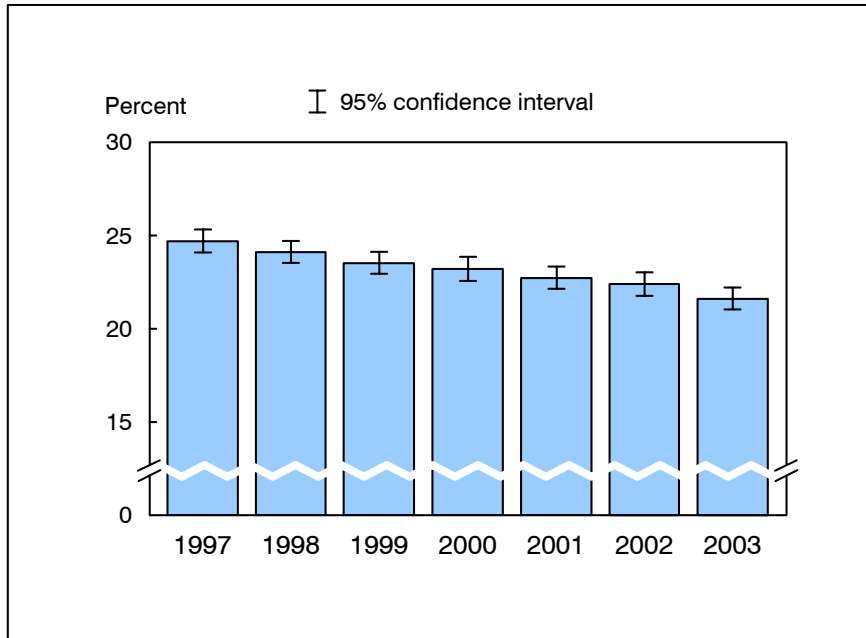


**Figure 8.1. Prevalence of current smoking among adults aged 18 years and over: United States, 1997-2003**

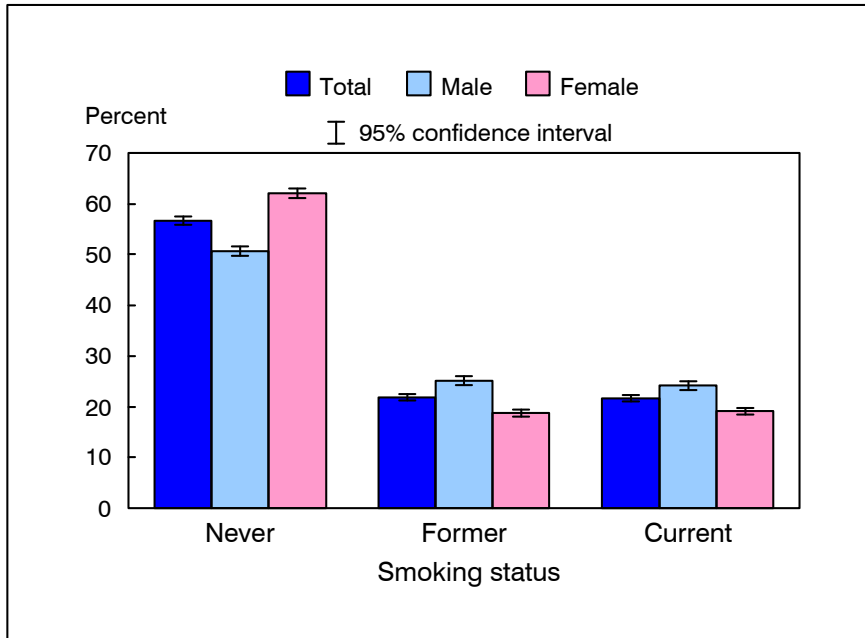


NOTES: Current smokers were defined as those who smoked more than 100 cigarettes in their lifetime and now smoke every day or some days. The analyses excluded persons with unknown smoking status (about 1% of respondents each year). CI is confidence interval. Beginning with the 2003 data, the National Health Interview Survey transitioned to weights derived from the 2000 census. In this Early Release, estimates for 2000-02 were recalculated using weights derived from the 2000 census. See "About This Release" and appendix tables in this release for more details.

DATA SOURCE: Sample Adult Core component of the 1997-2003 National Health Interview Surveys.

- In 2003, 21.6% (95% CI = 21.0%-22.2%) of adults aged 18 years and over were current smokers, continuing a decline in the prevalence of current smoking among adults in the United States.
- The prevalence of current smoking among U.S. adults has declined over time from 24.7% in 1997 to 24.1% in 1998, 23.5% in 1999, 23.2% in 2000, 22.7% in 2001, 22.4% in 2002, and 21.6% in 2003.

