

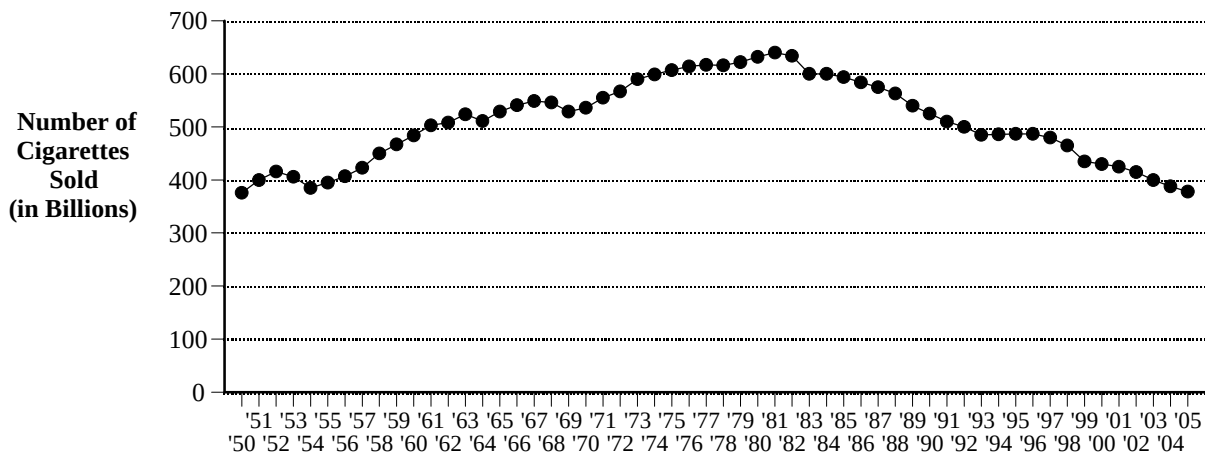
A Weekly FAX from the Center for Substance Abuse Research

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U.S. Cigarette Sales Reach Lowest Point in More Than 50 Years

Cigarette sales in the United States have reached the lowest point since 1951, according to data compiled by the U.S. Department of Agriculture. The number of cigarettes sold in the U.S. rose steadily from 375 billion in 1950 to a peak of 640 billion in 1981, then declined to 485 billion in 1993. From 1993 to 1997, the number of cigarettes sold plateaued, then began to decrease again in 1998. In 2005, 378 billion cigarettes were sold. Factors influencing this decline include advertising restrictions and increased cigarette prices stemming from the 1998 tobacco Master Settlement Agreement, legislation restricting where people can smoke, and greater knowledge of the health risks associated with smoking.

Number (in Billions) of Cigarettes Sold in the U.S., 1950 to 2005



NOTE: Tobacco sales data used in this report were compiled by the U.S. Department of Agriculture from reports of the Alcohol and Tobacco Tax and Trade Bureau, U.S. Department of Treasury.

SOURCES: Adapted by CESAR from U.S. Department of Agriculture, *Tobacco Yearbook 2005*, 2006 (available online at <http://usda.mannlib.cornell.edu/data-sets/specialty/92015>); and U.S. Department of Agriculture, *Trends in the Cigarette Industry After the Master Settlement Agreement*, 2001 (available online at <http://www.ers.usda.gov/publications/tbs/oct01/tbs250-01/tbs250-01.pdf>).

CESAR Seeking PhD-Level Candidate to Analyze Data on Alcohol Use Among College Students

CESAR is seeking a Research Associate to analyze and publish data from an ongoing, longitudinal prospective survey of alcohol use among college students. A PhD-level candidate with post-doctorate experience in public health and/or epidemiology is preferred. If you are interested in working in a supportive and stimulating, university-based team environment, please send a letter of interest and a resume to Dr. Amelia Arria at CESAR, 4321 Hartwick Rd, Ste 501, College Park, MD 20740; 301-403-8342 (fax); cesar@cesar.umd.edu.

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