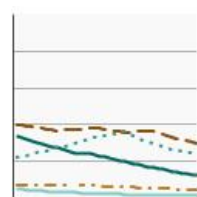
Decreasing Greater than 1% Annually

Death rates for selected cancer sites that are decreasing by 1% per year or greater[^], 1975-2012

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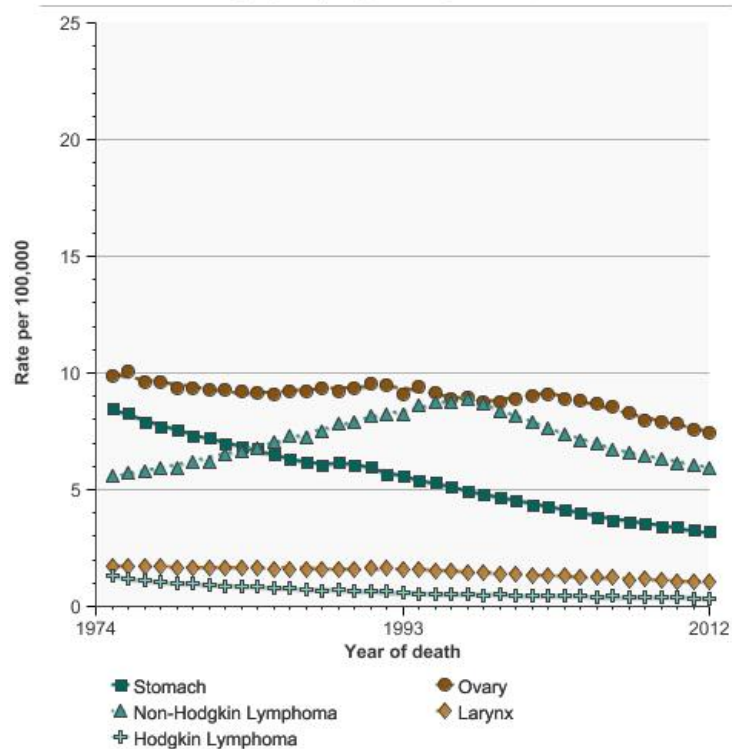
[Detailed Trend Graphs](#)

Most Recent Estimates (2012)



	Rate per 100,000	Confidence Interval
Stomach	3.2	(3.2 - 3.3)
Ovary	7.4	(7.3 - 7.6)
Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma	5.9	(5.8 - 6.0)
Larynx	1.0	(1.0 - 1.1)
Hodgkin Lymphoma	0.3	(0.3 - 0.4)

Death rates for selected cancer sites that are decreasing by 1% per year or greater[^], 1975-2012

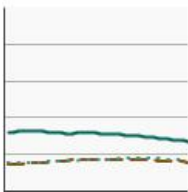


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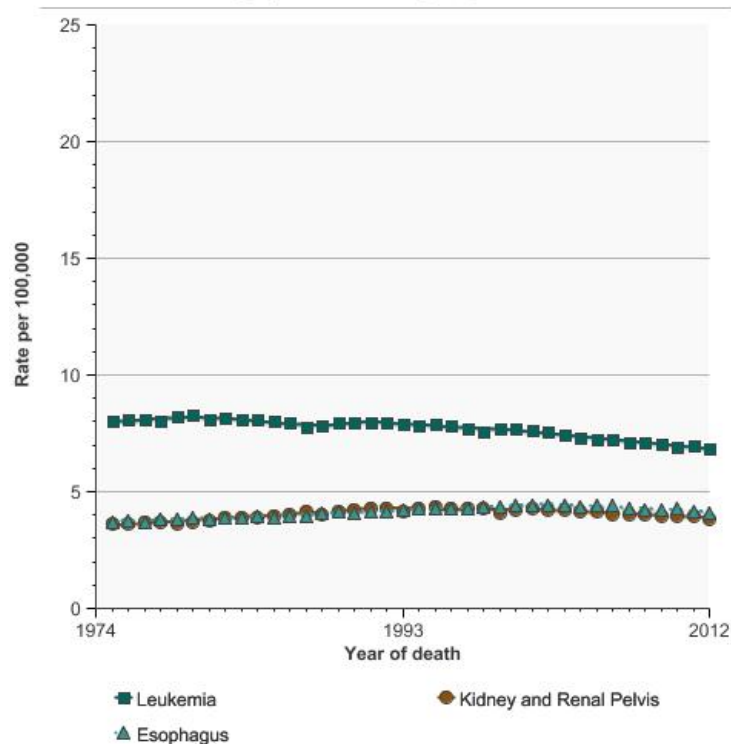
[^] Annual percent change (APC) for final Joinpoint segment is greater than 1%.

Decreasing Less than 1% Annually

Death rates for selected cancer sites that are decreasing by less than 1% per year[^], 1975-2012

Overview Graph	Detailed Trend Graphs	Most Recent Estimates (2012)	
		Rate per 100,000	Confidence Interval
	Leukemia	6.8	(6.7 - 6.9)
	Kidney and Renal Pelvis	3.8	(3.8 - 3.9)
	Esophagus	4.1	(4.0 - 4.2)

Death rates for selected cancer sites that are decreasing by less than 1% per year[^], 1975-2012



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Additional Information on Mortality For the public

- [American Cancer Society – Advance Directives](http://www.cancer.org/treatment/findingandpayingfortreatment/understandingfinancialandlegalmatters/advancedirectives/advance-directives-toc)(<http://www.cancer.org/treatment/findingandpayingfortreatment/understandingfinancialandlegalmatters/advancedirectives/advance-directives-toc>).
- [American Cancer Society – Hospice Care](http://www.cancer.org/treatment/findingandpayingfortreatment/choosingyourreatmentteam/hospicecare/hospice-care-toc)(<http://www.cancer.org/treatment/findingandpayingfortreatment/choosingyourreatmentteam/hospicecare/hospice-care-toc>).
- [American Cancer Society – Nearing the End of Life](http://www.cancer.org/treatment/nearingtheendoflife/nearingtheendoflife/nearing-the-end-of-life-toc)(<http://www.cancer.org/treatment/nearingtheendoflife/nearingtheendoflife/nearing-the-end-of-life-toc>).

Statistics

- [American Cancer Society – Cancer Facts & Figures 2010](http://www.cancer.org/research/cancerfactsstatistics/cancerfactsfigures2010/index)(<http://www.cancer.org/research/cancerfactsstatistics/cancerfactsfigures2010/index>).
- [Cancer Intervention Surveillance Network – Colorectal Cancer Mortality Projection](http://cisnet.cancer.gov/projections/colorectal)(<http://cisnet.cancer.gov/projections/colorectal>).
- [Deaths: Final Data for 2010](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr61/nvsr61_04.pdf)(http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr61/nvsr61_04.pdf). CDC/NCHS. National Vital Statistics Reports 2013;61(4).
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Person-Years of Life Lost

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Introduction

Death rates alone do not provide a complete picture of the burden that deaths impose on the population. Another useful measure that may add a different dimension is person-years of life lost (PYLL)—the years of life lost because of early death from a particular cause or disease. PYLL caused by cancer helps to describe the extent to which life is cut short by cancer.

Measure

Person-Years of Life Lost is measured as the difference between the actual age stemming from the disease/cause and the expected age of death due to a particular disease or cause. Specifically, this measure is estimated by linking life table data to each death of a person of a given age and sex. The life table permits a determination of the number of additional years an average person of that age, race, and sex would have been expected to live. Average Years of Life Lost represents Person-Years of Life Lost divided by the number of people who lost their lives.

Healthy People 2020 Target

There is no Healthy People 2020 target for this measure.

Healthy People 2020 is a set of goals set forth by the Department of Health and Human Services.

Data Source

Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, 2012.

