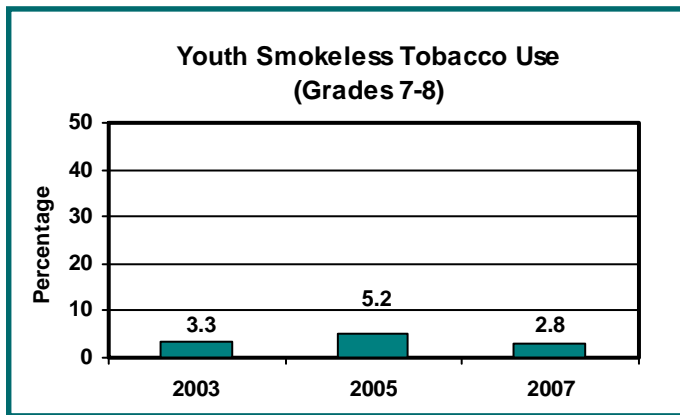
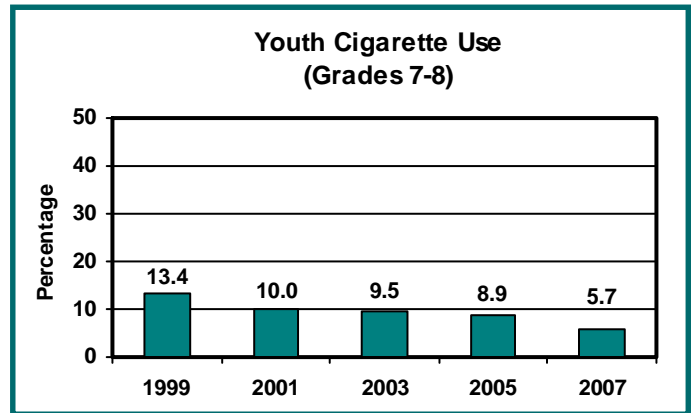


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Trends in Youth Tobacco Use (Grades 7-8)

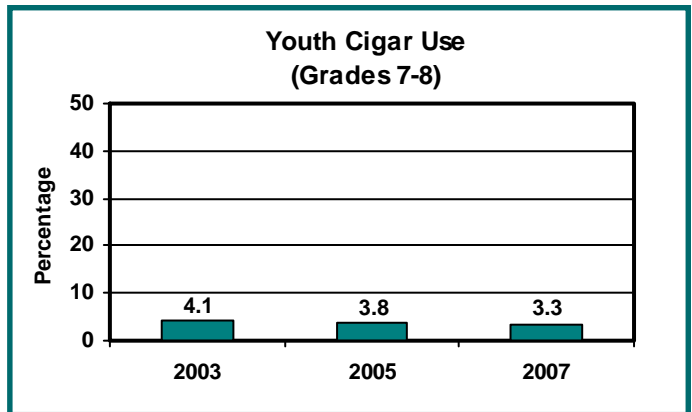
Current tobacco use is defined as having used the product (i.e., cigarettes, smokeless tobacco, cigars) on one or more of the past 30 days.

The percentage of students in grades seven and eight who currently smoke showed a steady decline from 13.4 percent in 1999 to 5.7 percent in 2007.



The current use of smokeless tobacco products among students in grades seven and eight increased in 2005 and decreased in 2007.

The percentage of students in grades seven and eight who currently smoke cigars, cigarillos or little cigars remained stable between 2003 and 2007.



Source: The Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) monitors priority health-risk behaviors among youth and young adults. The North Dakota Department of Health and the North Dakota Department of Public Instruction conduct the survey biennially. Weighted results are obtained and are considered representative of all students in the grades surveyed.