

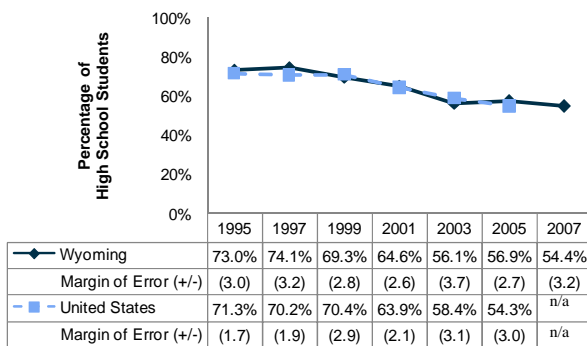
FACT SHEET

Wyoming Youth Initiation Mirrors National Trends

In the United States, children and teens constitute the majority of all new smokers.¹ However, both in Wyoming and throughout the nation, the percentage of high school students who ever tried smoking has decreased since 1995.

- In Wyoming, the percentage decreased from 73% in 1995 to 54% in 2007.²
- Nationwide, the percentage decreased from 71% in 1995 to 54% in 2005.^{3*}

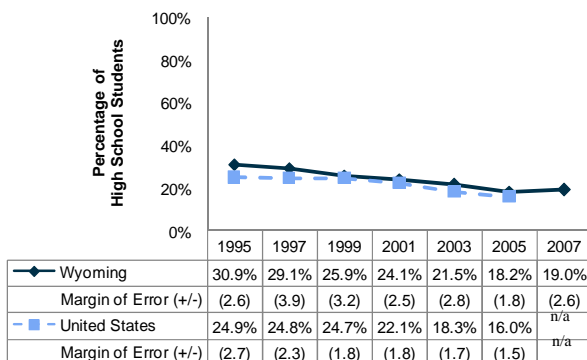
Percentage of High School Students Who Had Ever Tried Cigarette Smoking, Even One or Two Puffs, 1995–2007^{2,3}



Both in Wyoming and throughout the nation, the percentage of high school students who smoked one whole cigarette before turning 13 has decreased since 1995.

- In Wyoming, the rate decreased from 31% in 1995 to 19% in 2007.²
- Nationwide, the rate decreased from 25% in 1995 to 16% in 2005.³

Percentage of High School Students Who Have Smoked at Least One Whole Cigarette by the Time They Were Thirteen, 1995–2007^{2,3}

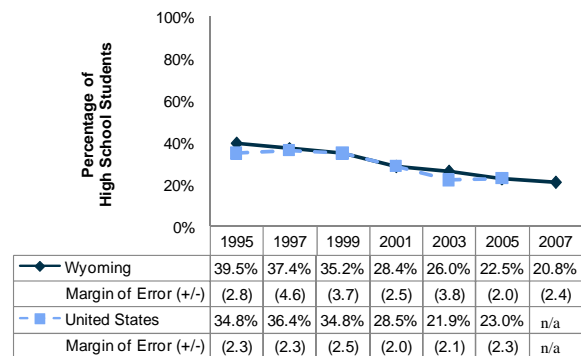


Wyoming Students' Current Cigarette Use Similar to the Nation

Both in Wyoming and throughout the nation, the percentage of high school students who smoked one or more cigarettes in the past 30 days has decreased since 1995.

- In Wyoming, the percentage decreased from 40% in 1995 to 21% in 2007.²
- Nationwide, the percentage decreased from 35% in 1995 to 23% in 2005.³

Percentage of High School Students Who Smoked Cigarettes on One or More of the Past 30 Days, 1995–2007^{2,3}



Youth Initiating Cigarettes Earlier than Smokeless Tobacco

- Of 10th and 12th graders who had ever smoked a cigarette, even just a puff, a plurality (25%) reported that they did so before age 11.⁴
- Of 10th and 12th graders who had ever used smokeless tobacco, a plurality (22%) reported that they first used when they were 15 years old.⁴

*National 2007 YRBSS data will not be available until June 2008. Therefore, throughout this fact sheet, we report data through 2007 for Wyoming and data through 2005 for the U.S.

