

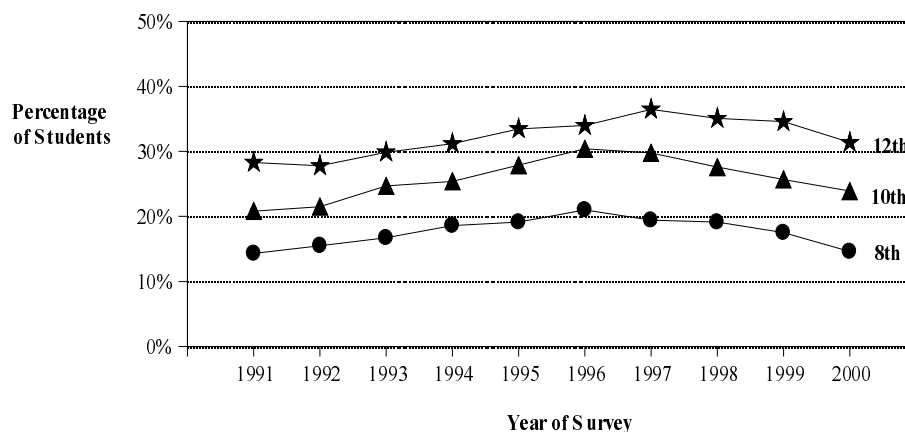
A Weekly FAX from the Center for Substance Abuse Research

University of Maryland, College Park

Cigarette Use Continues to Decline Among U.S. Youth

Following sharp increases in the early 1990s, cigarette use among U.S. 8th, 10th, and 12th grade students has steadily declined over the past several years. According to data from the most recent Monitoring the Future survey, 31% of 12th grade students reported cigarette use in the past thirty days, down from the peak of 37% in 1997. Similar declines have occurred among 8th and 10th grade students. The authors' suggest that these decreases may be a result of many factors, including the adverse publicity surrounding the tobacco settlement, state efforts to reduce teen smoking, the cessation of specific advertising practices, and increases in the price of cigarettes.

Percentage of U.S. Eighth, Tenth, and Twelfth Grade Students Reporting Cigarette Use in the Past Thirty Days, 1991-2000



NOTE: The difference between the 1999 and 2000 prevalence rate for 8th graders was statistically significant at $p < .001$; for 12th graders at $p < .01$.

SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from data from University of Michigan, Monitoring the Future Study Press Release, "Cigarette Use and Smokeless Tobacco Use Decline Substantially Among Teens," December 13, 2000. For more information, contact Lloyd Johnston at 734-763-5043 or visit the Monitoring the Future website at www.monitoringthefuture.org.

School Violence and Delinquency Conference to Be Held February 15 & 16

The National Center on Education, Disability, and Juvenile Justice (EDJJ) is sponsoring the conference, "Preventing School Violence & Delinquency: Research to Practice" on February 15th and 16th at the Inn and Conference Center at the University of Maryland, College Park. For more information, visit the EDJJ website at www.edjj.org.

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