

# SURVEILLANCE UPDATE

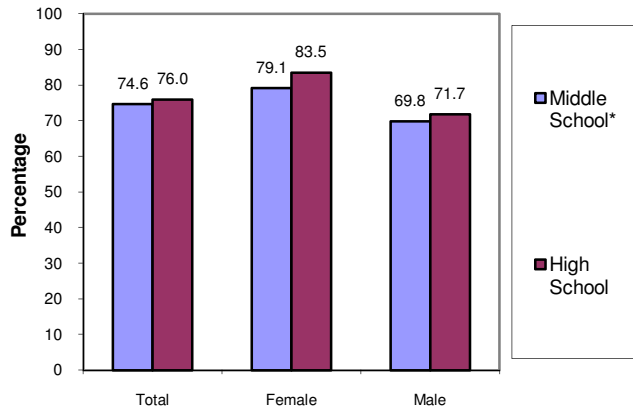


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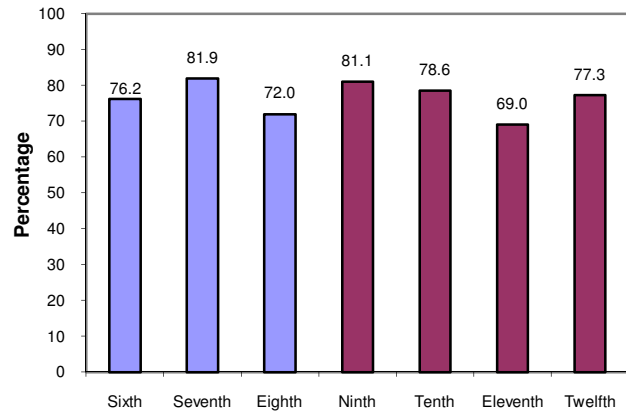


## 2011 N.C. Youth Tobacco Survey: Cigarette Access and Age

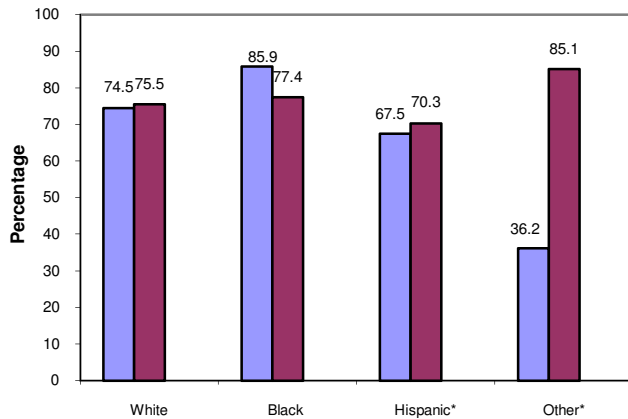
**Percentage of N.C. middle and high school current smokers who not were denied purchase of cigarettes because of their age, by gender: N.C. YTS, 2011**



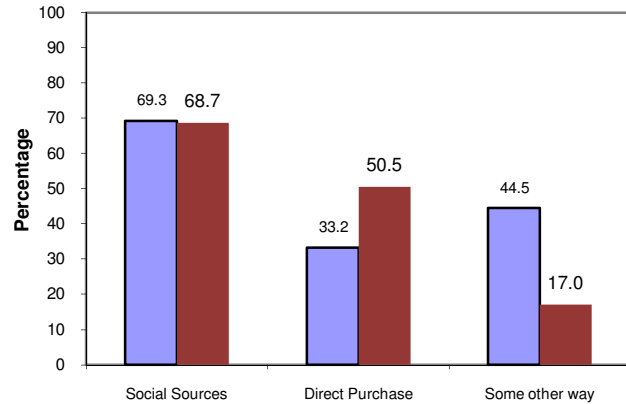
**Percentage of N.C. middle and high school current smokers who were not denied purchase of cigarettes because of their age, by grade level: N.C. YTS, 2011**



**Percentage of N.C. middle and high school students current smokers who were not denied purchase of cigarettes because of their age race/ethnicity: N.C. YTS, 2011**



**Percentage of N.C. middle and high school current smokers who obtained cigarettes, by source in past 30 days: N.C. YTS, 2011**



Weighted to provide estimates representative of the public middle & high school student population; Persons reported not being asked to show proof of age the last time they purchased cigarettes. Specific data on 95% confidence intervals and regional definitions is at the N.C. YTS website.

\*Use caution when interpreting. Results based on small sample size.

The N.C. Youth Tobacco Survey (N.C. YTS) provides a critical source of public health data for understanding the scope of the tobacco problem and measuring progress toward overall goals among youth. N.C. 2011 YTS is a comprehensive statewide representative sample of more than 10,000 middle and high school students. Every other year a core set of CDC tobacco-related questions are asked. In addition, states add questions related to local program factors. The sampling scheme is now intended to generate significant numbers for regional data (West, Central and East). Caution should be used in interpreting results when only a small number of respondents have answered the question. See the N.C. Tobacco Prevention and Control Branch website for more information.



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