

TABLE 7

Smokeless Tobacco: Trends in Thirty-Day Prevalence of Use by Subgroups for Twelfth Graders

	Percentage who used in last thirty days																			'02-'03 change	
	Class of:																				
	1975-85	1986	1987	1988	1989	1990 ^a	1991 ^a	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003		
<i>Approx. N =</i>	—	15200	16300	16300	16700	15200	15000	15800	16300	15400	15400	14300	15400	15200	13600	12800	12800	12900	14600		
Total	—	11.5	11.3	10.3	8.4	—	—	11.4	10.7	11.1	12.2	9.8	9.7	8.8	8.4	7.6	7.8	6.5	6.7	+0.2	
Gender:																					
Male	—	22.3	22.8	19.9	15.9	—	—	20.8	19.7	20.3	23.6	19.5	18.7	15.6	15.5	14.4	14.2	12.2	12.5	+0.3	
Female	—	1.6	0.7	1.7	1.2	—	—	2.0	2.3	2.6	1.8	1.1	1.2	1.5	1.3	1.3	1.6	1.2	1.0	-0.2	
College Plans:																					
None or under 4 years	—	14.5	15.5	13.1	9.6	—	—	18.0	14.9	15.8	18.7	17.6	16.9	14.3	10.5	15.8	13.0	10.8	12.8	+2.0	
Complete 4 years	—	9.8	9.0	8.8	7.7	—	—	9.4	9.4	9.3	9.9	7.6	7.4	7.1	7.6	5.4	6.1	4.8	4.8	+0.1	
Region:																					
Northeast	—	9.5	7.3	5.9	5.0	—	—	8.2	9.6	12.0	9.6	8.4	6.9	2.6	4.3	5.3	5.4	5.3	6.3	+1.0	
North Central	—	13.5	11.3	10.8	8.3	—	—	12.3	13.6	14.7	16.7	12.6	13.4	11.8	8.9	11.1	9.9	7.8	5.7	-2.0	
South	—	12.2	13.7	12.1	9.8	—	—	12.5	11.1	9.7	11.9	9.2	9.0	10.5	10.7	7.3	8.5	7.9	7.9	+0.1	
West	—	9.3	11.7	10.9	9.1	—	—	11.1	7.0	8.5	8.6	8.5	9.1	7.3	7.0	6.3	6.2	3.9	6.0	+2.2	
Population Density:																					
Large MSA	—	9.0	6.4	7.7	6.8	—	—	5.9	7.1	7.5	12.5	8.6	6.5	4.7	4.9	4.2	4.4	3.4	3.4	0.0	
Other MSA	—	8.9	10.5	8.5	7.6	—	—	11.1	9.9	11.3	9.5	7.4	7.4	7.7	8.5	7.9	8.0	5.7	6.9	+1.2	
Non-MSA	—	17.1	17.5	16.1	11.7	—	—	16.9	15.0	14.7	16.7	15.3	17.9	16.1	11.7	11.4	11.5	11.9	10.4	-1.6	
Parental Education: ^b																					
1.0-2.0 (Low)	—	8.6	11.7	10.7	5.3	—	—	14.9	7.0	12.3	9.8	6.3	5.8	6.1	5.4	4.3	6.3	4.1	9.3	+5.1	
2.5-3.0	—	14.4	11.5	10.7	7.0	—	—	12.4	11.6	12.9	11.5	10.4	10.7	9.0	9.1	9.9	7.5	5.6	5.9	+0.3	
3.5-4.0	—	11.5	12.1	10.6	9.0	—	—	12.4	10.8	9.8	12.8	9.1	10.4	9.8	8.8	8.9	8.6	7.4	6.5	-0.9	
4.5-5.0	—	10.4	11.7	11.8	10.2	—	—	8.0	13.3	11.1	12.8	11.4	9.1	9.6	8.5	6.2	6.2	7.3	7.6	+0.3	
5.5-6.0 (High)	—	7.7	8.1	7.2	8.4	—	—	10.6	7.8	10.2	11.6	8.1	9.9	7.4	7.9	5.7	10.3	4.6	6.2	+1.6	
Race (2-year average): ^c																					
White	—	—	12.9	12.0	10.6	—	—	—	13.8	13.8	13.8	13.0	12.2	11.8	11.0	10.5	10.3	9.7	8.5	-1.3	
Black	—	—	2.1	4.5	4.5	—	—	—	2.0	1.9	2.1	2.7	2.2	1.4	1.5	1.5	1.2	1.0	1.0	0.0	
Hispanic	—	—	4.4	5.2	5.1	—	—	—	6.0	5.4	7.6	8.1	5.3	4.3	3.9	3.8	3.2	2.6	3.1	+0.5	

NOTES: Level of significance of difference between the two most recent classes: $s = .05$, $ss = .01$, $sss = .001$. '—' indicates data not available. Any apparent inconsistency between the change estimate and the prevalence of use estimates for the two most recent classes is due to rounding error.

Data based on one of six forms; N is one-sixth of N indicated.

SOURCE: The Monitoring the Future Study, the University of Michigan.

CAUTION: Limited sample sizes (see "Notes" above). Use caution in interpreting subgroup trends.

^aPrevalence of smokeless tobacco use was not asked of twelfth graders in 1990 and 1991. Prior to 1990 the prevalence of use question on smokeless tobacco was located near the end of one twelfth-grade questionnaire form, whereas after 1991 the question was placed earlier and in a different form. This shift could explain the discontinuities between the corresponding data.

^bParental education is an average score of mother's education and father's education.

^cTo derive percentages for each racial subgroup, data for the specified year *and* the previous year have been combined to increase subgroup sample sizes and thus provide more stable estimates.