

SURVEILLANCE UPDATE

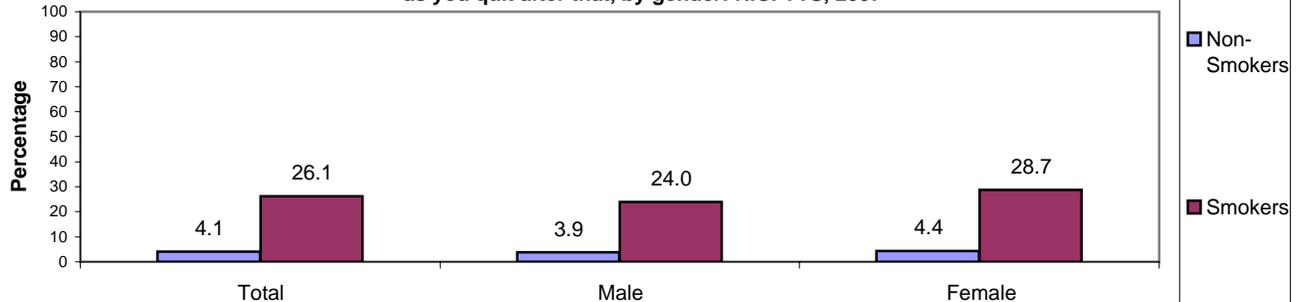


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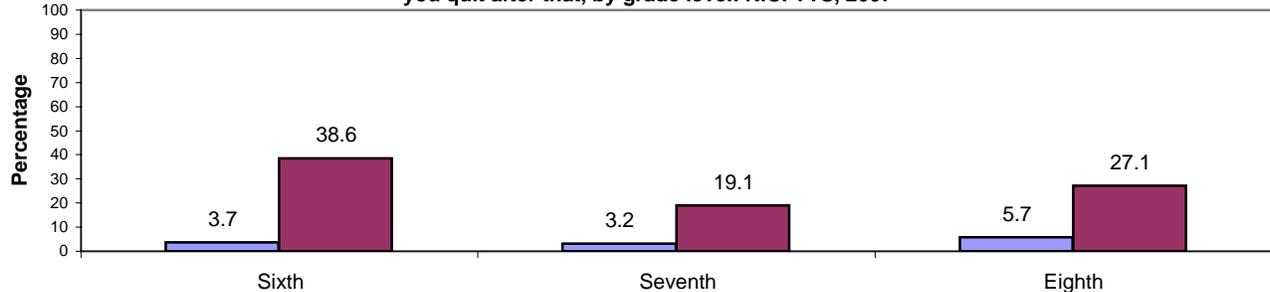


2007 N.C. Youth Tobacco Survey: Middle School Attitudes

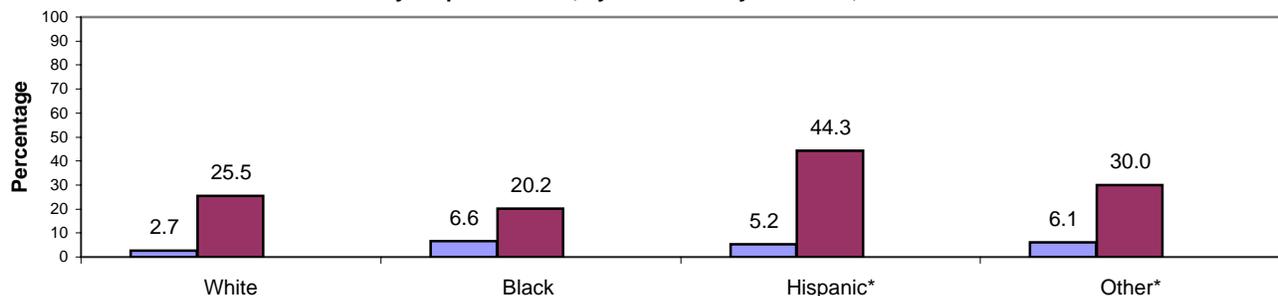
Percentage of N.C. middle school students who think that it is safe to smoke for a year or two, as long as you quit after that, by gender: N.C. YTS, 2007



Percentage of N.C. middle school students who think that it is safe to smoke for a year or two, as long as you quit after that, by grade level: N.C. YTS, 2007



Percentage of N.C. middle school students who think that it is safe to smoke for a year or two, as long as you quit after that, by race/ethnicity: N.C. YTS, 2007



Weighted to provide estimates representative of the public middle school student population;
Current and never smoking students reporting perceptions about smoking. Specific data on
95% confidence intervals and regional definitions is at the N.C. YTS website.

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

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.

