

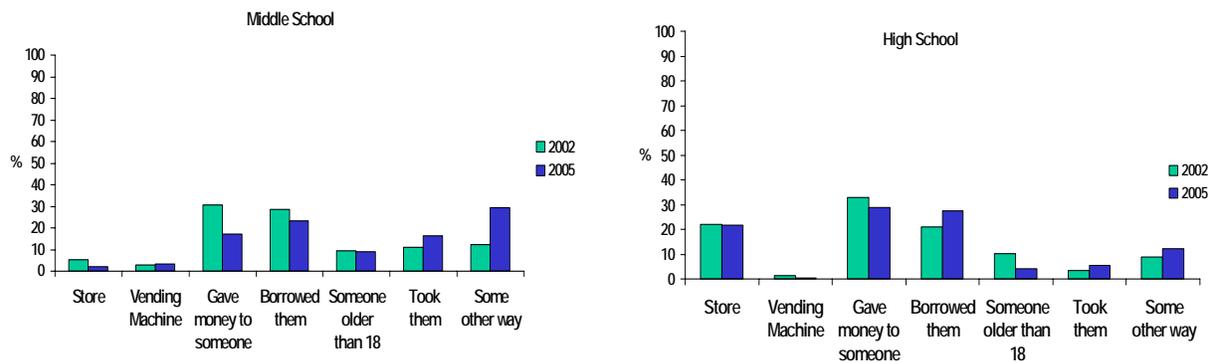
How cigarette smokers under age 18 usually get cigarettes – Middle School (Grades 6-8)

- About one-third of students in grades 6 – 8 usually obtain cigarettes through social sources (borrowed them: 23.3%, got from someone older than 18 years old: 8.8%).
- Almost one-fifth of students usually give money to someone to purchase their cigarettes for them (17.2%)
- About one in six usually took their cigarettes from family or a store (16.3%)
- About one-third of students usually get their cigarettes some other way not specified in the survey (29.2%). Males were twice as likely to usually get their cigarettes some other way than females (females: 41.8%, males: 20.1%)

How cigarette smokers under age 18 usually get cigarettes – High School (Grades 9-12)

- One-fifth of high school students usually get their cigarettes by purchasing them in a store. (21.6%). Boys are much more likely to buy their cigarettes in a store than are girls. (females: 13.5%, males: 31.7%)
- Social sources are also an important way for high school students to get cigarettes (borrowed them: 23.6%, got them from someone older than 18: 4.8%)
- One-third of high school students usually give money to someone to buy cigarettes for them. Girls are more likely to give money to someone to buy their cigarettes than are boys. (females: 39.4%, males: 14.4%)
- About one in ten usually get their cigarettes in a way not specified on the survey (8.5%)

How cigarette smokers under age 18 usually get cigarettes



Where cigarette smokers under age 18 bought last pack

- One third of current cigarette smokers in grades 6 – 8 under the age of 18 who bought cigarettes in the last 30 days bought them in either a gas station or convenience store. (33.5%)
- Two thirds of current cigarette smokers in grades 9 - 12 under the age of 18 who bought cigarettes in the last 30 days bought them in either a gas station or a convenience store. (67.1%)
- Relatively few current cigarette smokers under the age of 18 who bought cigarettes in the last 30 days bought them from the Internet (middle school: 2.6%, high school: 2.2%), a vending machine (middle school: 1.0%, high school: 0.2%), a drug store (middle school: 0.9%, high school: 1.0%), or a grocery store (middle school: 2.9%, high school: 2.1%).

Data Sources: 2005 Oklahoma Youth Tobacco Survey (OYTS), Oklahoma State Department of Health

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