

# Spit Tobacco Use Among Youth

## Prevalence: Middle School - Grades 6-8

- 13.7% have ever used spit tobacco (Females = 8.6%, Males = 18.6%)
- 4.5% currently use spit tobacco (Female = 2.1%, Males = 6.7%)
- 0.6% use spit tobacco at least 20 days in the last month (8<sup>th</sup> grade = 1.0%)

## Prevalence: High School - Grades 9-12

- 26.5% have ever used spit tobacco (Females = 12.2%, Males = 40.3%)
- 11.9% currently use spit tobacco (Female = 3.0%, Males = 20.4%)
- 4.6% use spit tobacco at least 20 days in the last month (12<sup>th</sup> grade = 5.9%)

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

- 39.5% of students in grades 6-8 (Females = 46.7%, Males = 36.9%)
- 23.1% of students in grades 9-12 (Females = 24.7%, Males = 22.8%)

## Use on School Property During Past Month

- 2.7% of students in grades 6-8 (Females = 1.4%, Males = 3.9%)
- 8.2% of students in grades 9-12 (Females = 1.5%, Males = 14.4%)

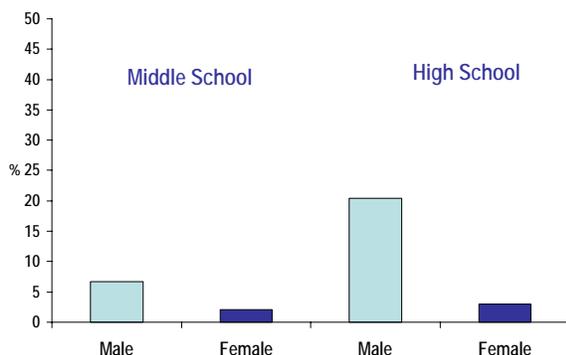
## Access and Availability: Current Users Under 18 years old

- 10.9% of students in grades 6-8 buy in stores (Females = 0.0%, Males = 13.2%)
- 32.1% of students in grades 9-12 buy in stores (Females = 29.5%, Males = 32.2%)

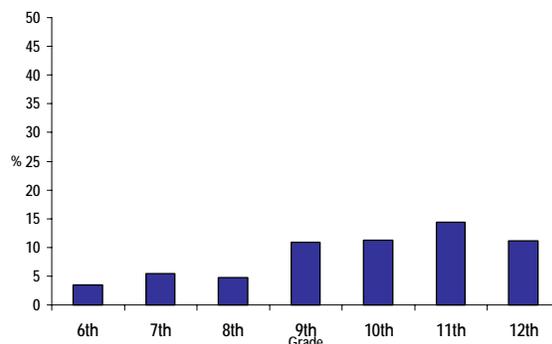
## Family and Peer Influence

- Current grade 6-8 spit tobacco users (48.4%) are more likely to live with someone who uses spit tobacco than are students who never used spit tobacco (18.8%).
- Current grade 9-12 spit tobacco users (51.6%) are more likely to live with someone who uses spit tobacco than are students who have never used spit tobacco (20.4%).
- Current grade 6-8 spit tobacco users (65.5%) are more likely to have a close friend who uses spit tobacco than are students who never used spit tobacco (16.4%).
- Current grade 9-12 spit tobacco users (87.1%) are more likely to have a close friend who uses spit tobacco than are students who never used spit tobacco (30.8%).

## Spit Tobacco Use by Gender



## Spit Tobacco Use by Grade



\*Spit tobacco includes smokeless tobacco, chew tobacco, and snuff. Current use is defined as used at least one day in the last 30 days. Frequent use is defined as used on at least 20 days during the last 30 days.

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

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