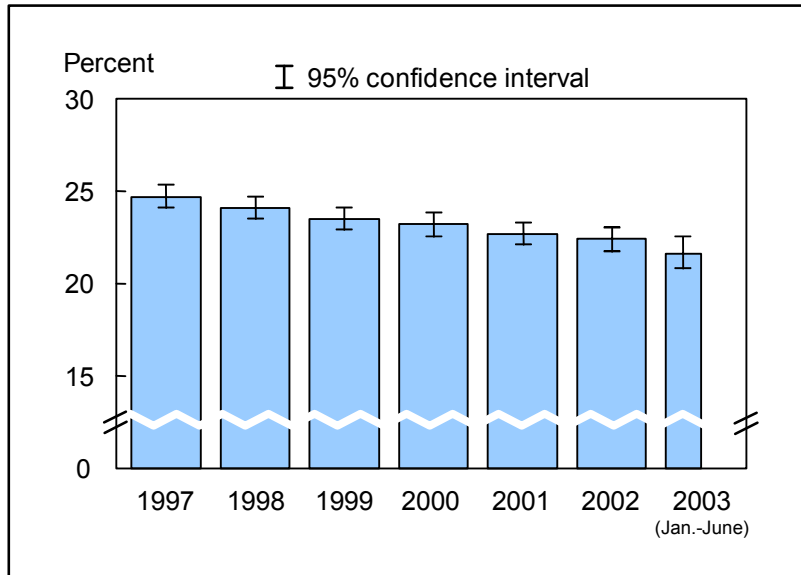


Figure 8.1. Prevalence of current smoking among adults aged 18 years and over: United States, 1997-2003

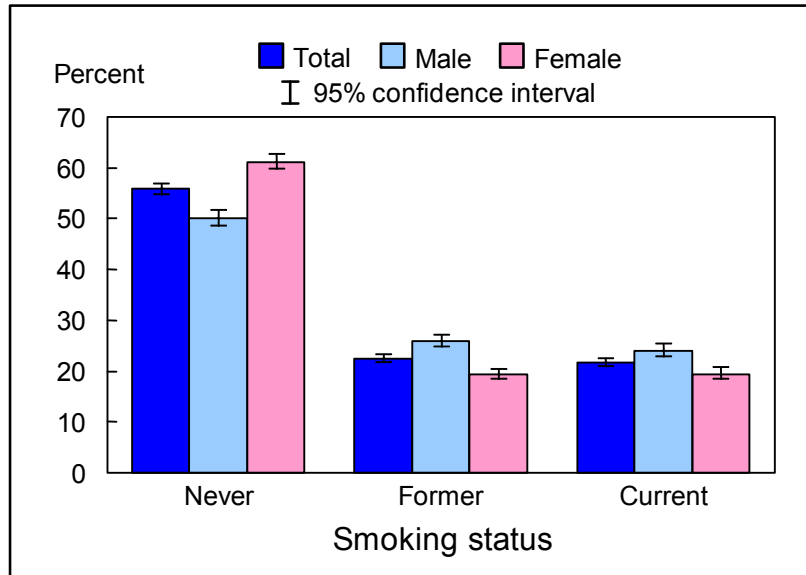


NOTES: Current smokers were defined as those who smoked more than 100 cigarettes in their lifetime and now smoke every day or some days. The analyses excluded people with unknown smoking status (about 1% of respondents each year). CI is confidence interval. Beginning with the 2003 data, the National 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. The estimate for 2003 was based on data collected from January through June.

- From January through June 2003, 21.6% (95% CI = 20.8%-22.5%) 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 annual 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, and 22.4% in 2002.

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



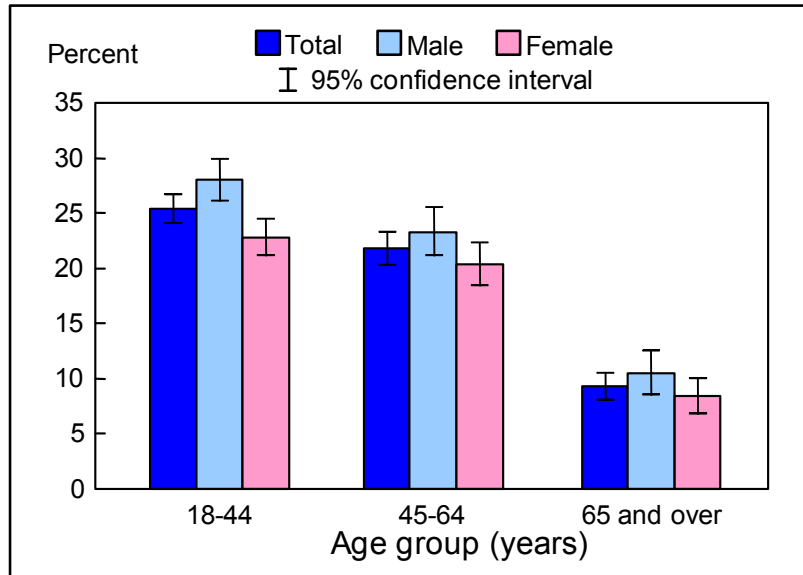
NOTES: Current smokers were defined as those who smoked more than 100 cigarettes in their lifetime and now smoke every day or some days. The analyses excluded 181 people (1.3%) with unknown smoking status.