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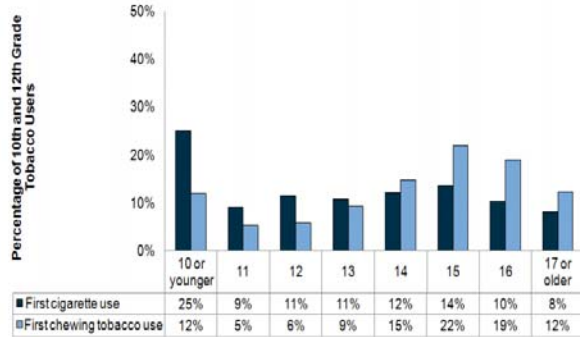
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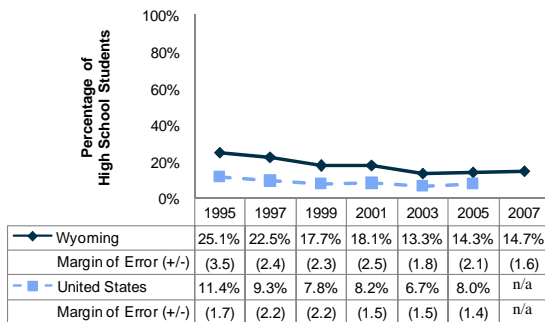
Age of Initiation of Cigarettes and Smokeless Tobacco among 10th and 12th Graders Who Had Ever Used Tobacco, 2006⁴



Current Smokeless Tobacco Use Higher in Wyoming than the Rest of the United States

- The percentage of Wyoming high school students who used smokeless tobacco during the past 30 days decreased from 25% in 1995 to 13% in 2003, but has remained relatively stable at about 14% since then.²
- The Wyoming rate is significantly higher than the U.S. average: in 2005, 14% of high school students reported using smokeless tobacco in the past 30 days, compared to only 8% of U.S. high school students.³

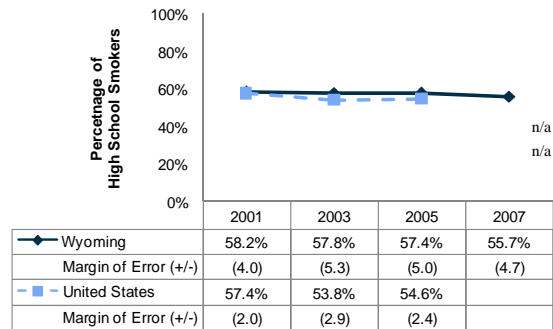
Percentage of High School Students Who Used Smokeless Tobacco in the Past 30 Days, 1997–2007^{2,3}



Cessation Attempts Have Remained Stable

- Both in Wyoming and in the United States, the percentage of youth attempting to stop smoking has remained stable since 2001.
- In 2005, 57% of Wyoming's high school students who smoked cigarettes had tried to quit during the past 12 months; this percentage is not significantly different from the U.S. average of 55%.^{2,3}

Percentage of High School Smokers Who Tried to Quit during the Past 12 Months, 2001–2007^{2,3}



Tobacco Use among Middle School Students

The percentage of Wyoming middle school students who have ever tried cigarette smoking, even one or two puffs, has steadily declined.

- The rate decreased from 40% in 2001 to 28% in 2007.²

The percentage of Wyoming middle school students who have smoked cigarettes in the past 30 days has decreased slightly.

- The rate decreased from 10% in 2001 to 8% in 2007.²

The percentage of Wyoming middle school students who have used smokeless tobacco in the past 30 days has remained stable.

- 6% of Wyoming middle school students reported current smokeless tobacco use in 2001, 2003, and 2005; 5% reported smokeless use in 2007.²

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