

TOBACCO USE: THURSTON COUNTY 2006



Findings from the Washington State Healthy Youth Survey

CIGARETTES	6TH GRADERS	8TH GRADERS	10TH GRADERS	12TH GRADERS
Currently smoke Cigarettes	1%	6%	12%	16%
Ever tried Cigarettes	4%	14%	25%	33%
Think it would be easy to get Cigarettes if they wanted some	17%	36%	55%	75%
Think it is very wrong for someone their age to smoke Cigarettes	88%	73%	55%	45%

CIGARS, CIGARILLOS, LITTLE CIGARS	6TH GRADERS	8TH GRADERS	10TH GRADERS	12TH GRADERS
Currently use Cigars, Cigarillos or little Cigars	~	9%	14%	21%

Cigars contain the same toxic and carcinogenic (cancer causing) compounds found in cigarettes and are not a safe alternative to cigarettes. Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

BIDIS (FLAVORED CIGARETTES)	6TH GRADERS	8TH GRADERS	10TH GRADERS	12TH GRADERS
Currently use Bidis	~	5%	8%	9%

Small, thin hand-rolled cigarettes imported to the United States primarily from India and other Southeast Asian countries. Bidis have higher concentrations of nicotine, tar, and carbon monoxide than conventional cigarettes sold in the United States. Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

CLOVE CIGARETTES (KRETEKS)	6TH GRADERS	8TH GRADERS	10TH GRADERS	12TH GRADERS
Currently use Clove Cigarettes	~	4%	6%	7%

Imported from Indonesia, kreteks typically contain a mixture consisting of tobacco, cloves, and other additives. Research indicates that kreteks deliver more nicotine, carbon monoxide, and tar than conventional cigarettes. Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

CHEW, SNUFF OR DIP	6TH GRADERS	8TH GRADERS	10TH GRADERS	12TH GRADERS
Currently use Chew, Snuff or Dip Tobacco	1%	3%	5%	7%

Smokeless tobacco is a significant health risk and is not a safe substitute for smoking cigarettes. Source: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention

~ Not asked of students in this grade.

* Currently use = any use in the past 30 days (also called recent use). Ever tried = use at anytime in the past (also called lifetime use).

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