

Data Source Documentation

Indicator	Tobacco use, middle school students
Demographic Group	Wisconsin public middle school students
Numerator	Middle school students in the Wisconsin Youth Tobacco Survey (YTS) sample who reported using tobacco in the previous 30 days. (Note: “Any form of tobacco” includes: chewing tobacco, snuff and dip, as well as cigarettes, cigars, bidis, kreteks and tobacco smoked in a pipe.)
Denominator	All middle school students who responded to the Wisconsin YTS in the relevant year or years.
Details about Data Item	<p>In the tables, the 95% confidence interval (the “+/-“ column) indicates the range in which 95 of 100 identical surveys would estimate the percent of Wisconsin middle school students who use tobacco. Add the confidence interval to the estimated percent to find the high boundary and subtract it to find the low boundary. Smaller numbers of cases in the denominator produce larger confidence intervals.</p> <p>The Youth Tobacco Survey asks students a series of questions about tobacco use in the previous 30 days, including whether they used: cigarettes, chewing tobacco, tobacco smoked in a pipe, bidis (small cigarettes made in India) and kreteks (cigarettes made with tobacco and clove extract).</p>
Other Data Information	<p>The Youth Tobacco Survey is administered by the Division of Public Health in the Wisconsin Department of Health Services. The YTS questionnaire was developed by the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) Office on Smoking and Health.</p> <p>All public schools containing grades 6 through 8 are included in the middle school sampling frame and all students in selected classes are eligible to participate. Results are weighted to account for non-response and to reflect the overall Wisconsin public middle school student population.</p> <p>As of 2004, the YTS is administered every other year, in even-numbered years. Prior to 2004 it was administered every year.</p>
Reference Time Period	The 30 days preceding the day the student responded to the YTS.
Data Source	Wisconsin Youth Tobacco Survey (YTS), Division of Public Health, Department of Health Services.
Additional Information	Additional information about the Wisconsin Youth Tobacco Survey is available on the Web site of the Wisconsin Tobacco Control Program (http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/tobacco/).

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