

TABLE 8
Trends in Attitudes about Regular Smokeless Tobacco Use
for Eighth, Tenth, and Twelfth Graders

	1975	1976	1977	1978	1979	1980	1981	1982	1983	1984	1985	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990	1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	'00-'01 change	
Perceived Risk^a																													
8th Grade																		35.1	35.1	36.9	35.5	33.5	34.0	35.2	36.5	37.1	39.0	38.2	-0.7
10th Grade																		40.3	39.6	44.2	42.2	38.2	41.0	42.2	42.8	44.2	46.7	46.2	-0.5
12th Grade											25.8	30.0	33.2	32.9	34.2			37.4	35.5	38.9	36.6	33.2	37.4	38.6	40.9	41.1	42.2	45.4	+3.3
Disapproval^b																													
8th Grade																		79.1	77.2	77.1	75.1	74.0	74.1	76.5	76.3	78.0	79.2	79.4	+0.2
10th Grade																		75.4	74.6	73.8	71.2	71.0	71.0	72.3	73.2	75.1	75.8	76.1	+0.3
Approx. Ns:																													
8th Grade																		17500	18600	18300	17300	17500	17800	18600	18100	16700	16700	16200	
10th Grade																		14800	14800	15300	15800	17000	15600	15500	15000	13600	14300	14000	
12th Grade	2800	2900	3100	3800	3300	3200	3600	3600	3300	3300	3300	3000	3300	3300	2800	2600	2500	2700	2800	2600	2600	2400	2600	2500	2300	2100	2100		

NOTES: Level of significance of difference between the two most recent classes: $s = .05$, $ss = .01$, $sss = .001$.
Any apparent inconsistency between the change estimate and the prevalence of use estimates for the two most recent classes is due to rounding error.
SOURCE: The Monitoring the Future Study, The University of Michigan.

^aThe question text was: How much do you think people risk harming themselves (physically or in other ways) if they use smokeless tobacco regularly? Answer alternatives were: (1) No risk, (2) Slight risk, (3) Moderate risk, (4) Great risk, and (5) Can't say, drug unfamiliar. The percentage saying "great risk" is shown. For 8th and 10th graders: Beginning in 1999, perceived risk data based on two of four forms; N is two-thirds of N indicated.

^bThe question text was: Do you disapprove of people using smokeless tobacco regularly? Answer alternatives were: (1) Don't disapprove, (2) Disapprove, and (3) Strongly disapprove. For 8th and 10th graders, there was another category—"Can't say, drug unfamiliar"—which was included in the calculation of these percentages. The percentage saying they "disapprove" or "strongly disapprove" is shown. For 8th and 10th graders: Beginning in 1999, disapproval data based on two of four forms; N is two-thirds of N indicated. This question was not asked of 12th graders.