

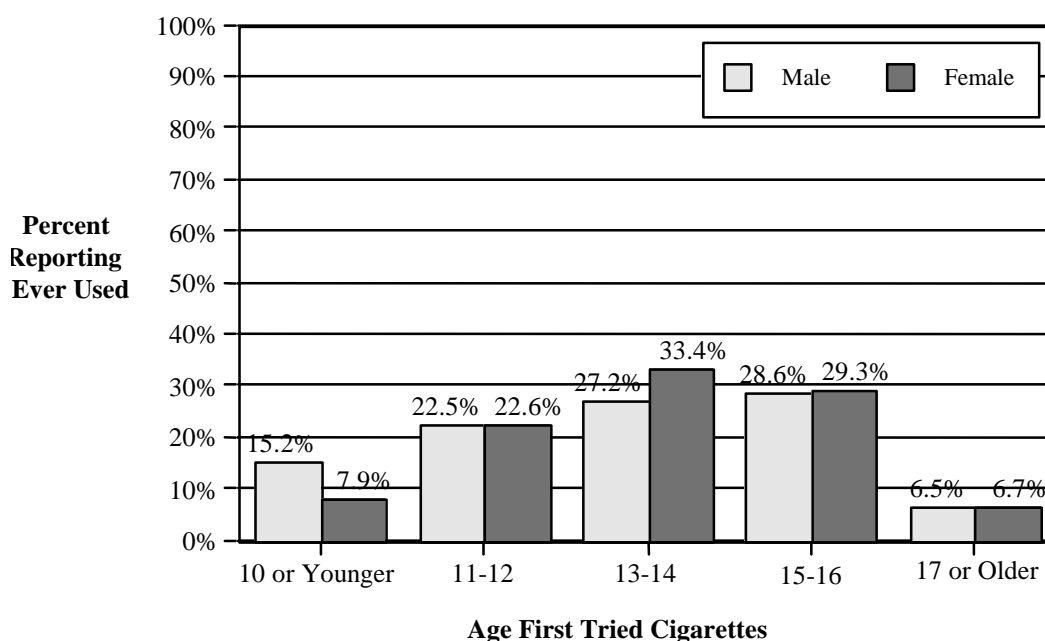
A Weekly FAX from the Center for Substance Abuse Research

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Males Nearly Twice as Likely as Females to Have First Tried Cigarettes Before Age 11

Data from the recently released 1994 Maryland Adolescent Survey show that the majority of both male and female Maryland 12th graders who had ever used cigarettes first tried them before they were 15 years old. Among seniors who had ever tried cigarettes, males were nearly twice as likely as females to have first tried them before age 11--15.2% versus 7.9%. These findings suggest the need for prevention programs that target youths as soon as they enter grade school.

**Age First Tried Cigarettes, by Gender
(Maryland High School Seniors Who Had Ever Tried Cigarettes)**



SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from data from the 1994 Maryland Adolescent Survey (MAS), Maryland State Department of Education (MSDE). For more information, contact Lu Morrissey of MSDE at 410-767-0301.

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