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

- Almost one-third of students in grades 6 – 8 usually obtain cigarettes through social sources (borrowed them: 25.7%, got from someone older than 18 years old: 5.7%).
- Almost one-fourth of students usually give money to someone to purchase their cigarettes for them (23.0%).
- About one in 10 usually took their cigarettes from family or a store (11.7%).
- About one-fifth of students usually get their cigarettes some other way not specified in the survey (21.3%).

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

- More than one-third of students in grades 9-12 usually obtain cigarettes through social sources (borrowed them: 26.1%, got them from someone older than 18: 12.5%).
- Sixteen percent of high school students usually get their cigarettes by purchasing them in a store. (16.0%). Boys are much more likely to buy their cigarettes in a store than are girls. (females: 10.3%, males: 22.4%).
- More than half of high school students usually give money to someone to buy cigarettes for them (28.8%).
- About one in 10 usually get their cigarettes in a way not specified on the survey (9.9%).

How cigarette smokers under age 18 usually get cigarettes

Where cigarette smokers under age 18 bought last pack

- Forty percent 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. (gas station: 27.9%, convenience store: 12.3%).
- Over half 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. (gas station:35.5%, convenience store: 23.3%).
- 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: 0.5%, high school: 1.9%), a vending machine (middle school: 3.3%, high school: 2.4%), a drug store (middle school: 2.3%, high school: 1.0%), or a grocery store (middle school: 0.9%, high school: 5.3%).

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

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