DATA SOURCE: Based on data collected from January through June in the Sample Adult Core component of the 2003 National Health Interview Survey.

■ The percent of current smokers was higher for men (24.0%) than for women (19.4%).

■ 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, January-June 2003



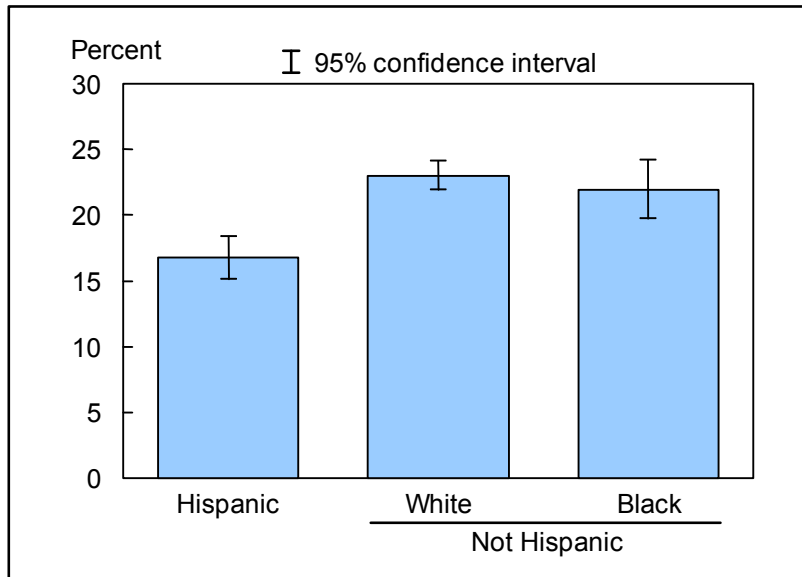
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DATA SOURCE: Based on data collected from January through June in the Sample Adult Core component of the 2003 National Health Interview Survey.

■ For both sexes combined, the prevalence of current smoking was lower among adults aged 65 years and over (9.3%) compared with adults aged 18-44 years (25.4%) and 45-64 years (21.8%). This pattern in current smoking by age group was seen in both men and women.

■ For persons aged 18-44 years, men were more likely than women to be current smokers. Although this pattern was also seen among persons aged 45-64 years and 65 years and over, the differences were not statistically significant.

Figure 8.4. Age- sex-adjusted prevalence of current smoking among adults aged 18 years and over, by race/ethnicity: United States, January-June 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 181 people (1.3%) with unknown smoking status. Estimates are age- sex-adjusted to the year 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: Based on data collected from January through June in the Sample Adult Core component of the 2003 National Health Interview Survey.

- The age- sex-adjusted prevalence of current smoking was 16.8% for Hispanic persons, 23.0% for non-Hispanic white persons, and 21.9% 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 ¹	Age adjusted ²
1997	24.7 (24.1-25.3)	24.6 (24.0-25.1)
1998	24.1 (23.5-24.7)	24.0 (23.1-26.8)
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 (January-June)	21.6 (20.8-22.5)	21.6 (20.7-22.4)

¹Crude estimates are presented in the graph.

²Estimates for this Healthy People 2010 leading health indicator are age-adjusted to the year 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, January-June 2003

Smoking status and sex	Percent	95% confidence interval
Never		
Both sexes	55.9	54.8-56.9
Men	50.1	48.5-51.6
Women	61.2	59.8-62.6
Former		
Both sexes	22.5	21.7-23.3
Men	25.9	24.7-27.1
Women	19.3	18.3-20.4
Current		
Both sexes	21.6	20.8-22.5
Men	24.0	22.8-25.3
Women	19.4	18.3-20.6

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

Age and sex	Percent	95% confidence interval
18-44 years		
Total	25.4	24.0-26.7
Men	28.0	26.1-29.9
Women	22.8	21.1-24.4
45-64 years		
Total	21.8	20.3-23.3
Men	23.3	21.1-25.5
Women	20.4	18.4-22.3
65 years and over		
Total	9.3	8.0-10.5
Men	10.5	8.5-12.5
Women	8.4	6.8-10.0
Age-adjusted¹		
Total	21.6	20.7-22.4
Men	23.6	22.4-24.8
Women	19.6	18.5-20.7

¹Estimates for this Healthy People 2010 leading health indicator are age-adjusted to the year 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. Age- sex-adjusted prevalence of current smoking among adults aged 18 years and over, by race/ethnicity: United States, January-June 2003

Race/ethnicity	Percent (95% confidence interval)	
	Age-sex-adjusted ¹	Age-adjusted ²
Hispanic or Latino	16.8 (15.1-18.4)	17.0 (15.3-18.7)
Not Hispanic or Latino		
White, single race	23.0 (21.9-24.1)	23.0 (21.9-24.1)
Black, single race	21.9 (19.7-24.2)	21.7 (19.5-24.0)

¹Age- sex-adjusted estimates are presented in the graph. Estimates are age- sex-adjusted to the year 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.

²Estimates for this Healthy People 2010 leading health indicator are age-adjusted to the year 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.