Grades 6-8

- Male middle school students who smoke are much more likely to think it is safe to smoke a year or two as long as you quit after that than are female middle school students who smoke. (females: 24.8%, males: 41.1%)
- Female middle school students who smoke are much more likely than male middle school smokers to want to stop smoking cigarettes. (females: 60.3%, males: 46.4%)
- Female middle school students who currently smoke are much more likely than male middle school students who currently smoke to have tried to quit during the past year. (female: 59.8%, males: 54.9%)
- When they had last tried to quit, 37.1% of female middle school students who currently smoke and 37.2% of male middle school students who currently smoke had stayed off cigarettes for less than 30 days.
- Male and female middle school students who currently smoke think they would be able to quit cigarette smoking now if they wanted to (females: 76.2%, males: 71.2%)

Grades 9-12

- Male middle school students who smoke are much more likely to think it is safe to smoke a year or two as long as you quit after that than are female middle school students who smoke. (females: 18.3%, males: 30.3%)
- Female high school students who currently smoke are slightly more likely than male high school students who currently smoke to want to stop smoking cigarettes. (females: 49.0%, males: 47.1%)
- Female high school students who currently smoke are slightly more likely than male high school students who currently smoke to have tried to quit during the past year. (females: 57.0%, males: 55.6%)
- When they had last tried to quit, four out of ten high school students who currently smoke had stayed off cigarettes for less than 30 days. (females: 45.1%, males: 40.6%)
- More than three out of four middle school students who currently smoke think they would be able to quit cigarette smoking now if they wanted to (females: 78.1%, males: 77.0%)

**Current Smokers**

![Current Smokers Chart for Middle School](image)

![Current Smokers Chart for High School](image)

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

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