

Q34: Have you ever tried cigarette smoking, even one or two puffs?

In 2005, approximately one-half of students reported trying cigarettes.

- 54.5 percent of students reported having ever tried cigarette smoking, even one or two puffs.
- Students in ninth grade (40.5 percent) were significantly less likely than students in the 10th (56.6 percent), 11th (57.8 percent) and 12th (64.1 percent) grades to have ever tried cigarette smoking.
- There were no significant differences in students who ever tried cigarette smoking by gender or race.

A significant decrease was observed from 1999 (73 percent) to 2005 (54.5 percent) in the percentage of students who reported trying cigarettes.

- This difference was significant for males, females and students in the ninth, 10th, 11th and 12th grades.
- There were no significant differences between 2003 and 2005.

