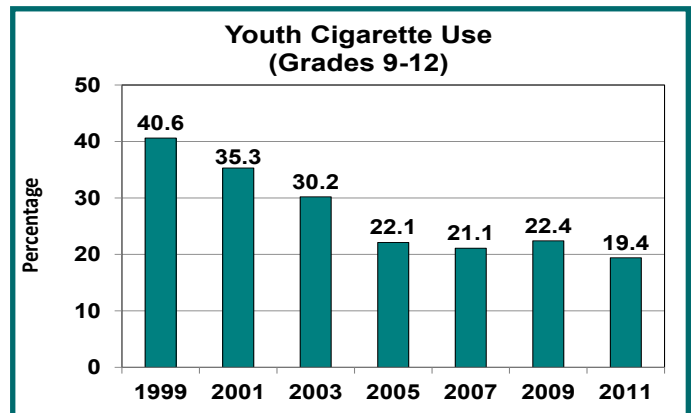


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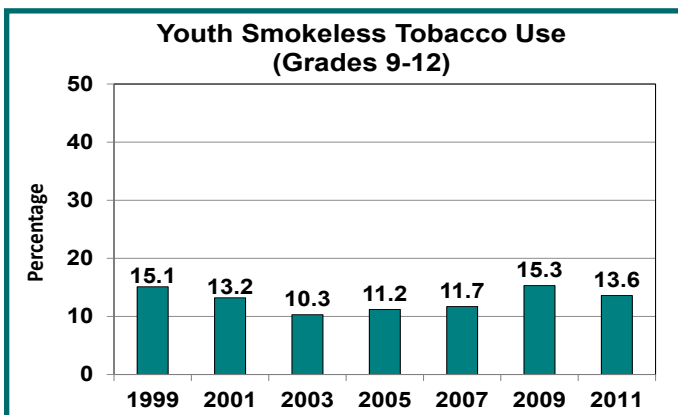
Trends in Youth Tobacco Use (Grades 9-12)

Current tobacco use is defined as having used the product (i.e., cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, cigars) on one or more of the past 30 days.

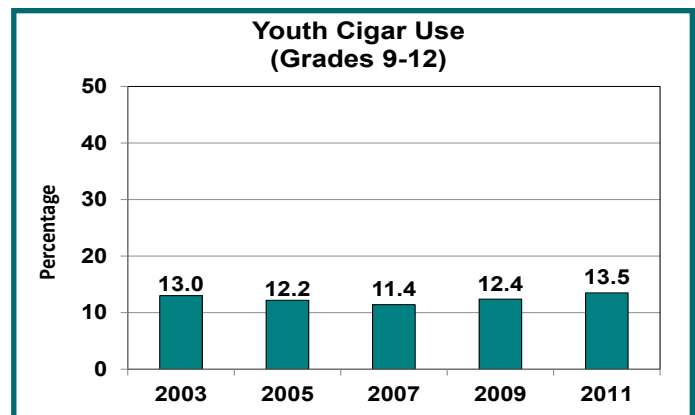
The percentage of students in grades nine through 12 who currently smoke cigarettes significantly decreased from 40.6 percent in 1999 to 22.1 percent in 2005. It remained relatively stable between 2005 and 2011.



The current use of smokeless tobacco products among students in grades nine through 12 remained at approximately the same level – from 15.1 percent in 1999 to 13.6 percent in 2011.



The percentage of students in grades nine through 12 who currently smoke cigars, cigarillos or little cigars remained at approximately the same level between 2003 and 2011.



Source: The Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) monitors priority health-risk behaviors among youth and young adults. The North Dakota Department of Public Instruction conducts the survey biennially. Weighted results are obtained and are considered representative of all students in the grades surveyed.