

YOUTH TOBACCO USE: ISLAND COUNTY 2006



Findings from the Washington State Healthy Youth Survey

CIGARETTES	6 TH	8 TH	10 TH	12 TH
	GRADERS	GRADERS	GRADERS	GRADERS
Currently smoke Cigarettes, past 30 days	1.9%	6.4%	14.1%	17.4%
Ever tried Cigarettes	4.8%	20.7%	32.0%	39.4%
Think it would be easy to get Cigarettes if they wanted some	19.7%	38.4%	56.0%	76.5%
Think it is very wrong for someone their age to smoke Cigarettes	89.2%	69.7%	53.5%	39.4%

CIGARS, CIGARILLOS, LITTLE CIGARS	6 TH	8 TH	10 TH	12 TH
	GRADERS	GRADERS	GRADERS	GRADERS
Currently use Cigars, Cigarillos or little Cigars	~	8.5%	15.9%	20.0%

Cigars contain the same toxic and carcinogenic (cancer causing) compounds found in cigarettes and are not a safe alternative to cigarettes. Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

BIDIS (FLAVORED CIGARETTES)	6 TH	8 TH	10 TH	12 TH
	GRADERS	GRADERS	GRADERS	GRADERS
Currently use Bidis, past 30 days	~	5.6%	9.3%	8.6%

Small, thin hand-rolled cigarettes imported to the United States primarily from India and other Southeast Asian countries. Bidis have higher concentrations of nicotine, tar, and carbon monoxide than conventional cigarettes sold in the United States. Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

CLOVE CIGARETTES (KRETEKS)	6 TH	8 TH	10 TH	12 TH
	GRADERS	GRADERS	GRADERS	GRADERS
Currently use Clove Cigarettes, past 30 days	~	4.1%	4.9%	5.9%

Imported from Indonesia, kreteks typically contain a mixture consisting of tobacco, cloves, and other additives. Research indicates that analyses indicate that kreteks deliver more nicotine, carbon monoxide, and tar than conventional cigarettes. Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

CHEW, SNUFF OR DIP	6 TH	8 TH	10 TH	12 TH
	GRADERS	GRADERS	GRADERS	GRADERS
Currently use Chew, Snuff or Dip Tobacco, past 30 days	0.6%	1.3%	2.5%	7.3%

Smokeless tobacco is a significant health risk and is not a safe substitute for smoking cigarettes. Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

~ Not asked of students in this grade.

Currently use = any use in the past 30 days (also called recent use). Ever tried = use at anytime in the past (also called lifetime use).

We are extremely appreciative of the participation of all four Island County school districts in the Healthy Youth Survey. Their participation allows us to report on the current health status of our youth and track trends over time.

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