

**Table 59 (page 1 of 2). Current cigarette smoking by persons 18 years of age and over according to sex, race, and age: United States, selected years 1965–2001**

[Data are based on household interviews of a sample of the civilian noninstitutionalized population]

<i>Sex, race, and age</i>	1965	1974	1979	1983	1985	1990	1995	1997 <sup>1</sup>	1998 <sup>1</sup>	1999 <sup>1</sup>	2000 <sup>1</sup>	2001 <sup>1</sup>
18 years and over, age adjusted <sup>2</sup>												
Percent of persons who are current cigarette smokers <sup>3</sup>												
All persons . . . . .	41.9	37.0	33.3	31.9	29.9	25.3	24.6	24.6	24.0	23.3	23.1	22.7
Male . . . . .	51.2	42.8	37.0	34.8	32.2	28.0	26.5	27.1	25.9	25.2	25.2	24.7
Female . . . . .	33.7	32.2	30.1	29.4	27.9	22.9	22.7	22.2	22.1	21.6	21.1	20.8
White male <sup>4</sup> . . . . .	50.4	41.7	36.4	34.2	31.3	27.6	26.2	26.8	26.0	25.0	25.5	24.9
Black or African American male <sup>4</sup> . . . . .	58.8	53.6	43.9	41.7	40.2	32.8	29.4	32.4	29.0	28.4	25.7	27.6
White female <sup>4</sup> . . . . .	33.9	32.0	30.3	29.6	27.9	23.5	23.4	22.8	23.0	22.5	22.0	22.1
Black or African American female <sup>4</sup> . . . . .	31.8	35.6	30.5	31.3	30.9	20.8	23.5	22.5	21.1	20.5	20.7	17.9
18 years and over, crude												
All persons . . . . .	42.4	37.1	33.5	32.1	30.1	25.5	24.7	24.7	24.1	23.5	23.3	22.8
Male . . . . .	51.9	43.1	37.5	35.1	32.6	28.4	27.0	27.6	26.4	25.7	25.7	25.2
Female . . . . .	33.9	32.1	29.9	29.5	27.9	22.8	22.6	22.1	22.0	21.5	21.0	20.7
White male <sup>4</sup> . . . . .	51.1	41.9	36.8	34.5	31.7	28.0	26.6	27.2	26.3	25.3	25.8	25.1
Black or African American male <sup>4</sup> . . . . .	60.4	54.3	44.1	40.6	39.9	32.5	28.5	32.2	29.0	28.6	26.1	27.6
White female <sup>4</sup> . . . . .	34.0	31.7	30.1	29.4	27.7	23.4	23.1	22.5	22.6	22.1	21.6	21.7
Black or African American female <sup>4</sup> . . . . .	33.7	36.4	31.1	32.2	31.0	21.2	23.5	22.5	21.1	20.6	20.8	18.0
All males												
18–24 years . . . . .	54.1	42.1	35.0	32.9	28.0	26.6	27.8	31.7	31.3	29.5	28.5	30.4
25–34 years . . . . .	60.7	50.5	43.9	38.8	38.2	31.6	29.5	30.3	28.5	29.1	29.0	27.2
35–44 years . . . . .	58.2	51.0	41.8	41.0	37.6	34.5	31.5	32.1	30.2	30.0	30.2	27.4
45–64 years . . . . .	51.9	42.6	39.3	35.9	33.4	29.3	27.1	27.6	27.7	25.8	26.4	26.4
65 years and over . . . . .	28.5	24.8	20.9	22.0	19.6	14.6	14.9	12.8	10.4	10.5	10.2	11.5
White male <sup>4</sup>												
18–24 years . . . . .	53.0	40.8	34.3	32.5	28.4	27.4	28.4	34.0	34.1	30.5	30.9	32.5
25–34 years . . . . .	60.1	49.5	43.6	38.6	37.3	31.6	29.9	30.4	29.2	30.8	29.9	29.0
35–44 years . . . . .	57.3	50.1	41.3	40.8	36.6	33.5	31.2	32.1	29.6	29.5	30.6	27.8
45–64 years . . . . .	51.3	41.2	38.3	35.0	32.1	28.7	26.3	26.5	27.0	24.5	25.8	25.1
65 years and over . . . . .	27.7	24.3	20.5	20.6	18.9	13.7	14.1	11.5	10.0	10.0	9.8	10.7
Black or African American male <sup>4</sup>												
18–24 years . . . . .	62.8	54.9	40.2	34.2	27.2	21.3	*14.6	23.5	19.7	23.6	20.8	21.6
25–34 years . . . . .	68.4	58.5	47.5	39.9	45.6	33.8	25.1	31.6	25.2	22.7	23.3	23.8
35–44 years . . . . .	67.3	61.5	48.6	45.5	45.0	42.0	36.3	33.9	36.1	34.8	30.8	29.9
45–64 years . . . . .	57.9	57.8	50.0	44.8	46.1	36.7	33.9	39.4	37.3	35.7	32.2	34.3
65 years and over . . . . .	36.4	29.7	26.2	38.9	27.7	21.5	28.5	26.0	16.3	17.3	14.2	21.1

See footnotes at end of table.

