

Table 196. Current Cigarette Smoking: 1990 to 2006

[In percent. Prior to 1992, a current smoker is a person who has smoked at least 100 cigarettes and who now smokes. Beginning 1995, definition includes persons who smoke only "some days." Excludes unknown smoking status. Based on National Health Interview Survey; for details, see Appendix III]

Sex, age, and race	1990 ¹	1995 ¹	2000	2006	Sex, age, and race	1990 ¹	1995 ¹	2000	2006
Total smokers, age-adjusted²	25.3	24.6	23.1	20.8	Black, total	32.5	28.5	26.1	27.0
Male	28.0	26.5	25.2	23.6	18 to 24 years	21.3	⁴ 14.6	20.8	31.2
Female	22.9	22.7	21.1	18.1	25 to 34 years	33.8	25.1	23.3	26.3
White male	27.6	26.2	25.5	23.5	35 to 44 years	42.0	36.3	30.8	22.2
Black male	32.8	29.4	25.7	26.1	45 to 64 years	36.7	33.9	32.2	32.6
White female	23.5	23.4	22.0	18.8	65 years and over	21.5	28.5	14.2	16.0
Black female	20.8	23.5	20.7	18.5	Female, total	22.8	22.6	21.0	18.0
Total smokers³	25.5	24.7	23.2	20.8	18 to 24 years	22.5	21.8	25.1	19.3
Male, total	28.4	27.0	25.7	23.9	25 to 34 years	28.2	26.4	22.5	21.5
18 to 24 years	26.6	27.8	28.5	28.5	35 to 44 years	24.8	27.1	26.2	20.6
25 to 34 years	31.6	29.5	29.0	27.4	45 to 64 years	24.8	24.0	21.6	19.3
35 to 44 years	34.5	31.5	30.2	24.8	65 years and over	11.5	11.5	9.3	8.3
45 to 64 years	29.3	27.1	26.4	24.5	White, total	23.4	23.1	21.6	18.4
65 years and over	14.6	14.9	10.2	12.6	18 to 24 years	25.4	24.9	28.7	20.7
White, total	28.0	26.6	25.8	23.6	25 to 34 years	28.5	27.3	25.1	23.7
18 to 24 years	27.4	28.4	30.9	28.9	35 to 44 years	25.0	27.0	26.6	21.7
25 to 34 years	31.6	29.9	29.9	27.9	45 to 64 years	25.4	24.3	21.4	18.8
35 to 44 years	33.5	31.2	30.6	25.3	65 years and over	11.5	11.7	9.1	8.4
45 to 64 years	28.7	26.3	25.8	23.4	Black, total	21.2	23.5	20.8	18.8
65 years and over	13.7	14.1	9.8	12.6	18 to 24 years	⁴ 10.0	⁴ 8.8	14.2	14.8
					25 to 34 years	29.1	26.7	15.5	15.4
					35 to 44 years	25.5	31.9	30.2	21.0
					45 to 64 years	22.6	27.5	25.6	25.5
					65 years and over	11.1	13.3	10.2	9.3

¹ Data prior to 1997 are not strictly comparable with data for later years due to the 1997 questionnaire redesign. ² Data are age adjusted to the year 2000 standard using five age groups: 18–24 years, 25–34 years, 35–44 years, 45–64 years, 65 years and over. ³ Crude estimates, not age adjusted. ⁴ Data have a relative standard error of 20 to 30 percent.

Source: U.S. National Center for Health Statistics, *Health, United States*, annual. See also <<http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/hus.htm>>.