The North Carolina YTS includes data on the prevalence of cigarette and other tobacco products as well as information on tobacco use, environmental tobacco smoke (ETS), cessation, pro-health media, tobacco advertising, school tobacco prevention education, community participation, and access and availability of tobacco products. These areas are critical components that North Carolina should include in a comprehensive tobacco control program.

The North Carolina YTS was a public school-based survey of students in grades 6-12, conducted in 1999, 2001, 2003 & 2005. A multi-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data of middle and high school students for all of North Carolina. Schools were selected with the probability proportional to enrollment size. Classes were randomly selected and all students in selected classes were eligible to participate. The 2005 YTS school district response rate was 96.6%, the student response rate was 88.83% and the overall response rate was 85.87%. A total of 1288 middle school students participated and completed the North Carolina YTS in 2005.

### Prevalence
31.1% of students had ever used any tobacco product (White = 30.2%, Black = 37.0%, Hispanic = 30.4%)<sup>2</sup>
23.9% of students had ever smoked cigarettes (Male = 22.3%, Female = 25.6)
10.8% currently use any tobacco product (White = 10.2%, Black = 14.8%, Hispanic = 10.4%)
6.4% currently smoke cigarettes (Male = 5.1%, Female = 7.4%)
3.9% currently use smokeless tobacco (Male = 5.4%, Female = 2.0%)

### Secondhand Smoke (SHS)
44.4% live in homes where others smoke
54.4% are in the same room as others who smoke during the week
92.6% think smoke from others is harmful to them

### Cessation – Current Smokers
56.6% want to quit smoking
64.9% attempted to stop smoking in the past year

### Pro-health Media vs Tobacco Advertising
67.6% saw or heard anti-smoking media messages in the past month
17.9% have an object with a tobacco brand logo

### School
53.4% were taught the dangers of tobacco
1.6% smoked on school property in the past month

### Community
8.1% attended a tobacco use prevention training

### Access and Availability- Current Smokers < 18 years old
4.8% buy cigarettes in stores
60.8% who bought cigarettes in a store were NOT refused purchase because of their age

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