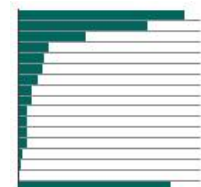
Trends and Most Recent Estimates Person-years of Life Lost

All Causes of Death, All Races, Both Sexes

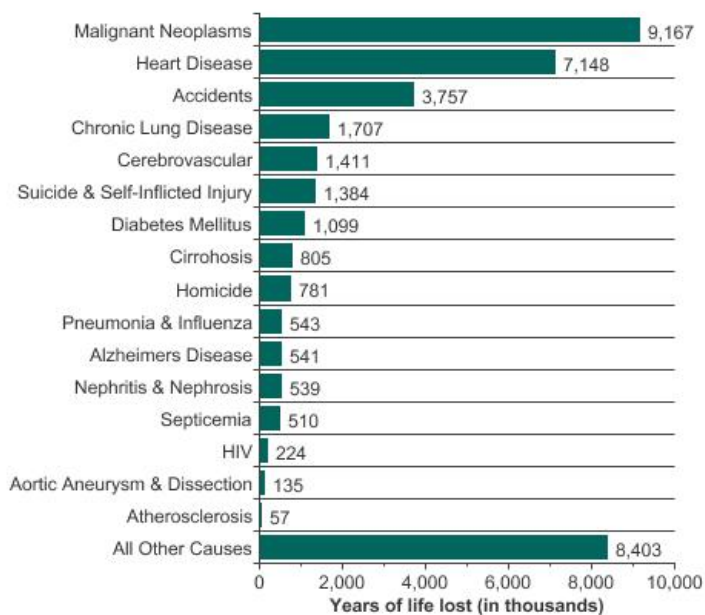
Person-years of life lost in 2012 due to major causes of death, total U.S., all races, both sexes

[Overview graph](#)

Cause of death	Years of life lost (in thousands)
Malignant Neoplasms	9167
Heart Disease	7148
Accidents	3757
Chronic Lung Disease	1707
Cerebrovascular	1411
Suicide & Self-Inflicted Injury	1384
Diabetes Mellitus	1099
Cirrhosis	805
Homicide	781
Pneumonia & Influenza	543
Alzheimers Disease	541
Nephritis & Nephrosis	539
Septicemia	510
HIV	224
Aortic Aneurysm & Dissection	135
Atherosclerosis	57
All Other Causes	8403



Person-years of life lost in 2012 due to major causes of death, total U.S., all races, both sexes



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All Causes of Death, All Races, Males

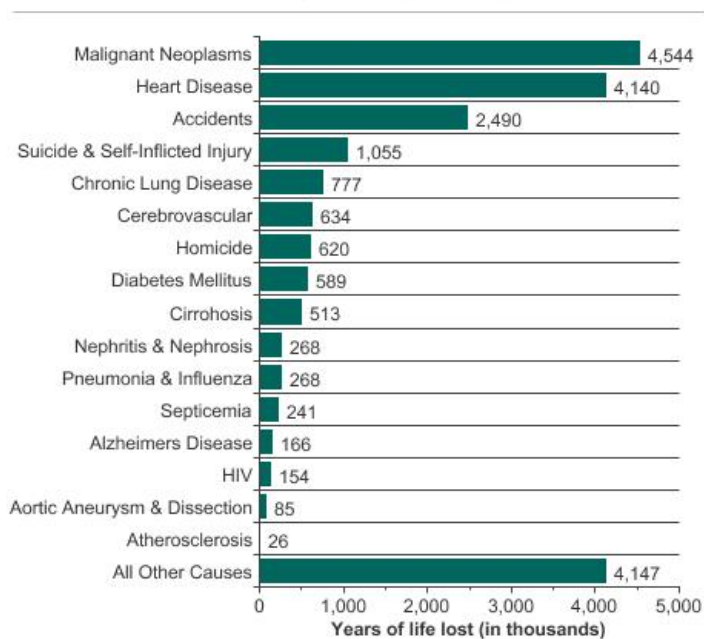
Person-years of life lost in 2012 due to major causes of death, total U.S., all races, males

[Overview graph](#)

Cause of death	Years of life lost (in thousands)
Malignant Neoplasms	4544
Heart Disease	4140
Accidents	2490
Suicide & Self-Inflicted Injury	1055
Chronic Lung Disease	777
Cerebrovascular	634
Homicide	620
Diabetes Mellitus	589
Cirrhosis	513
Nephritis & Nephrosis	268
Pneumonia & Influenza	268
Septicemia	241
Alzheimers Disease	166
HIV	154
Aortic Aneurysm & Dissection	85
Atherosclerosis	26
All Other Causes	4147



Person-years of life lost in 2012 due to major causes of death, total U.S., all races, males



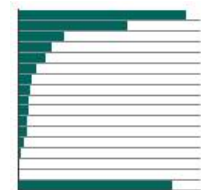
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All Causes of Death, All Races, Females

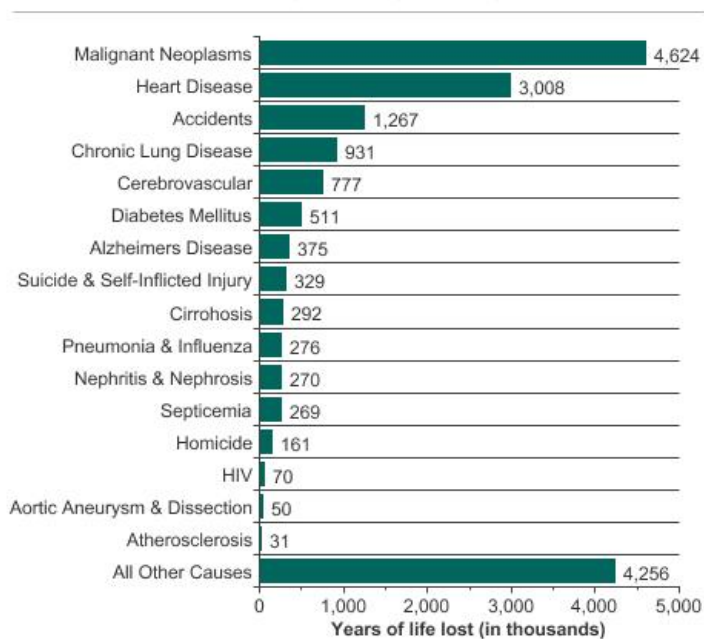
Person-years of life lost in 2012 due to major causes of death, total U.S., all races, females

[Overview graph](#)

Cause of death	Years of life lost (in thousands)
Malignant Neoplasms	4624
Heart Disease	3008
Accidents	1267
Chronic Lung Disease	931
Cerebrovascular	777
Diabetes Mellitus	511
Alzheimers Disease	375
Suicide & Self-Inflicted Injury	329
Cirrhosis	292
Pneumonia & Influenza	276
Nephritis & Nephrosis	270
Septicemia	269
Homicide	161
HIV	70
Aortic Aneurysm & Dissection	50
Atherosclerosis	31
All Other Causes	4256



Person-years of life lost in 2012 due to major causes of death, total U.S., all races, females

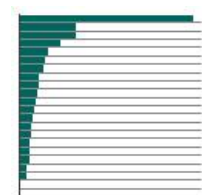


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Cancer, All Races, Both Sexes

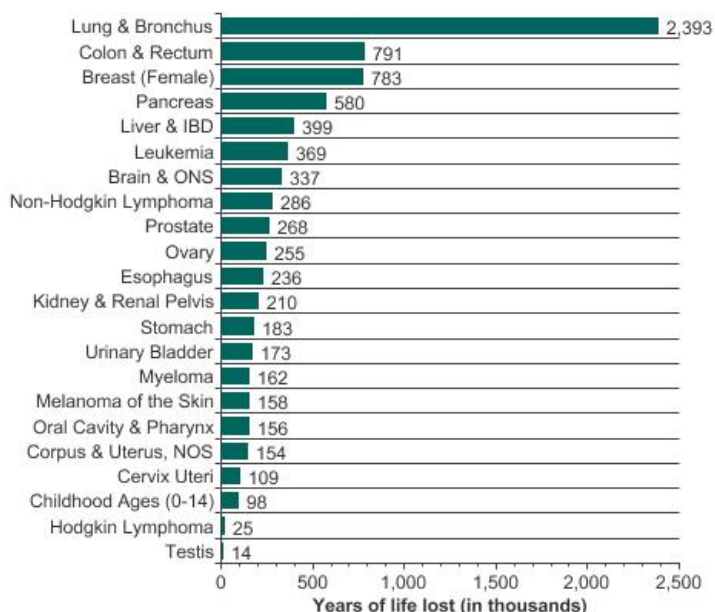
Person-years of life lost in 2012 due to cancer, total U.S., all races, both sexes

