

Spit Tobacco Use Among Youth

Prevalence: Middle School - Grades 6-8

15.4% have ever used spit tobacco (Females = 9.0%, Males = 21.4%)
 4.2% currently use spit tobacco (Female = 1.4%, Males = 6.9%)
 0.8% use spit tobacco at least 20 days in the last month (8th grade = 1.1%)

Prevalence: High School - Grades 9-12

25.3% have ever used spit tobacco (Females = 12.8%, Males = 36.9%)
 12.1% currently use spit tobacco (Female = 2.8%, Males = 20.3%)
 5.8% use spit tobacco at least 20 days in the last month (12th grade = 8.0%)

First Use Before Age 11: Those Who Have Ever Used Spit Tobacco

48.7% of students in grades 6-8 (Females = 60.4%, Males = 45.3%)
 23.9% of students in grades 9-12 (Females = 26.2%, Males = 23.6%)

Use on School Property During Past Month

2.0% of students in grades 6-8 (Females = 0.8%, Males = 3.1%)
 8.7% of students in grades 9-12 (Females = 3.3%, Males = 13.3%)

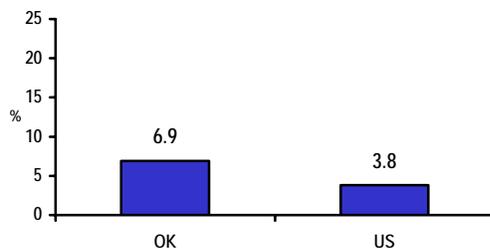
Access and Availability: Current Users Under 18 years old

5.4% of students in grades 6-8 buy in stores (Females = 30.4%, Males = 2.6%)
 39.2% of students in grades 9-12 buy in stores (Females = 14.7%, Males = 44.1%)

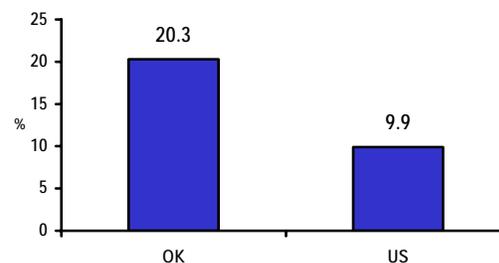
Family and Peer Influence

Current grade 6-8 spit tobacco users (61.7%) are more likely to live with someone who uses spit tobacco than are students who never used spit tobacco (19.7%).
 Current grade 9-12 spit tobacco users (51.5%) are more likely to live with someone who uses spit tobacco than are students who have never used spit tobacco (14.9%).
 Current grade 6-8 spit tobacco users (76.7%) are more likely to have a close friend who uses spit tobacco than are students who never used spit tobacco (18.3%).
 Current grade 9-12 spit tobacco users (92.9%) are more likely to have a close friend who uses spit tobacco than are students who never used spit tobacco (25.0%).

U.S. vs. Oklahoma – Grades 6-8, Males



U.S. vs. Oklahoma – Grades 9-12, Males



*Spit tobacco includes smokeless tobacco, chew tobacco, and snuff. Current use is defined as used at least one day in the last 30 days.

Data Sources: The 2005 Oklahoma Youth Tobacco Survey (2005 OYTS), Oklahoma State Department of Health; 2004 National Youth Tobacco Survey, www.cdc.gov/tobacco/NYTS/CorrectionNotice.htm