

TOBACCO: Cigarette purchase by current underage smokers

Q38b: During the past 30 days, how did you usually get your own cigarettes (students who were less than 18 years old and current smokers)?

In 2005, less than one-fifth of underage smokers reported purchasing their own cigarettes.

- 16.7 percent of students who were current smokers less than 18 years of age reported that they purchased cigarettes at a store or a gas station during the past 30 days.
- Due to high sampling variability, comparisons cannot be made for gender or race.
- There was no significant difference in the percentage of students under the age of 18 who purchased cigarettes at a store or gas station between students in the 10th and 11th grades.

There were no significant differences in the overall percentage of students purchasing cigarettes at a store or gas station between 1999 and 2005.

- A significant decrease was observed in the percentage of students who purchased their own cigarettes in the 11th grade between 1999 (35.7 percent) and 2005 (16.5 percent).

*The estimate may not be reliable. Significance not assessed for this variable.

**Missing data not reported due to small sample size.