[Overview graph](#)



Cause of death	Years of life lost (in thousands)
Lung & Bronchus	2393
Colon & Rectum	791
Breast (Female)	783
Pancreas	580
Liver & IBD	399
Leukemia	369
Brain & ONS	337
Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma	286
Prostate	268
Ovary	255
Esophagus	236
Kidney & Renal Pelvis	210
Stomach	183
Urinary Bladder	173
Myeloma	162
Melanoma of the Skin	158
Oral Cavity & Pharynx	156
Corpus & Uterus, NOS	154
Cervix Uteri	109
Childhood Ages (0-14)	98
Hodgkin Lymphoma	25
Testis	14

Person-years of life lost in 2012 due to cancer, total U.S., all races, both sexes

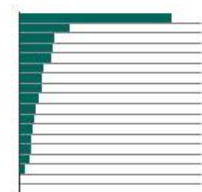


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Cancer, All Races, Males

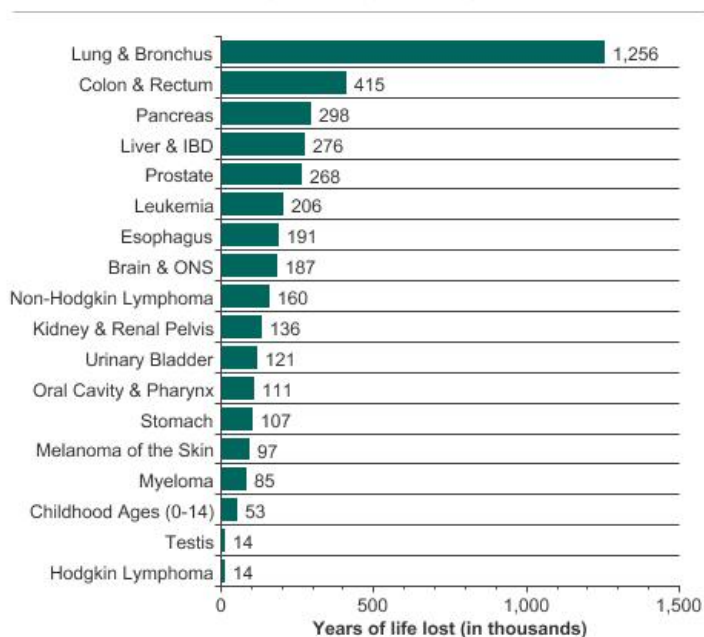
Person-years of life lost in 2012 due to cancer, total U.S., all races, males

[Overview graph](#)



Cause of death	Years of life lost (in thousands)
Lung & Bronchus	1256
Colon & Rectum	415
Pancreas	298
Liver & IBD	276
Prostate	268
Leukemia	206
Esophagus	191
Brain & ONS	187
Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma	160
Kidney & Renal Pelvis	136
Urinary Bladder	121
Oral Cavity & Pharynx	111
Stomach	107
Melanoma of the Skin	97
Myeloma	85
Childhood Ages (0-14)	53
Testis	14
Hodgkin Lymphoma	14

Person-years of life lost in 2012 due to cancer, total U.S., all races, males

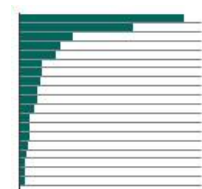


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Cancer, All Races, Females

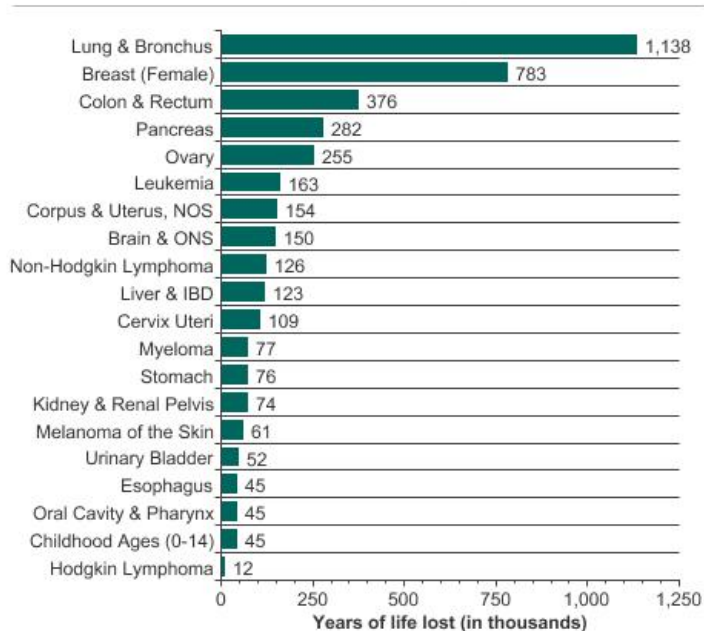
Person-years of life lost in 2012 due to cancer, total U.S., all races, females

[Overview graph](#)



Cause of death	Years of life lost (in thousands)
Lung & Bronchus	1138
Breast (Female)	783
Colon & Rectum	376
Pancreas	282
Ovary	255
Leukemia	163
Corpus & Uterus, NOS	154
Brain & ONS	150
Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma	126
Liver & IBD	123
Cervix Uteri	109
Myeloma	77
Stomach	76
Kidney & Renal Pelvis	74
Melanoma of the Skin	61
Urinary Bladder	52
Esophagus	45
Oral Cavity & Pharynx	45
Childhood Ages (0-14)	45
Hodgkin Lymphoma	12

Person-years of life lost in 2012 due to cancer, total U.S., all races, females



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Average Years of Life Lost

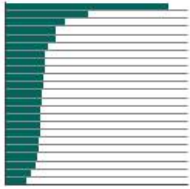
Average-years of life lost in 2012 due to cancer, total U.S., all races, both sexes

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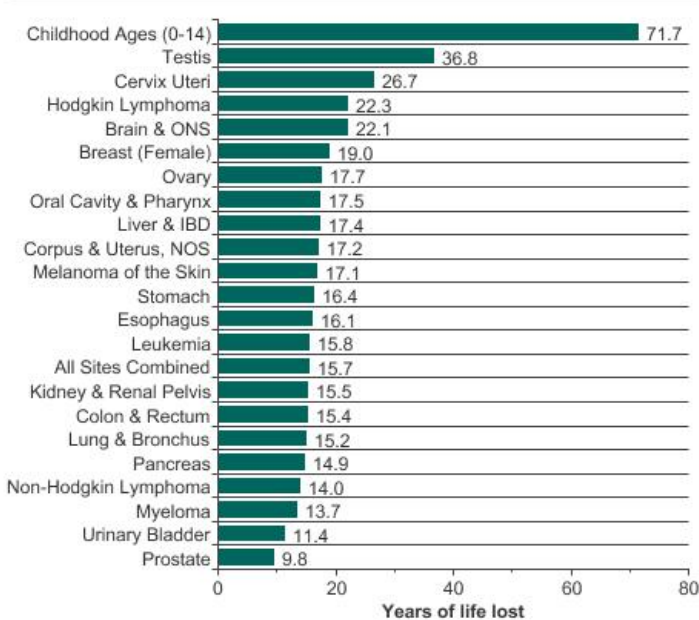
Cause of death

Years of life lost

Childhood Ages (0-14)	71.7
Testis	36.8
Cervix Uteri	26.7
Hodgkin Lymphoma	22.3
Brain & ONS	22.1
Breast (Female)	19.0
Ovary	17.7
Oral Cavity & Pharynx	17.5
Liver & IBD	17.4
Corpus & Uterus, NOS	17.2
Melanoma of the Skin	17.1
Stomach	16.4
Esophagus	16.1
Leukemia	15.8
All Sites Combined	15.7
Kidney & Renal Pelvis	15.5
Colon & Rectum	15.4
Lung & Bronchus	15.2
Pancreas	14.9
Non-Hodgkin Lymphoma	14.0
Myeloma	13.7
Urinary Bladder	11.4
Prostate	9.8



Average-years of life lost in 2012 due to cancer, total U.S., all races, both sexes



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Additional Information on Person-Years of Life Lost

- [SEER Cancer Statistics Review](http://seer.cancer.gov/csr/1975_2010)(http://seer.cancer.gov/csr/1975_2010), 1975–2010, National Cancer Institute.
- [United States Life Tables](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr62/nvsr62_07.pdf)(http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/nvsr/nvsr62/nvsr62_07.pdf), 2009, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for National Cancer Institute | Cancer Trends Progress Report | <http://progressreport.cancer.gov> | 12 January 2017

Summary Tables

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1. Is the trend moving in the desired direction?