**Table 59 (page 2 of 2). Current cigarette smoking by persons 18 years of age and over according to sex, race, and age: United States, selected years 1965–2001**

[Data are based on household interviews of a sample of the civilian noninstitutionalized population]

Sex, race, and age	1965	1974	1979	1983	1985	1990	1995	1997 <sup>1</sup>	1998 <sup>1</sup>	1999 <sup>1</sup>	2000 <sup>1</sup>	2001 <sup>1</sup>
Percent of persons who are current cigarette smokers <sup>3</sup>												
All females												
18–24 years . . . . .	38.1	34.1	33.8	35.5	30.4	22.5	21.8	25.7	24.5	26.3	25.1	23.4
25–34 years . . . . .	43.7	38.8	33.7	32.6	32.0	28.2	26.4	24.8	24.6	23.5	22.5	23.0
35–44 years . . . . .	43.7	39.8	37.0	33.8	31.5	24.8	27.1	27.2	26.4	26.5	26.2	25.7
45–64 years . . . . .	32.0	33.4	30.7	31.0	29.9	24.8	24.0	21.5	22.5	21.0	21.6	21.4
65 years and over . . . . .	9.6	12.0	13.2	13.1	13.5	11.5	11.5	11.5	11.2	10.7	9.3	9.2
White female <sup>4</sup>												
18–24 years . . . . .	38.4	34.0	34.5	36.5	31.8	25.4	24.9	29.4	28.1	29.6	28.7	27.2
25–34 years . . . . .	43.4	38.6	34.1	32.2	32.0	28.5	27.3	26.1	26.9	25.5	25.1	25.5
35–44 years . . . . .	43.9	39.3	37.2	34.8	31.0	25.0	27.0	27.5	26.6	26.9	26.6	27.0
45–64 years . . . . .	32.7	33.0	30.6	30.6	29.7	25.4	24.3	20.9	22.5	21.2	21.4	21.6
65 years and over . . . . .	9.8	12.3	13.8	13.2	13.3	11.5	11.7	11.7	11.2	10.5	9.1	9.4
Black or African American female <sup>4</sup>												
18–24 years . . . . .	37.1	35.6	31.8	32.0	23.7	10.0	*8.8	11.5	*8.1	14.8	14.2	10.0
25–34 years . . . . .	47.8	42.2	35.2	38.0	36.2	29.1	26.7	22.5	21.5	18.2	15.5	16.8
35–44 years . . . . .	42.8	46.4	37.7	32.7	40.2	25.5	31.9	30.1	30.0	28.8	30.2	24.0
45–64 years . . . . .	25.7	38.9	34.2	36.3	33.4	22.6	27.5	28.4	25.4	22.3	25.6	22.6
65 years and over . . . . .	7.1	*8.9	*8.5	*13.1	14.5	11.1	13.3	10.7	11.5	13.5	10.2	9.3

\* Estimates are considered unreliable. Data preceded by an asterisk have a relative standard error of 20–30 percent.

<sup>1</sup>Data starting in 1997 are not strictly comparable with data for earlier years due to the 1997 questionnaire redesign. See Appendix I, National Health Interview Survey. Cigarette smoking data were not collected in 1996.

<sup>2</sup>Estimates are age adjusted to the year 2000 standard population using five age groups: 18–24 years, 25–34 years, 35–44 years, 45–64 years, 65 years and over. See Appendix II, Age adjustment.

<sup>3</sup>Beginning in 1993 current cigarette smokers reported ever smoking 100 cigarettes in their lifetime and smoking now on every day or some days. See Appendix II, Cigarette smoking.

<sup>4</sup>The race groups, white and black, include persons of Hispanic and non-Hispanic origin. Starting with data year 1999 race-specific estimates are tabulated according to 1997 Standards for Federal data on Race and Ethnicity and are not strictly comparable with estimates for earlier years. The single race categories shown in the table conform to 1997 Standards. The 1999 race-specific estimates are for persons who reported only one racial group. Prior to data year 1999, data were tabulated according to 1977 Standards. Estimates for single race categories prior to 1999 included persons who reported one race or, if they reported more than one race, identified one race as best representing their race. The effect of the 1997 Standard on the 1999 estimates can be seen by comparing 1999 data tabulated according to the two Standards: Age-adjusted estimates based on the 1977 Standards of the percent of current smokers are: identical for white males and females; 0.1 percentage points higher for black males; and 0.2 percentage points higher for black females than estimates based on the 1997 Standards. See Appendix II, Race. For additional data on cigarette smoking by racial groups, see table 61 of *Health, United States, 2003*.

NOTES: Data for additional years are available (see Appendix III). Standard errors for selected years are available in the spreadsheet version of this table. See [www.cdc.gov/nchs/hs.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/hs.htm). For more data on cigarette smoking see the National Health Interview Survey home page: [www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis.htm).

SOURCES: Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Health Statistics, National Health Interview Survey. Data are from the core questionnaire (1965) and the following questionnaire supplements: hypertension (1974), smoking (1979), alcohol and health practices (1983), health promotion and disease prevention (1985, 1990–91), cancer control and cancer epidemiology (1992), and year 2000 objectives (1993–95). Starting in 1997 data are from the family core and sample adult questionnaires.