

Q35: How old were you when you smoked a whole cigarette for the first time?

In 2005, most students reported that they did not smoke a whole cigarette for the first time before age 13.

- 18 percent of students reported they smoked a whole cigarette for the first time before age 13.
- There were no significant differences in smoking before age 13 by gender, grade level or race.

A significant decrease was observed from 1999 (28 percent) to 2005 (18 percent) in the percentage of students who reported smoking before age 13.

- This difference was also significant for males 30.7 percent to 17.4 percent), and students in the 9th grade (34.6 percent to 16 percent).