- A graph shows the trend direction for the measure. The desired trend direction is shown above the graph.
- Each line in the graph is coded by color to indicate whether the trend is:

green - headed in the right direction

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blue - Healthy People 2020 target

2. How does the nation's progress compare to the Healthy People 2020 target?

Not all measures have an associated Healthy People 2020 target. When there is a target for a specific measure, it is shown by a solid blue horizontal line labeled "Healthy People 2020 target".

The example graph demonstrates the Adult Smoking trend, which is heading in the right direction (green line) toward the Healthy People 2020 target (solid blue horizontal line).

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Tobacco Use - Prevention Summary Table

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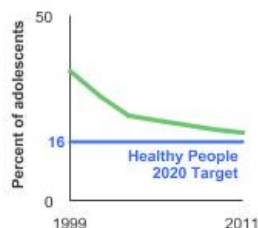
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Measure Name: Youth Tobacco Use

Measure Name	Youth Tobacco Use
Year Range	1999-2011
Measure	The percentage of high school students (grades 9–12) who reported use of cigarettes, cigars, or smokeless tobacco on at least 1 day during the 30 days before the survey.
Recent Summary Trend	Falling
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2007-2011
Desired Direction	Falling

Summary Graph

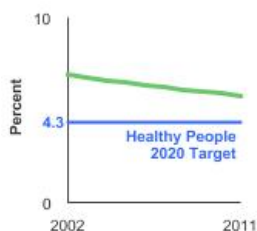


Trends and Most Recent Estimates	Among high school students in 2011, 18.1% were current cigarette smokers, 7.7% were current users of smokeless tobacco, 13.1% were current cigar smokers (including little cigars). 23.4% were current users of "any tobacco" product.
Healthy People 2020 Target	Decrease the proportion of high school students who currently: smoke cigarettes to 16.0%; use smokeless tobacco to 6.9%; smoke cigars to 8.0%; use any tobacco product to 21.0%.
More Information	Youth Tobacco Use

Measure Name: Tobacco Use Initiation

Measure Name	Tobacco Use Initiation
Year Range	2002-2011
Measure	The percentage of individuals among those aged 12 to 17 years and 18 to 25 years who said they had initiated cigarette smoking during the past 12 months. The percentage of individuals among those aged 12 to 17 years and 18 to 25 years who said they had initiated cigar smoking during the past 12 months. The percentage of individuals among those aged 12 to 17 years and 18 to 25 years who said they had initiated smokeless tobacco use during the past 12 months.
Recent Summary Trend	Falling
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2007-2011
Desired Direction	Falling

Summary Graph



Trends and Most Recent Estimates	In 2011, 5.5% of children and adolescents aged 12 to 17 initiated cigarette smoking in the past year.
Healthy People 2020	

**Healthy People 2020
Target**

Reduce the initiation of the use of cigarettes among children and adolescents aged 12 to 17 years to 4.3%.

More Information

[Tobacco Use Initiation](#)

Measure Name: Adult Tobacco Use

Measure Name Adult Tobacco Use

Year Range 1991-2012

Measure

Cigarettes: Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who, at the time of the interview, were current cigarette smokers.

Smokeless tobacco: Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who, at the time of the interview, were smokeless tobacco users.

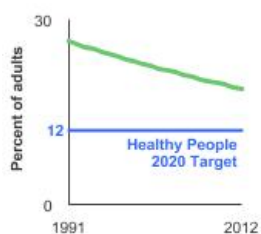
Cigars: Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who, at the time of the interview, were current cigar smokers.

Recent Summary Trend Falling

Recent Summary Trend Year Range 2008-2012

Desired Direction Falling

Summary Graph



Trends and Most Recent Estimates

In 2012, 18.2% of adults aged 18 and older were current cigarette smokers (males - 20.6%, females - 15.9%).

Healthy People 2020 Target

Reduce to 12.0% the proportion of adult current cigarette smokers.






More Information

[Adult Tobacco Use](#)

Smoking Cessation - Prevention Summary Table

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Measure Name: Quitting Smoking

Measure Name Quitting Smoking

Year Range 1998-2012

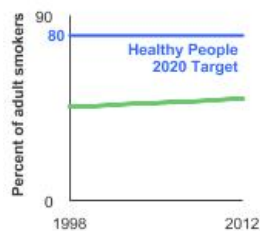
Measure **Attempt to quit:** The percentage of adult smokers aged 18 years and older who attempted smoking cessation within the past 12 months. The attempt-to-quit measure includes both current smokers who smoke every day or some days and who, at the time of the survey, had quit smoking for at least 1 day during the past 12 months, as well as recent former smokers, who quit smoking less than 1 year ago.

Recent Summary Trend Rising

Recent Summary Trend Year Range 2008-2012

Desired Direction Rising

Summary Graph



Trends and Most Recent Estimates

In 2012, 50.1% of adult smokers attempted to quit smoking within the past year.

Healthy People 2020 Target Increase to 80.0% the proportion of adult everyday smokers ages 18 and older, who stopped smoking for a day or longer because they were trying to quit.

More Information [Quitting Smoking](#)

Measure Name: Clinicians' Advice to Quit Smoking

Measure Name Clinicians' Advice to Quit Smoking

Year Range 1992-2011

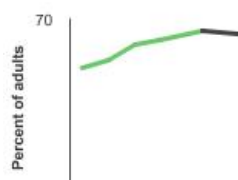
Measure The percentage of adult smokers (aged 18 years and older) who have seen a physician or dentist in the past 12 months and report that the physician or dentist advised them to quit smoking.

Recent Summary Trend Stable

Recent Summary Trend Year Range 2006-2011

Desired Direction Rising

Summary Graph










Trends and Most Recent Estimates	In 2010 to 2011, 64.4% of adult smokers who had seen a physician during the past 12 months reported being advised by that doctor to quit smoking.
Healthy People 2020 Target	The Healthy People 2020 target for physicians' advice to quit smoking in office-based ambulatory care settings is 21.1 percent of visits. The target for ordered or provided tobacco counseling during hospital visits is 24.9 percent of visits.
More Information	Clinicians' Advice to Quit Smoking

Diet - Prevention Summary Table

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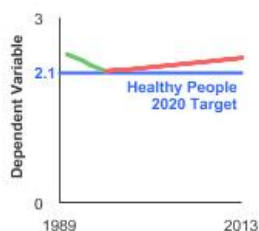
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	blue - Healthy People 2020 target

Measure Name: Alcohol Consumption

Measure Name	Alcohol Consumption
Year Range	1990-2013
Measure	Per capita alcohol consumption: The estimated number of gallons of pure alcohol consumed per person (aged 14 years and older), per year. This measure accounts for the varying alcohol content of wine, beer, and liquor. People as young as 14 are included because a large number of adolescents begin drinking at an early age.
Recent Summary Trend	Rising
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2009-2013
Desired Direction	Falling

Summary Graph



Trends and

Most Recent Estimates In 2013, per capita alcohol consumption was 2.3 gallons for all beverages, including beer, wine, and liquor.

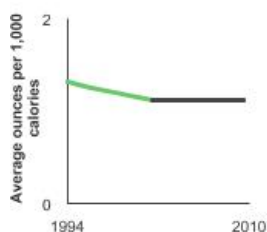
Healthy People 2020 Target Reduce annual per capita alcohol consumption to 2.1 gallons.

