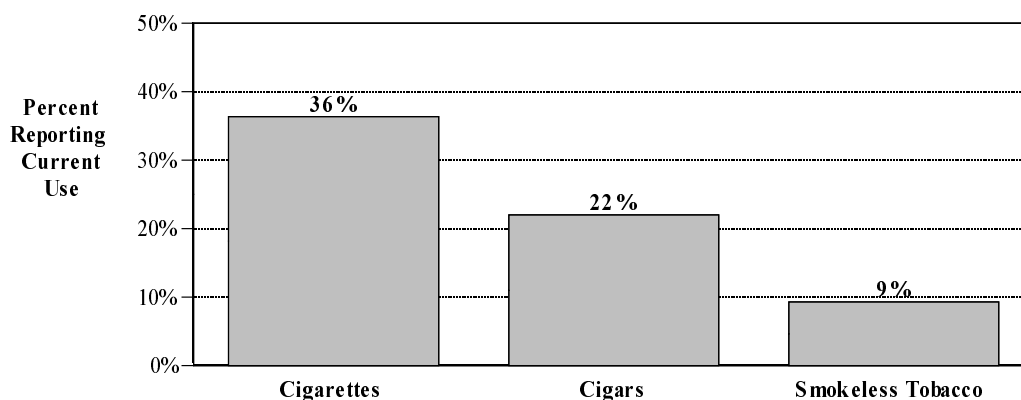


More Than One-Fifth of U.S. High School Students Smoke Cigars

According to data from the first nationally representative survey of cigar use among high school students, 22% of students had used cigars at least once in the 30 days prior to the survey. Male students were more likely to use cigars than female students (31% vs. 11%, respectively), regardless of race/ethnicity. In addition to cigar use, 36% of the students reported current cigarette use and 9% reported current smokeless tobacco use. According to the editors, these findings "suggest that a major proportion of U.S. youth already have or are at risk for nicotine addiction and the subsequent health problems caused by tobacco use" (p. 2).

Percentage of U.S. High School Students Reporting Current Tobacco Use, 1997
(n=16,262)



NOTE: Current use is defined as use on one or more of the 30 days preceding the survey.

SOURCE: Adapted by CESAR from data from Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, "Tobacco Use Among High School Students--United States, 1997," *Morbidity and Mortality Weekly Report*, 47(12):229-233, WWW document; <http://www.cdc.gov/epo/mmwr/preview/mmwrhtml/00051762.htm> (accessed 2/26/99).

Do You Have Information Regarding the Purchase of Drugs Via the Internet?

CESAR is looking for any information concerning the sale and/or purchase of legal or illegal drugs on the internet. If you would like to anonymously share information, please contact Brook Wraight of CESAR at 301-403-8329 or bwraight@cesar.umd.edu. Thank you!