2007 N.C Youth Tobacco Survey: Cigarettes and IDs

The N.C. Youth Tobacco Survey (N.C. YTS) provides a critical source of public health data for understanding the scope of the tobacco problem and measuring progress toward overall goals among youth. N.C. 2007 YTS is a comprehensive statewide representative sample of more than 7,400 middle and high school students. Every other year a core set of CDC tobacco-related questions are asked. In addition, states add questions related to local program factors. In 2007, TPCB together with the Health and Wellness Trust Fund added questions regarding media, community participation and secondhand smoking attitudes. The sampling scheme is now intended to generate significant numbers for regional data (West, Central and East). Caution should be used in interpreting results when only a small number of respondents have answered the question. See the N.C. Tobacco Prevention and Control Branch website for more information.

*Use caution when interpreting. Results based on small sample size.

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Percentage of N.C. middle and high school students who were not asked to show ID when purchasing cigarettes, by gender: N.C. YTS, 2007

- **Middle School:**
  - Total: 76.1%
  - Female: 60.0%
  - Male: 80.8%

- **High School:**
  - Total: 72.8%
  - Female: 58.2%
  - Male: 72.8%

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Percentage of N.C. middle and high school students who were not asked to show ID when purchasing cigarettes, by grade level: N.C. YTS, 2007

- **Sixth:** 94.3%
- **Seventh:** 64.2%
- **Eighth:** 73.7%
- **Ninth:** 49.0%
- **Tenth:** 65.5%
- **Eleventh:** 68.9%
- **Twelfth:** 55.1%

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Percentage of N.C. middle and high school students who were not asked to show ID when purchasing cigarettes, by race/ethnicity: N.C. YTS, 2007

- **White:** 77.3%
- **Black:** 63.0%
- **Hispanic:** 72.8%
- **Other:** 88.7%

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Percentage of N.C. middle and high school students who were refused cigarettes because of ID: N.C. YTS, 2007

- **Someone refused to sell me cigarettes because of my age:** 29.4%
- **No one refused to sell me cigarettes because of my age:** 70.6%

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Weighted to provide estimates representative of the public middle & high school student population; Persons reported not being asked to show proof of age the last time they purchased cigarettes. Specific data on 95% confidence intervals and regional definitions is at the N.C. YTS website.