More Information [Alcohol Consumption](#)

Measure Name: Red Meat Consumption

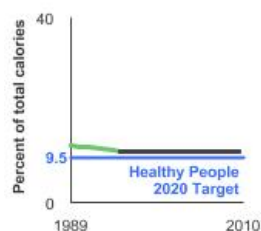
Measure Name	Red Meat Consumption
Year Range	1994-2010
Measure	Average daily ounce equivalents of red meat for people aged 2 years and older. Red meat includes beef, lamb, and pork from all sources and does not include processed poultry.
Recent Summary Trend	Stable
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2003-2010
Desired Direction	Falling

Summary Graph



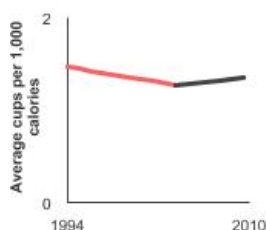
Trends and Most Recent Estimates	From 2009 to 2010, people aged 2 years and older consumed, on average, 1.1 consumed 1.1 ounce equivalents of red meat per 1,000 calories.
Healthy People 2020 Target	There is no Healthy People target for red meat consumption.
More Information	Red Meat Consumption
Measure Name: Fat Consumption	
Measure Name	Fat Consumption
Year Range	1989-2010
Measure	Intakes of total fat, and of the major fatty acids - saturated, monounsaturated, and polyunsaturated - as a percentage of total calories.
Recent Summary Trend	Stable
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2005-2010
Desired Direction	Falling

Summary Graph



Trends and Most Recent Estimates	From 2009 to 2010, total fat made up 32.6% of the calories people consumed, saturated fatty acids accounted for 10.8% of calories, monounsaturated, 11.6%, and polyunsaturated, 7.2%.
Healthy People 2020 Target	9.5% percent saturated fatty acids. (Healthy People 2020 includes targets for saturated fat and solid fat.)
More Information	Fat Consumption
Measure Name: Fruit and Vegetable Consumption	
Measure Name	Fruit and Vegetable Consumption
Year Range	1994-2010
Measure	Average daily cup equivalents per 1,000 calories of fruits and vegetables for people aged 2 years and older. This measure includes fruits and vegetables from all sources.
Recent Summary Trend	Non-Significant Change
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2003-2010
Desired Direction	Rising

Summary Graph








Trends and Most Recent Estimates	From 2009 to 2010, people aged 2 years and older consumed, on average, 0.6 cup equivalents of fruits per 1,000 calories and 0.8 cup equivalents of vegetables per 1,000 calories (including 0.1 cup equivalents of dark green and orange vegetables and legumes per 1,000 calories).
Healthy People 2020 Target	0.9 cup equivalents of fruits per 1,000 calories. 1.1 cup equivalents of vegetables per 1,000 calories, with at least 0.3 cup equivalents of dark green or orange vegetables or legumes per 1,000 calories.
More Information	Fruit and Vegetable Consumption

Weight and Physical Activity - Prevention Summary Table

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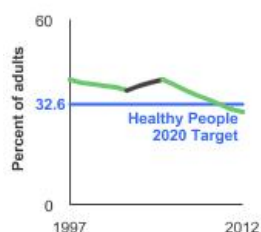
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	blue - Healthy People 2020 target

Measure Name: Physical Activity

Measure Name	Physical Activity
Year Range	1997-2012
Measure	Percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who reported no leisure-time physical activity during the past month.
Recent Summary Trend	Falling
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2008-2012
Desired Direction	Falling

Summary Graph

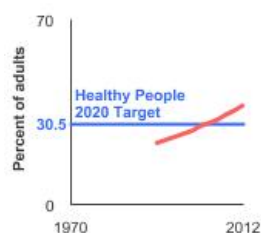


Trends and Most Recent Estimates	In 2012, 29.6% of adults 18 and older reported no physical activity in their leisure time.
Healthy People 2020 Target	Reduce to 32.6% the proportion of adults who engage in no leisure-time physical activity.
More Information	Physical Activity

Measure Name: Weight

Measure Name	Weight
Year Range	1971-2012
Measure	The percentage of adults aged 20 years and older who are at a healthy weight, overweight, or obese. These weight groups are defined by a measurement called body mass index (BMI), which is calculated by dividing weight in kilograms by height in meters squared. For most adults, experts consider a BMI within the range of 18.5 to 24.9 to be healthy, a BMI between 25 and 29.9 to be overweight, and a BMI of 30 and over to be obese.
Recent Summary Trend	Rising
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2007-2012
Desired Direction	Falling

Summary Graph



Trends and Most Recent Estimates	From 2011 to 2012, 29.7% percent of adults aged 20 years and older were at a healthy weight, 33.9% percent were overweight, and 34.8% percent were obese.
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Healthy People 2020 Target Increase to 33.9% percent the proportion of adults who are at a healthy weight and decrease to 30.5% percent the proportion of obese adults.

More Information [Weight](#)

UV Exposure and Sun Protective Practices - Prevention Summary Table

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Measure Name UV Exposure and Sun Protective Practices

Year Range 2005-2010

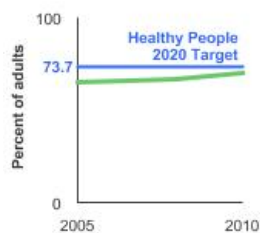
Measure **Sun-protective behaviors:** The percentage of adults aged 18 years and older who reported that they usually or always practice at least one of three sun-protective behaviors—using sunscreen, wearing protective clothing (a long-sleeve shirt ,and/or wide brimmed hat shading the face, ears, and neck, and/or long pants/long skirt), or seeking shade when going outside on a sunny day for more than an hour.

Recent Summary Trend Rising

Recent Summary Trend Year Range 2005-2010

Desired Direction Rising

Summary Graph



Trends and

Most Recent Estimates In 2010, 70.0% of adults said they usually or always protect themselves from the sun by practicing at least one of three sun protection behaviors.

Healthy People 2020 Target Increase to 73.7% the proportion of adults who are very likely to use sunscreen with an SPF of 15 or higher, wear protective clothing, or seek shade.






More Information [UV Exposure and Sun Protective Practices](#)

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Tobacco Policy/Regulatory Factors - Prevention Summary Table

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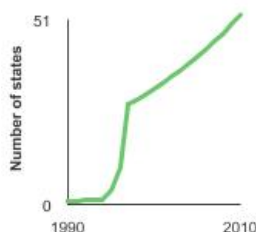
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Measure Name: Medicaid Coverage of Tobacco Dependency Treatments

Measure Name	Medicaid Coverage of Tobacco Dependency Treatments
Year Range	1990-2010
Measure	The number of states that provide coverage under Medicaid for any evidence-based tobacco dependence treatment (pharmacotherapy or counseling), either to their entire Medicaid population or to only pregnant women.
Recent Summary Trend	Rising
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2006-2010
Desired Direction	Rising

Summary Graph

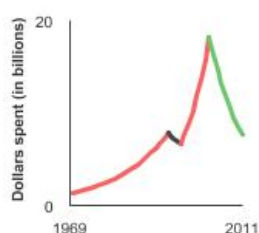


Trends and Most Recent Estimates	In 2010, all 51 Medicaid programs provided coverage for at least one tobacco-dependence treatment for at least some segment of their Medicaid eligible population.
Healthy People 2020 Target	There is no Healthy People 2020 target for Medicaid coverage of tobacco dependence treatments.
More Information	Medicaid Coverage of Tobacco Dependency Treatments

Measure Name: Tobacco Company Marketing Expenditures

Measure Name	Tobacco Company Marketing Expenditures
Year Range	1970-2011
Measure	Combined cigarette annual advertising and promotional expenditures by the five largest U.S. cigarette manufacturers, adjusted to 2011 dollars, as reported by manufacturers to the U.S. Federal Trade Commission. Combined smokeless tobacco annual advertising and promotional expenditures by the five parent companies of the major manufacturers of smokeless tobacco products in the U.S., adjusted to 2011 dollars, as reported by the manufacturers to the U.S. Federal Trade Commission.
Recent Summary Trend	Falling
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2007-2011
Desired Direction	Falling

Summary Graph



Trends and

Most Recent Estimates In 2011, adjusted combined annual expenditures for cigarette advertising and promotion was 8.4 billion.






Healthy People 2020 Target There is no Healthy People 2020 target for tobacco company marketing expenditures.