**Figure 8.2. Percent distribution of smoking status among adults aged 18 years and over, by sex: United States, 2003**



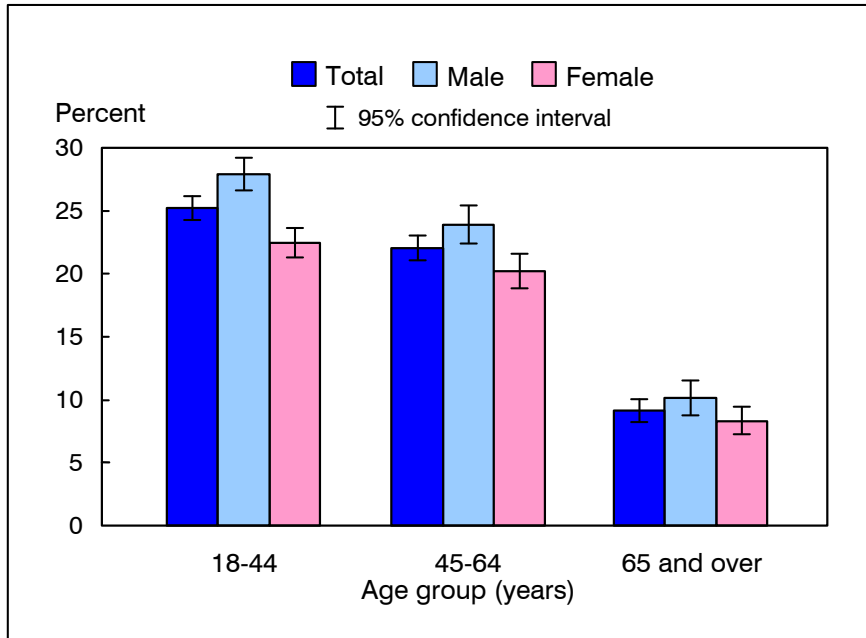
NOTES: Current smokers were defined as those who smoked more than 100 cigarettes in their lifetime and now smoke every day or some days. The analyses excluded 377 persons (1.2%) with unknown smoking status.

DATA SOURCE: Sample Adult Core component of the 2003 National Health Interview Survey.

■ The percent of current smokers was higher for men (24.1%) than for women (19.2%).

■ The percent of former smokers was higher for men than for women, and the percent of those who had never smoked was higher for women than for men.

**Figure 8.3. Prevalence of current smoking among adults aged 18 years and over, by age group and sex: United States, 2003**

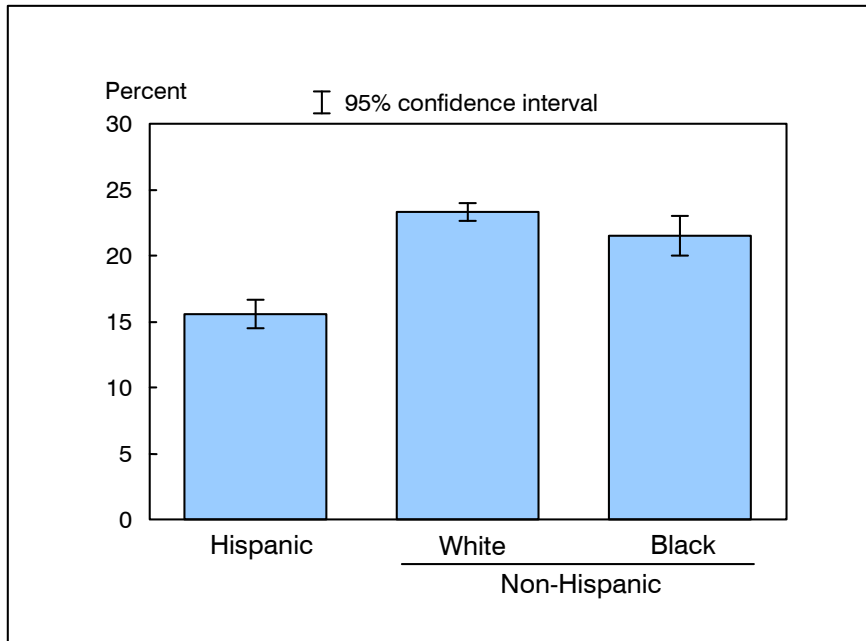


NOTES: Current smokers were defined as those who smoked more than 100 cigarettes in their lifetime and now smoke every day or some days. The analyses excluded 377 persons (1.2%) with unknown smoking status.

DATA SOURCE: Sample Adult Core component of the 2003 National Health Interview Survey.

- For both sexes combined, the percent of adults who were current smokers was lower among adults aged 65 years and over (9.1%) than among adults aged 18-44 years (25.2%) and 45-64 years (22.0%). This pattern in current smoking by age group was seen in both men and women.
- For all three age groups, men were more likely than women to be current smokers.

**Figure 8.4. Age-sex-adjusted prevalence of current smoking among adults aged 18 years and over, by race/ethnicity: United States, 2003**



NOTES: Current smokers were defined as those who smoked more than 100 cigarettes in their lifetime and now smoke every day or some days. The analyses excluded 377 persons (1.2%) with unknown smoking status. Estimates are age-sex-adjusted to the 2000 projected U.S. standard population using five age groups: 18-24 years, 25-34 years, 35-44 years, 45-64 years, and 65 years and over.

DATA SOURCE: Sample Adult Core component of the 2003 National Health Interview Survey.

