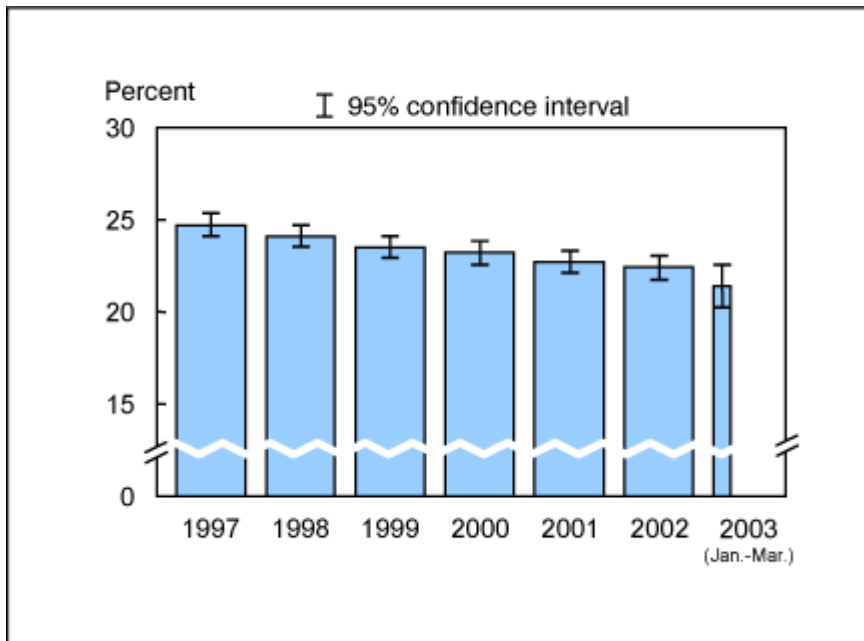


**Figure 8.1. Prevalence of current smoking among adults aged 18 years and over: United States, 1997-2003**

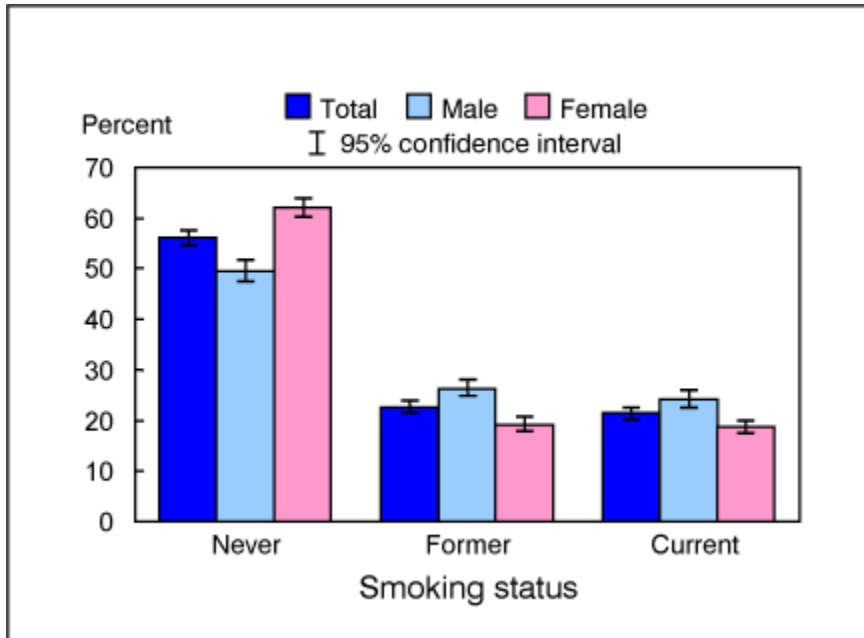


NOTES: Current smokers were defined as those who smoked more than 100 cigarettes in their lifetime and now smoke every day or some days. The analysis excluded people with unknown smoking status (about 1% of respondents each year). CI is confidence interval. Beginning with the 2003 data, the National Health Interview Survey transitioned to weights derived from the 2000 census. This Early Release also recalculated the estimates using weights derived from the 2000 census for the 2000-2002 National Health Interview Surveys. See 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 March.

- In early 2003, 21.4% (95% CI = 20.2%-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-March 2003**



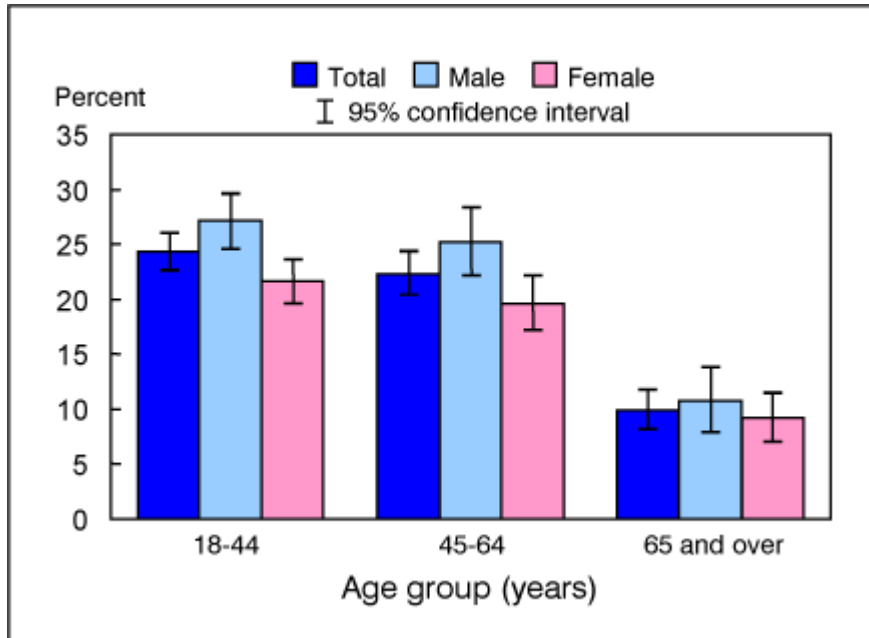
NOTES: Current smokers were defined as those who smoked more than 100 cigarettes in their lifetime and now smoke every day or some days. The analysis excluded 330 (1.1%) people with unknown smoking status.