More Information [Tobacco Company Marketing Expenditures](#)

HPV Immunization - Prevention Summary Table

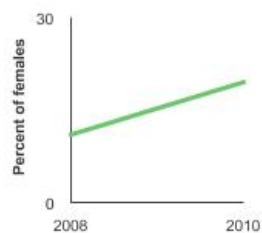
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Measure Name	HPV Immunization
Year Range	2008-2010
Measure	The percentage of female adolescents who received three or more doses of HPV vaccine by age 13–15 years.
Recent Summary Trend	Rising
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2008-2010
Desired Direction	Rising

Summary Graph








Trends and Most Recent Estimates	In 2010, 19.5% of females aged 13-17 years had received all three doses of the HPV immunization.
Healthy People 2020 Target	There is no Healthy People 2020 target for HPV vaccination.
More Information	HPV Immunization
Last Updated	March 2015

Secondhand Smoke - Prevention Summary Table

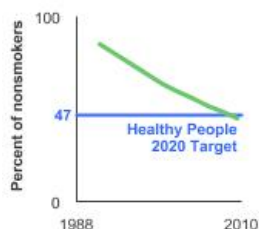
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Measure Name	Secondhand Smoke
Year Range	1988-2010
Measure	The percentage of nonsmokers exposed to SHS. (The percentage of nonsmokers aged 3 years and older with a serum cotinine level greater than 0.05 ng/mL and less than or equal to 10 ng/mL.) The percentage of indoor workers reporting a smoke-free work environment. The percentage of respondents reporting a smoke-free home.
Recent Summary Trend	Falling
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2005-2010
Desired Direction	Falling

Summary Graph








Trends and Most Recent Estimates	From 2009 to 2010, the estimate of children aged 3 to 11 years currently exposed to SHS is 39.4% (children ages 12-17 - 39.7%, nonsmokers ages 18 and older - 26.0%).
Healthy People 2020 Target	Reduce the proportion of children aged 3-11 years who are regularly exposed to tobacco smoke 47.0%. Reduce exposure for children aged 12-17 years to 41.0%. Reduce exposure for nonsmokers aged 18 years and older to 33.8%.
More Information	Secondhand Smoke
Last Updated	March 2015

Chemical Exposures - Prevention Summary Table

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Measure Name: Arsenic

Measure Name Arsenic

Year Range 2003-2012

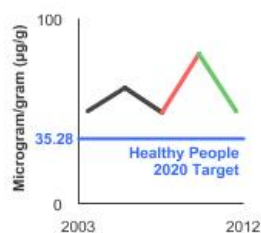
Measure We present exposure data on the 95th percentile of the population, representing people with the greatest exposure. The 95th percentile level means that 95% of the population has concentrations below that level. Public health officials use such reference values to determine whether groups of people are experiencing an exposure that is unusual compared with an exposure experienced by the rest of the population. [Citation(http://www.cdc.gov/exposurereport/pdf/FourthReport_ExecutiveSummary.pdf)]

Recent Summary Trend Stable

Recent Summary Trend Year Range 2007-2012

Desired Direction Falling

Summary Graph



Trends and

Most Recent Estimates In 2011 to 2012, the urinary (creatinine corrected) concentration of arsenic among persons aged 6 years and older was 50.3 µg/g of creatinine.

Healthy People 2020 Target Reduce exposure to arsenic in the population, as measured by blood and urine concentrations of the substance or its metabolites, to 35.28 µg/g of creatinine.

More Information [Arsenic](#)

Measure Name: Cadmium

Measure Name Cadmium

Year Range 1999-2012

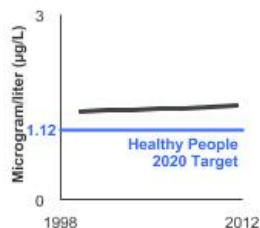
Measure We present exposure data on the 95th percentile of the population, representing people with the greatest exposure. The 95th percentile level means that 95% of the population has concentrations below that level. Public health officials use such reference values to determine whether groups of people are experiencing an exposure that is unusual compared with an exposure experienced by the rest of the population. [Citation(http://www.cdc.gov/exposurereport/pdf/FourthReport_ExecutiveSummary.pdf)]

Recent Summary Trend Non-Significant Change

Recent Summary Trend Year Range 2007-2012

Desired Direction Falling

Summary Graph



Trends and

Most Recent Estimates In 2011 to 2012, the blood (lipid-adjusted) concentration of cadmium among persons aged 1 year and older was 1.5 µg/L.

Healthy People 2020 Target Reduce exposure to cadmium in the population, as measured by blood and urine concentrations of the substance or its metabolites, to 1.12 µg/L.

More Information [Cadmium](#)

Measure Name: Nitrate

Measure Name Nitrate

Year Range 2001-2012

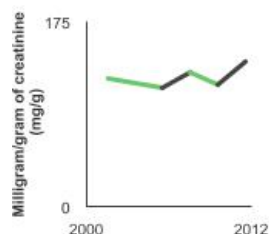
Measure We present exposure data on the 95th percentile of the population, representing people with the greatest exposure. The 95th percentile level means that 95% of the population has concentrations below that level. Public health officials use such reference values to determine whether groups of people are experiencing an exposure that is unusual compared with an exposure experienced by the rest of the population. [Citation(http://www.cdc.gov/exposurereport/pdf/FourthReport_ExecutiveSummary.pdf)]

Recent Summary Trend Non-Significant Change

Recent Summary Trend Year Range 2007-2012

Desired Direction Falling

Summary Graph



Trends and

Most Recent Estimates In 2011 to 2012, the urinary (creatinine corrected) concentration of nitrate among persons aged 6 years and older was 137.4 mg/g of creatinine.

Healthy People 2020 Target There is no Healthy People 2020 target for nitrate exposure.

More Information [Nitrate](#)

Measure Name: Benzene

Measure Name Benzene

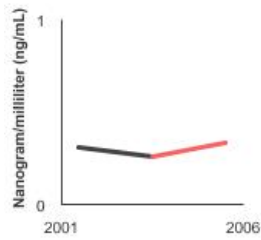
Year Range 2001-2006

Measure We present exposure data on the 95th percentile of the population, representing people with the greatest exposure. The 95th percentile level means that 95% of the population has concentrations below that level. Public health officials use such reference values to determine whether groups of people are experiencing an exposure that is unusual compared with an exposure experienced by the rest of the population. [Citation(http://www.cdc.gov/exposurereport/pdf/FourthReport_ExecutiveSummary.pdf)]

Recent Summary Non-Significant Change

Trend**Recent****Summary**
Trend Year

2001-2006






Range**Desired****Direction** Falling**Summary**
Graph

Trends and**Most**
Recent In 2005 to 2006, the blood (lipid-adjusted) concentration of benzene among persons aged 20 years and older was 0.3 ng/mL.
Estimates**Healthy**
People There is no Healthy People 2020 target for benzene exposure.
2020 Target**More**
Information [Benzene](#)

Breast, Cervical, and Colorectal Cancers - Early Detection Summary Table

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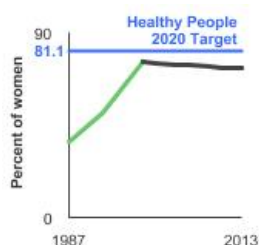
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Measure Name: Breast Cancer Screening

Measure Name	Breast Cancer Screening
Year Range	1987-2013
Measure	The percentage of women aged 40 years and older, accounting for race/ethnicity, income, and education level, who reported having had a mammogram within the past 2 years.
Recent Summary Trend	Stable
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2008-2013
Desired Direction	Rising

Summary Graph

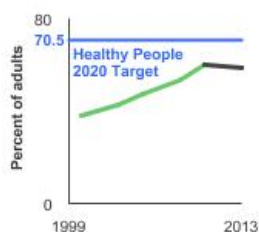


Trends and Most Recent Estimates	In 2013, 72.6% of women aged 50-74 years had a mammogram within the past 2 years.
Healthy People 2020 Target	Increase the proportion of women who receive a breast cancer screening based on the most recent guidelines to 81.1%
More Information	Breast Cancer Screening

Measure Name: Colorectal Cancer Screening

Measure Name	Colorectal Cancer Screening
Year Range	2000-2013
Measure	FOBT: The percentage of adults aged 50 to 75 years who reported that they had a fecal occult blood test (FOBT) within the past year, by racial/ethnic group. For the 2000 National Health Interview Survey, respondents were asked about both home- and office-based FOBTs; starting in 2003, respondents were asked only about home-based FOBTs. Colorectal endoscopy: The percentage of adults aged 50 to 75 years who reported that they have had an endoscopy (sigmoidoscopy or colonoscopy).
Recent Summary Trend	Rising
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2008-2013
Desired Direction	Rising

Summary Graph



Trends and Most Recent Estimates In 2013, 58.8% of adults aged 50-75 had received a home FOBT in the last year or had a sigmoidoscopy in the past 5 years or had a colonoscopy in the past 10 years.

