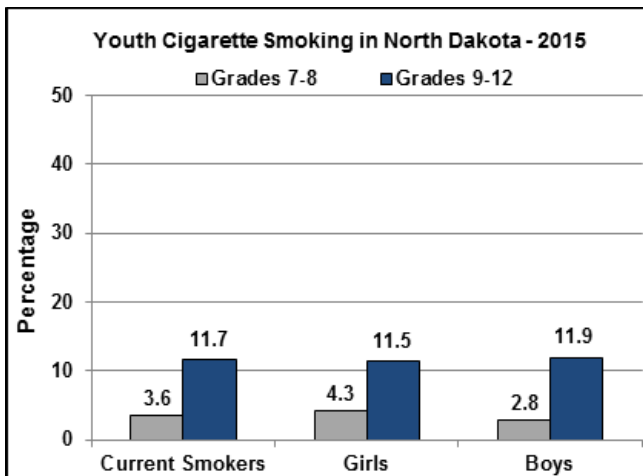
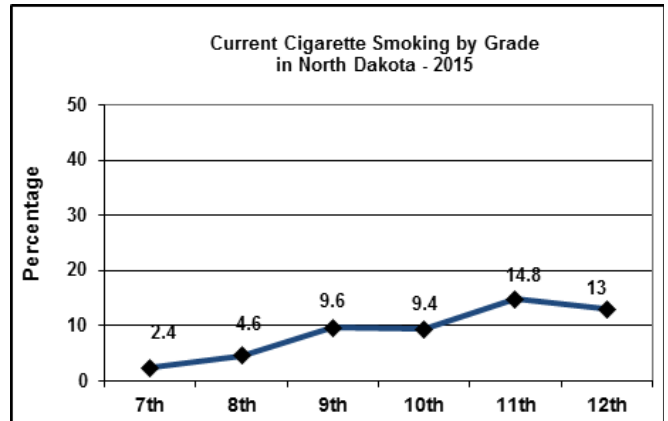


## Youth Cigarette Smoking in 2015

- ▶ In 2015, 11.7 percent of North Dakota students in grades nine through 12 were current cigarette smokers and 3.6 percent of students in grades seven and eight were current smokers.
- ▶ The rate of current cigarette smoking more than tripled between the time students were in grades seven and eight and the time they were in grades nine through 12.
- ▶ Girls smoked at a slightly higher rate than boys in middle school and at about the same rate in high school.



- ▶ Cigarette use increased with grade level, starting at 2.4 percent in the seventh grade and growing to 14.8 percent in 11th grade and 13.0 percent in the 12th grade.



- ▶ Of students in grades nine through 12, 35.1 percent tried smoking a cigarette at least once.
- ▶ Of the current smokers in grades nine through 12, 47.4 percent tried to quit smoking during the previous 12 months.

**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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