

Exposure to Secondhand Tobacco Smoke

Grades 6-8

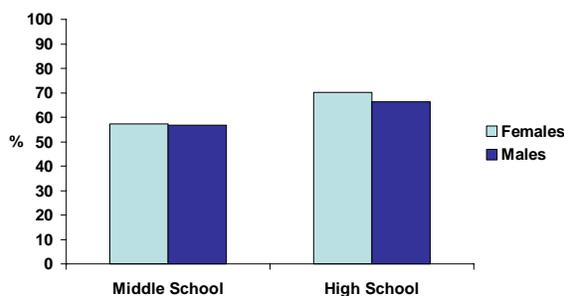
- Over half (56.8%) of middle school students were in the same room or a car with someone who was smoking cigarettes on one or more days during the past week.
- Among middle school students who have never smoked, less than half (43.7%) have been in the same room and almost one-third (30.9%) rode in a car during the past week with someone who was smoking cigarettes.
- About 8 out of 10 middle school students who currently smoke have been in the same room (81.7%) or ridden in a car (76.4%) during the past week with someone who was smoking cigarettes.
- Native American students are the most likely to be exposed to secondhand tobacco smoke (Native American – 65.9%, White – 56.0%, Black – 54.6%, Hispanic – 53.0%)
- Female and male middle school students are equally as likely to be exposed to secondhand tobacco smoke (females – 52.2%, males – 56.6%)

Grades 9-12

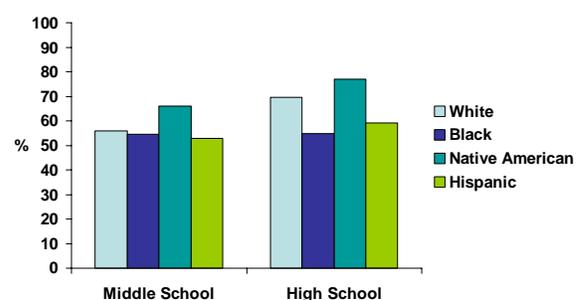
- Two-thirds (68.1%) of high school students have been in the same room or a car with someone who was smoking cigarettes during the past week.
- Among high school students who have never smoked, about half (49.6%) have been in the same room and almost one-third (31.3%) have ridden in a car with someone who was smoking cigarettes during the past week.
- Among high school students who currently smoke, most (88.8%) have been in the same room and 82.5% rode in a car with someone who was smoking cigarettes during the past week.
- Native American high school students are the most likely to be exposed to secondhand tobacco smoke and Blacks or African Americans are the least likely to be exposed to secondhand tobacco smoke. (Native American – 77.1%, White – 69.5%, Black – 54.8%, Hispanic – 59.3%)
- Among high school students, females are more likely than males to be exposed to secondhand tobacco smoke. (females – 62.2%, males – 47.1%)

In a room or car with someone who was smoking during past week

By gender and school level



By race/ethnicity and school level



Data Sources: 2007 Oklahoma Youth Tobacco Survey (OYTS), Oklahoma State Department of Health.

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