- The age-sex-adjusted prevalence of current smoking was 15.6% for Hispanic persons, 23.3% for non-Hispanic white persons, and 21.5% for non-Hispanic black persons.
- Non-Hispanic white adults and non-Hispanic black adults were more likely than Hispanic adults to be current smokers.

## Data tables for figures 8.1-8.4:

**Data table for figure 8.1. Prevalence of current smoking among adults aged 18 years and over: United States, 1997-2003**

| Year | Percent (95% Confidence Interval) |                           |
|------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
|      | Crude <sup>1</sup>                | Age-adjusted <sup>2</sup> |
| 1997 | 24.7 (24.1-25.3)                  | 24.6 (24.0-25.1)          |
| 1998 | 24.1 (23.5-24.7)                  | 24.0 (23.1-24.8)          |
| 1999 | 23.5 (22.9-24.1)                  | 23.3 (22.7-24.0)          |
| 2000 | 23.2 (22.5-23.8)                  | 23.1 (22.5-23.7)          |
| 2001 | 22.7 (22.1-23.3)                  | 22.6 (22.0-23.2)          |
| 2002 | 22.4 (21.7-23.0)                  | 22.3 (21.7-22.9)          |
| 2003 | 21.6 (21.0-22.2)                  | 21.5 (20.9-22.1)          |

<sup>1</sup>Crude estimates are presented in the graph.

<sup>2</sup>Estimates for this Healthy People 2010 Leading Health Indicator are age-adjusted to the 2000 projected U.S. standard population using five age groups: 18-24 years, 25-34 years, 35-44 years, 45-64 years, and 65 years and over.

**Data table for figure 8.2. Percent distribution of smoking status among adults aged 18 years and over, by sex: United States, 2003**

| Smoking status and sex | Percent | 95% confidence interval |
|------------------------|---------|-------------------------|
| <b>Never</b>           |         |                         |
| Both sexes             | 56.6    | 55.9-57.4               |
| Men                    | 50.7    | 49.6-51.7               |
| Women                  | 62.1    | 61.2-63.0               |
| <b>Former</b>          |         |                         |
| Both sexes             | 21.8    | 21.2-22.4               |
| Men                    | 25.2    | 24.4-26.1               |
| Women                  | 18.7    | 18.0-19.4               |
| <b>Current</b>         |         |                         |
| Both sexes             | 21.6    | 21.0-22.2               |
| Men                    | 24.1    | 23.3-24.9               |
| Women                  | 19.2    | 18.5-20.0               |

**Data table for figure 8.3. Prevalence of current smoking among adults aged 18 years and over, by age group and sex: United States, 2003**

| Age and sex  | Percent | 95% confidence interval |
|--|---------|-------------------------|
| <b>18-44 years</b>                                 |         |                         |
| Total  | 25.2    | 24.2-26.1               |
| Men  | 27.9    | 26.6-29.2               |
| Women  | 22.5    | 21.3-23.6               |
| <b>45-64 years</b>                                 |         |                         |
| Total  | 22.0    | 21.0-23.0               |
| Men  | 23.9    | 22.4-25.4               |
| Women  | 20.2    | 18.8-21.5               |
| <b>65 years and over</b>                           |         |                         |
| Total  | 9.1     | 8.2-10.0                |
| Men  | 10.1    | 8.7-11.5                |
| Women  | 8.3     | 7.2-9.4                 |
| <b>18 years and over: Age-adjusted<sup>1</sup></b> |         |                         |
| Total  | 21.5    | 20.9-22.1               |
| Men  | 23.7    | 22.9-24.5               |
| Women  | 19.4    | 18.7-20.2               |

<sup>1</sup>Crude estimates are presented in the graph. Estimates for this Healthy People 2010 Leading Health Indicator are age-adjusted to the 2000 projected U.S. standard population using five age groups: 18-24 years, 25-34 years, 35-44 years, 45-64 years, and 65 years and over.

**Data table for figure 8.4. Adjusted prevalence of current smoking among adults aged 18 years and over, by race/ethnicity: United States, 2003**

| Race/ethnicity                | Percent (95% confidence interval) |                           |
|-------------------------------|-----------------------------------|---------------------------|
|                               | Age-sex-adjusted <sup>1</sup>     | Age-adjusted <sup>2</sup> |
| <b>Hispanic or Latino</b>     | 15.6 (14.5-16.7)                  | 15.8 (14.6-17.0)          |
| <b>Not Hispanic or Latino</b> |                                   |                           |
| <b>White, single race</b>     | 23.3 (22.6-24.0)                  | 23.3 (22.6-24.0)          |
| <b>Black, single race</b>     | 21.5 (20.0-23.0)                  | 21.2 (19.7-22.7)          |

<sup>1</sup>Age-sex-adjusted estimates are presented in the graph. Estimates are age-sex-adjusted to the 2000 projected U.S. standard population using five age groups: 18-24 years, 25-34 years, 35-44 years, 45-64 years, and 65 years and over.

<sup>2</sup>Estimates for this Healthy People 2010 Leading Health Indicator are age-adjusted to the 2000 projected U.S. standard population using five age groups: 18-24 years, 25-34 years, 35-44 years, 45-64 years, and 65 years and over.