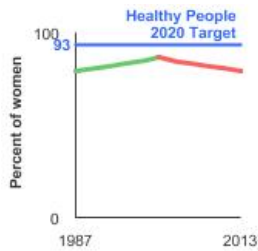
Healthy People 2020 Target Increase the proportion of adults who receive a colorectal cancer screening based on the most recent guidelines to 70.5%

More Information [Colorectal Cancer Screening](#)

Measure Name: Cervical Cancer Screening

Measure Name	Cervical Cancer Screening
Year Range	1987-2013
Measure	The percentage of women aged 18 years and older, accounting for race/ethnicity, income, and education level, who reported they had a Pap test within the past 3 years.
Recent Summary Trend	Falling
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2008-2013
Desired Direction	Rising

Summary Graph



Trends and Most Recent Estimates In 2013, 78.5% of women aged 21-65 had a pap smear test within the past 3 years






Healthy People 2020 Target Increase the proportion of women who receive a cervical cancer screening based on the most recent guidelines to 93.0%

More Information [Cervical Cancer Screening](#)

Incidence and Stage at Diagnosis - Diagnosis Summary Table

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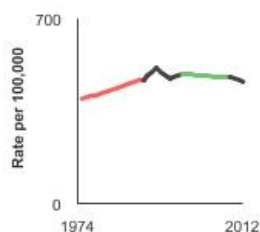
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Measure Name: Incidence

Measure Name	Incidence
Year Range	1975-2012
Measure	Incidence rate: the observed number of new cancer cases per 100,000 people per year, adjusted for cancer case reporting delays and based on data from approximately 10 percent of the U.S. population. Delay adjustment: a method of estimating delayed reporting of incident cases and then adjusting rates to account for this delay.
Recent Summary Trend	Falling
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2008-2012
Desired Direction	Falling

Summary Graph

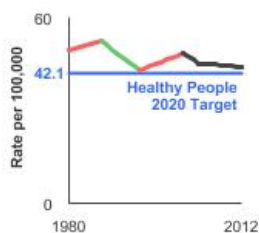


Trends and Most Recent Estimates	In 2012, the rate of new cases of all cancers combined was 457.2 per 100,000 people per year.
Healthy People 2020 Target	There is no Healthy People 2020 target for cancer incidence.
More Information	Incidence

Measure Name: Stage at Diagnosis

Measure Name	Stage at Diagnosis
Year Range	1980-2012
Measure	Late-stage diagnosis rate: The number of new cancer cases diagnosed at a late (distant) stage, per 100,000 people per year. This report shows the rates for cancers of the prostate, colon, rectum, female breast, and cervix uteri.
Recent Summary Trend	Stable
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2008-2012
Desired Direction	Falling

Summary Graph








Trends and Most Recent Estimates	In 2012, the rate of new regional and distant stage breast cancer cases was 43.6 per 100,000 females.
Healthy People 2020 Target	Reduce new regional and distant stage female breast cancer cases to 42.1 per 100,000 females.

Treatment Summary Tables

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1. **Is the trend moving in the desired direction?**
 2. **How does the nation's progress compare to the Healthy People 2020 target?**
- [Bladder, Breast, Colorectal](#)
 - [Kidney, Lung, Ovarian, Prostate](#)

Bladder, Breast, and Colorectal Cancer- Treatment Summary Table

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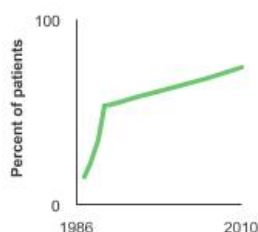
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Measure Name: Colorectal Cancer Treatment

Measure Name	Colorectal Cancer Treatment
Year Range	1987-2010
Measure	Percent of individuals, aged 20 years and older, diagnosed with stage III colon cancer who received chemotherapy or diagnosed with stage II or stage III rectal cancer who received chemotherapy with or without radiotherapy.
Recent Summary Trend	Rising
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2005-2010
Desired Direction	Rising

Summary Graph

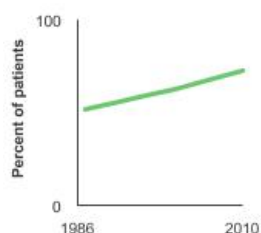


Trends and Most Recent Estimates	In 2010, 68.9% of stage III colon and stage II and III rectal patients received adjuvant chemotherapy.
Healthy People 2020 Target	There are no Healthy People 2020 targets for cancer treatment, including colorectal cancer treatment.
More Information	Colorectal Cancer Treatment

Measure Name: Breast Cancer Treatment

Measure Name	Breast Cancer Treatment
Year Range	1987-2010
Measure	Percentage of women aged 20 and older, diagnosed with early stage breast cancer (less than stage IIIA), receiving breast-conserving surgery and radiation treatment. Percentage of women aged 20 and older, diagnosed with node-positive, stage I-III breast cancer, receiving multi-agent chemotherapy.
Recent Summary Trend	Rising
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2005-2010
Desired Direction	Rising

Summary Graph

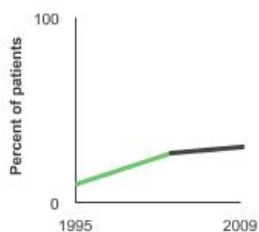


Trends and Most Recent Estimates	In 2010, 65.2% of women diagnosed with node positive breast cancer, received multi-agent chemotherapy.
Healthy People 2020 Target	There are no Healthy People 2020 targets for cancer treatment, including breast cancer treatment.

Measure Name: Bladder Cancer Treatment

Measure Name	Bladder Cancer Treatment
Year Range	1995-2009
Measure	Percentage of individuals receiving intravesical therapy in non-muscle invasive bladder cancer.
Recent Summary Trend	Non-Significant Change
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2003-2009
Desired Direction	Rising

Summary Graph








Trends and Most Recent Estimates	In 2009, 29.7% of patients with non-muscle invasive disease received intravesical therapy.
Healthy People 2020 Target	There are no Healthy People 2020 targets for cancer treatment, including bladder cancer treatment.
More Information	Bladder Cancer Treatment

Kidney, Lung, Ovarian, and Prostate Cancer - Treatment Summary Table

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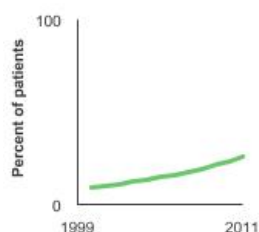
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Measure Name: Kidney Cancer Treatment

Measure Name	Kidney Cancer Treatment
Year Range	2000-2011
Measure	Partial nephrectomy or complete nephrectomy in patients with localized/regional kidney cancer.
Recent Summary Trend	Rising
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2007-2011
Desired Direction	Rising

Summary Graph

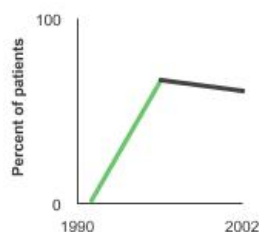


Trends and Most Recent Estimates	In 2011, 26.7% of patients diagnosed with localized/regional kidney cancer received a partial nephrectomy.
Healthy People 2020 Target	There are no Healthy People 2020 targets for cancer treatment, including kidney cancer treatment.
More Information	Kidney Cancer Treatment

Measure Name: Ovarian Cancer Treatment

Measure Name	Ovarian Cancer Treatment
Year Range	1991-2002
Measure	Percentage of individuals diagnosed with ovarian cancer who received chemotherapy by stage of diagnosis.
Recent Summary Trend	Non-Significant Change
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	1996-2002
Desired Direction	Rising

Summary Graph

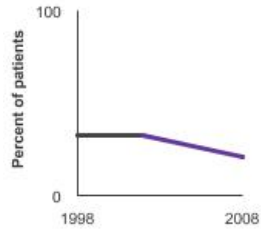


Trends and Most Recent Estimates	In 2002, 60.6% of stage III or IV ovarian cancer patients received Paclitaxol.
Healthy People 2020 Target	There are no Healthy People 2020 targets for cancer treatment, including ovarian cancer treatment.
More Information	Ovarian Cancer Treatment

