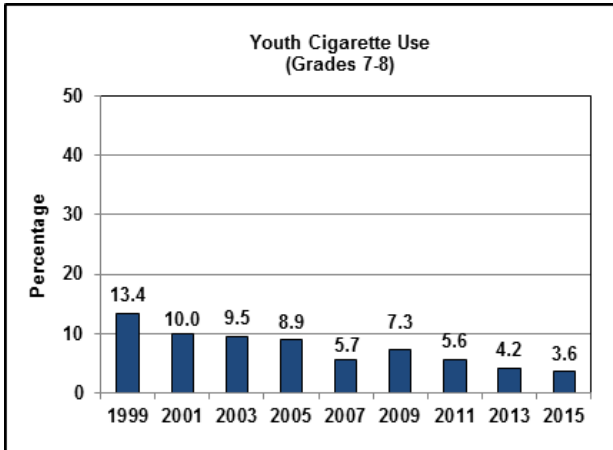
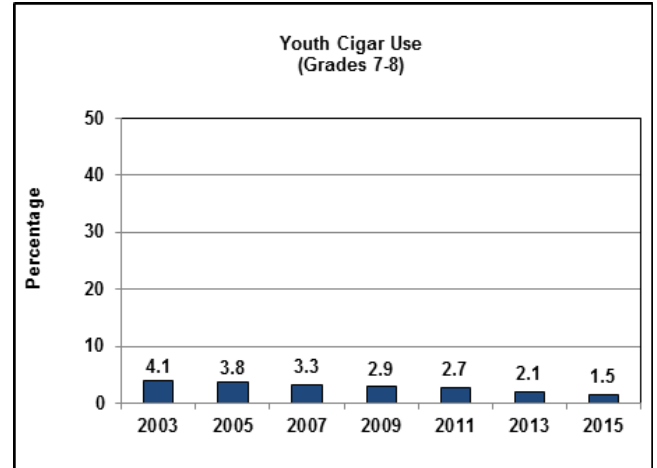


Trends in Youth Tobacco Use - Grades 7-8

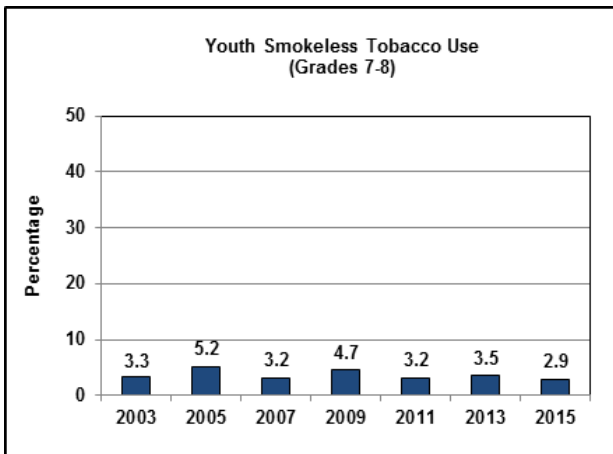
The percentage of students in grades seven and eight who currently smoke cigarettes steadily declined from 13.4 percent in 1999 to 3.6 percent in 2015.



The percentage of students in grades seven and eight who currently smoke cigars, cigarillos or little cigars decreased by more than half between 2003 and 2015.



The current use of smokeless tobacco products among students in grades seven and eight remained at approximately the same level between 2003 and 2015.



Source: The Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) monitors priority health-risk behaviors among youth and young adults. In 2015, the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction conducted the eighth biennial YRBS, acquiring random samples of 2,121 North Dakota students in grades nine through 12 and 2,047 students in grades seven and eight. Weighted results were obtained and are considered representative of all students in those grades.

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