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

- The percent of current smokers was higher for men (24.2%) than for women (18.8%).

- 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-March 2003**

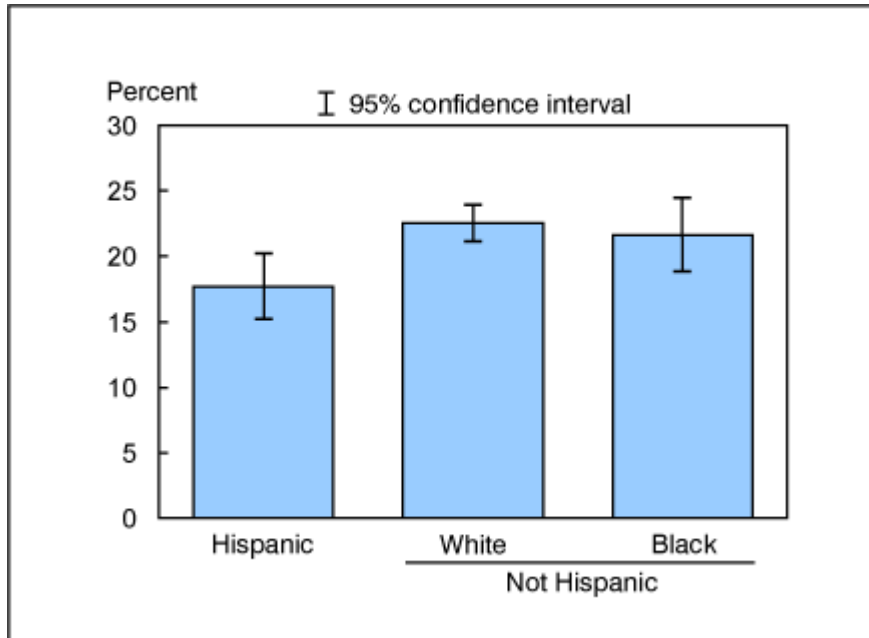


NOTES: Current smokers were defined as those who smoked more than 100 cigarettes in their lifetime and now smoke every day or some days. The analysis excluded 92 (1.2%) people with unknown smoking status.

DATA SOURCE: Based on data collected from January-March 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 (9.9%) compared with adults aged 18-44 years (24.3%) and 45-64 years (22.3%). This pattern in current smoking by age group was seen in both men and women.
- For age groups 18-44 years and 45-64 years, 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, January-March 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 analysis excluded 92 (1.2%) people 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-March in the Sample Adult Core component of the 2003 National Health Interview Survey.

- The age-sex-adjusted prevalence of current smoking was 17.7% for Hispanic persons, 22.5% for non-Hispanic white persons, and 21.6% 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>
<b>1997</b>	24.7 (24.1-25.3)	24.6 (24.0-25.1)
<b>1998</b>	24.1 (23.5-24.7)	24.0 (25.1-26.8)
<b>1999</b>	23.5 (22.9-24.1)	23.3 (22.7-24.0)
<b>2000</b>	23.2 (22.5-23.8)	23.1 (22.5-23.7)
<b>2001</b>	22.7 (22.1-23.3)	22.6 (22.0-23.2)
<b>2002</b>	22.4 (21.7-23.0)	22.3 (21.7-22.9)
<b>2003 (January-March)</b>	21.4 (20.2-22.5)	21.3 (20.2-22.4)

<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 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-March 2003**

Smoking status and sex	Percent	95% confidence interval
<b>Never</b>		
Both sexes	56.0	54.6-57.5
Men	49.5	47.3-51.6
Women	62.1	60.2-63.9
<b>Former</b>		
Both sexes	22.6	21.5-23.7
Men	26.3	24.7-28.0
Women	19.2	17.7-20.6
<b>Current</b>		
Both sexes	21.4	20.2-22.5
Men	24.2	22.4-26.0
Women	18.8	17.5-20.0

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

<b>Age and sex</b>	<b>Percent</b>	<b>95% confidence interval</b>
<b>18-44 years</b>		
Total	24.3	22.6-26.0
Men	27.1	24.5-29.6
Women	21.6	19.6-23.6
<b>45-64 years</b>		
Total	22.3	20.4-24.3
Men	25.2	22.1-28.3
Women	19.6	17.2-22.1
<b>65 years and over</b>		
Total	9.9	8.1-11.7
Men	10.8	7.9-13.8
Women	9.2	7.0-11.4
<b>Age-adjusted<sup>1</sup></b>		
Total	21.3	20.2-22.4
Men	23.8	22.1-25.5
Women	18.9	17.6-20.2

<sup>1</sup>Estimates 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-March 2003**

<b>Race/ethnicity</b>	<b>Percent (95% confidence interval)</b>	
	<b>Age-sex-adjusted<sup>1</sup></b>	<b>Age adjusted<sup>2</sup></b>
<b>Hispanic or Latino</b>	17.7 (15.2-20.2)	17.9 (15.3-20.5)
<b>Not Hispanic or Latino</b>		
<b>White, single race</b>	22.5 (21.1-23.9)	22.5 (21.1-23.9)
<b>Black, single race</b>	21.6 (18.8-24.4)	21.4 (18.6-24.1)

<sup>1</sup>Age-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.

<sup>2</sup>Estimates 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.