Measure Name: Prostate Cancer Treatment

Measure Name	Prostate Cancer Treatment
Year Range	1998-2008
Measure	Hormonal therapy following the diagnosis of prostate cancer.
Recent Summary Trend	Falling
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2002-2008
Desired Direction	Rising

Summary Graph

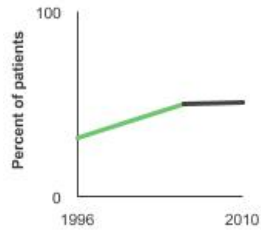


Trends and Most Recent Estimates	In 2008, 21.1% of localized/regional prostate cancer patients aged 40 years and older were given hormonal therapy.
Healthy People 2020 Target	There are no Healthy People 2020 targets for cancer treatment, including prostate cancer treatment.
More Information	Prostate Cancer Treatment

Measure Name: Lung Cancer Treatment

Measure Name	Lung Cancer Treatment
Year Range	1996-2010
Measure	Chemotherapy following the diagnosis of non-small cell lung cancer stages IIIB or IV.
Recent Summary Trend	Stable
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2005-2010
Desired Direction	Rising

Summary Graph








Trends and Most Recent Estimates	In 2010, 51.1% of stage IIIB or IV non-small cell lung cancer patients aged 20 years and older received chemotherapy.
Healthy People 2020 Target	There are no Healthy People 2020 targets for cancer treatment, including lung cancer treatment.
More Information	Lung Cancer Treatment

Life After Cancer Summary Tables

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- [Financial Burden of Cancer Care](#)
 - [Survival, Smoking, Obesity, and Physical Activity](#)

Financial Burden of Cancer Care - Life After Cancer Summary Table

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Measure Name	Financial Burden of Cancer Care
Year Range	2015
Measure	Estimates of national expenditures for cancer care.
Recent Summary Trend	n/a
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	No trend data are available for the financial burden of cancer care.
Desired Direction	Falling
Summary Graph	No trend data are available for financial burden of cancer care
Trends and Most Recent Estimates	In 2015, national cancer care expenditures were an estimated \$147.5 billion.
Healthy People 2020 Target	There is no Healthy People 2020 target for the financial burden of cancer care.
More Information	Financial Burden of Cancer Care
Last Updated	November 2015

Survival, Smoking, Physical Activity, and Obesity - Life After Cancer Summary Table

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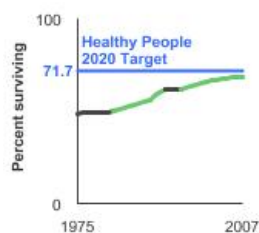
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Measure Name: Survival

Measure Name	Survival
Year Range	1975-2007
Measure	Five-year relative cancer survival rate. The proportion of patients surviving cancer 5 years after diagnosis calculated in the absence of other causes of death. This rate is a ratio (expressed as a percentage) of the proportion of observed survivors in a cohort of cancer patients to the proportion of expected survivors. This report shows survival rates for cancers of the prostate, female breast, colon/rectum, and lung/bronchus. It also shows survival rates for all cancers combined.
Recent Summary Trend	Rising
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2003-2007
Desired Direction	Rising

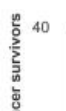
Summary Graph



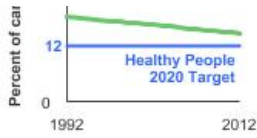
Trends and Most Recent Estimates	For cancers diagnosed in 2007, the 5-year relative survival rate was 69.0%.
Healthy People 2020 Target	Increase to 71.7% the proportion of cancer survivors who are living five years or longer after diagnosis.
More Information	Survival

Measure Name: Cancer Survivors and Smoking

Measure Name	Cancer Survivors and Smoking
Year Range	1992-2012
Measure	Rates of smoking among cancer survivors are based on the self-reporting of individuals with a cancer history who are interviewed as part of the annual population-based National Health Interview Survey (NHIS). Participants were asked whether they were a current smoker.
Recent Summary Trend	Falling
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2008-2012
Desired Direction	Falling



Summary Graph



Trends and Most Recent Estimates

In 2012, 14.8% of cancer survivors aged 18 and older were current cigarette smokers.

Healthy People 2020 Target

Reduce to 12.0% the proportion of adult current cigarette smokers.

More Information [Cancer Survivors and Smoking](#)

Measure Name: Cancer Survivors and Physical Activity

Measure Name **Cancer Survivors and Physical Activity**

Year Range 1997-2012

Measure

The percentage of cancer survivors reporting no physical activity are based on the self-reporting of individuals with a cancer history who are interviewed as part of the annual population-based National Health Interview Survey (NHIS). Participants were asked how often they perform light, moderate, or vigorous activity for at least 10 minutes.

Recent Summary Trend

Falling

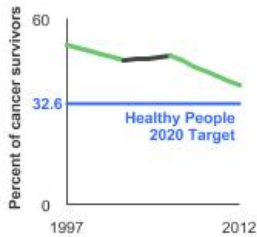
Recent Summary Trend Year Range

2008-2012

Desired Direction

Falling

Summary Graph



Trends and Most Recent Estimates

In 2012, 38.8% of cancer survivors 18 and older reported no physical activity in their leisure time.

Healthy People 2020 Target

Reduce to 32.6% the proportion of adults who engage in no leisure-time physical activity.

More Information [Cancer Survivors and Physical Activity](#)

Measure Name: Cancer Survivors and Obesity

Measure Name **Cancer Survivors and Obesity**

Year Range 1992-2012

Measure

Rates of obesity among cancer survivors are based on the self-reporting of individuals with a cancer history, who are interviewed as part of the annual population-based National Health Interview Survey (NHIS). These weight groups are defined by a measurement called body mass index (BMI), which is calculated by dividing weight in kilograms by height in meters squared. For most adults, experts consider a BMI of 30 and over to be obese.

Recent Summary Trend

Rising

Recent Summary Trend Year Range

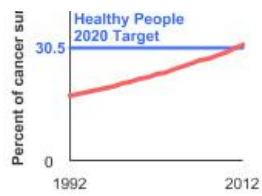
2008-2012

Desired Direction

Falling



**Summary
Graph**



Trends and

Most

Recent

Estimates

From 2012, 30.6% percent of cancer survivors aged 20 years and older were obese.

Healthy

People

2020 Target

Decrease to 30.5% percent the proportion of obese adults.

More






Information

[Cancer Survivors and Obesity](#)

Mortality and Person-Years of Life Lost - End of Life Summary Table

Only one measure per topic is displayed in the summary table. A complete set of measures, where they exist, can be found by following the More Information link in the table below.

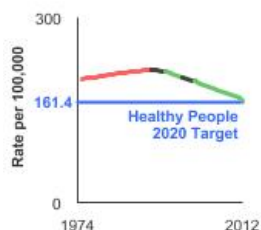
Legend:

	green - headed in the right direction
	red - headed in the wrong direction
	black - stable or non-significant change (NSC)
	purple - indeterminate
	blue - Healthy People 2020 target

Measure Name: Mortality

Measure Name	Mortality
Year Range	1975-2012
Measure	The number of cancer deaths per 100,000 people per year, age-adjusted to a U.S. 2000 standard population.
Recent Summary Trend	Falling
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	2008-2012
Desired Direction	Falling

Summary Graph



Trends and Most Recent Estimates	In 2012, the death rate for all cancers combined was 166.5 per 100,000 people per year.
Healthy People 2020 Target	Reduce the overall cancer death rate to 161.4 cancer deaths per 100,000 people per year.
More Information	Mortality

Measure Name: Person-Years of Life Lost

Measure Name	Person-Years of Life Lost
Year Range	2012
Measure	The difference between the actual age stemming from the disease/cause and the expected age of death.
Recent Summary Trend	n/a
Recent Summary Trend Year Range	No trend data are available for person-years of life lost.
Desired Direction	Falling
Summary Graph	No trend data are available for person-years of life lost
Trends and Most Recent Estimates	In 2012, cancer deaths were responsible for 9.2 million person-years of life lost and on average 15.7 years of life lost per person who died of cancer.
Healthy People 2020 Target	There is no Healthy People 2020 target for person-years of life lost.
More Information	Person-Years of Life Lost