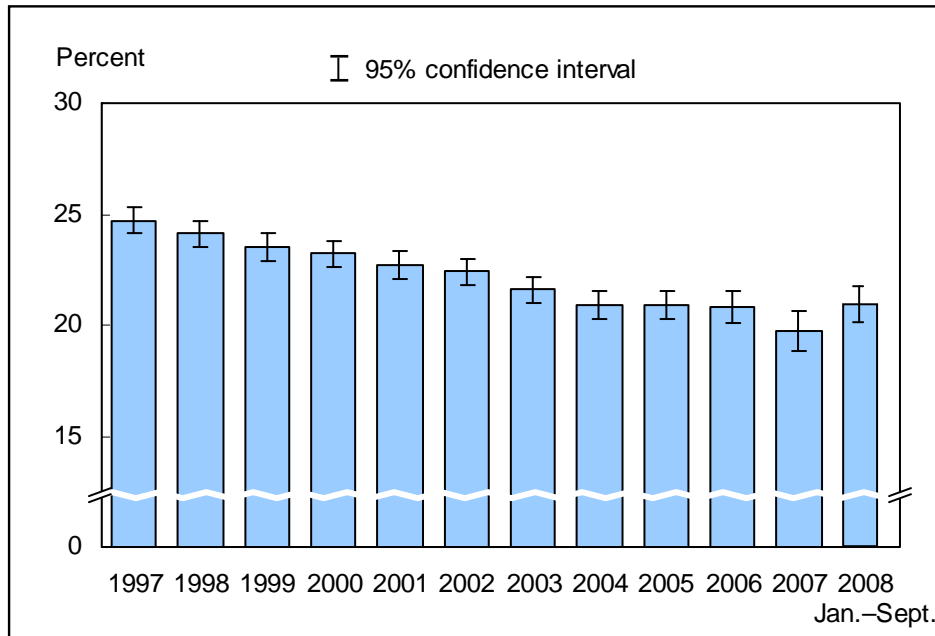


Figure 8.1. Prevalence of current smoking among adults aged 18 years and over: United States, 1997–September 2008

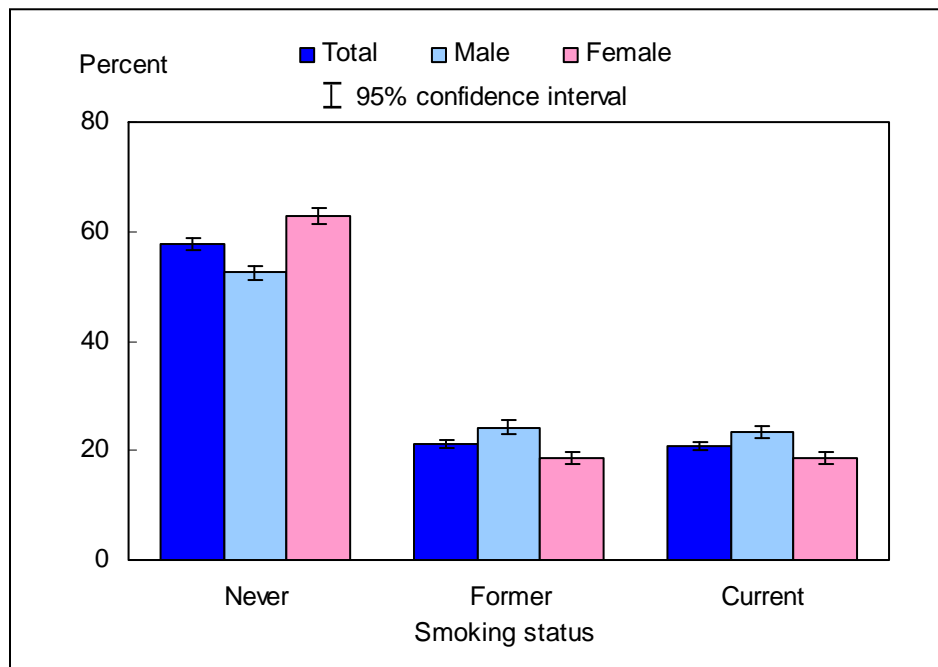


NOTES: Current smokers were defined as those who smoked more than 100 cigarettes in their lifetime and now smoke every day or some days. The analyses excluded persons with unknown smoking status (about 2% of respondents each year). Beginning with the 2003 data, the National Health Interview Survey (NHIS) transitioned to weights derived from the 2000 census. In this Early Release, estimates for 2000–2002 were recalculated using weights derived from the 2000 census. See “About This Early Release” for more details.

DATA SOURCE: Sample Adult Core component of the 1997–September 2008 NHIS. Data are based on household interviews of a sample of the civilian noninstitutionalized population.

- For the period January through September 2008, 20.9% (95% confidence interval = 20.01%–21.70%) of adults aged 18 years and over were current smokers, which was higher than the 2007 estimate of 19.7%.
- The prevalence of current smoking among U.S. adults generally declined from 24.7% in 1997 to 20.9% for the period January through September 2008.

Figure 8.2. Percent distribution of smoking status among adults aged 18 years and over, by sex: United States, January–September 2008

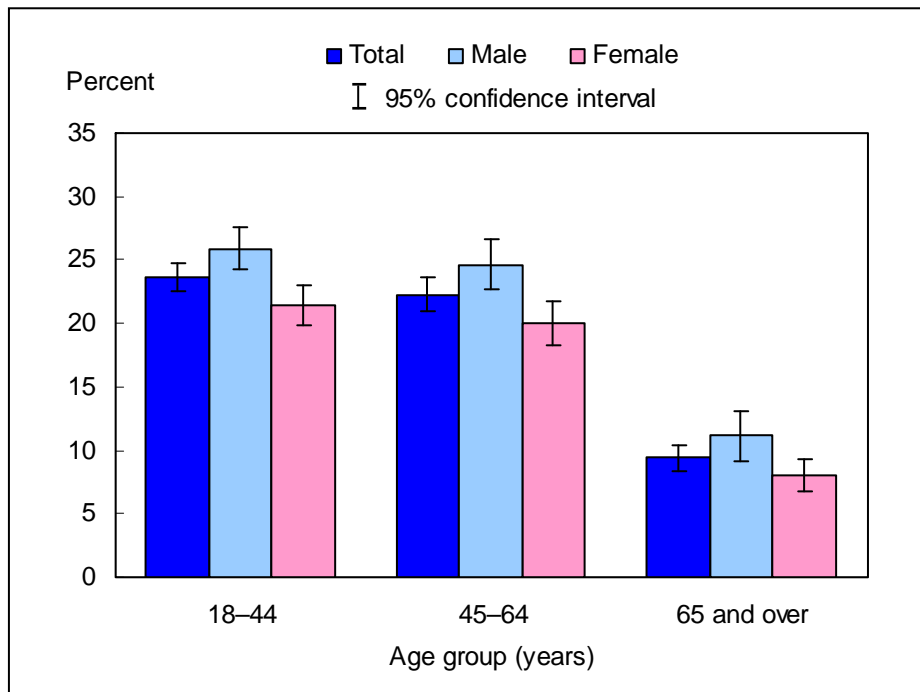


NOTES: Current smokers were defined as those who smoked more than 100 cigarettes in their lifetime and now smoke every day or some days. The analyses excluded 240 persons (1.3%) with unknown smoking status.

DATA SOURCE: Based on data collected from January through September in the Sample Adult Core component of the 2008 National Health Interview Survey. Data are based on household interviews of a sample of the civilian noninstitutionalized population.

- The percentage of current smokers was higher for men (23.3%) than for women (18.6%).
- The percentage of former smokers was higher for men than for women, and the percentage 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–September 2008

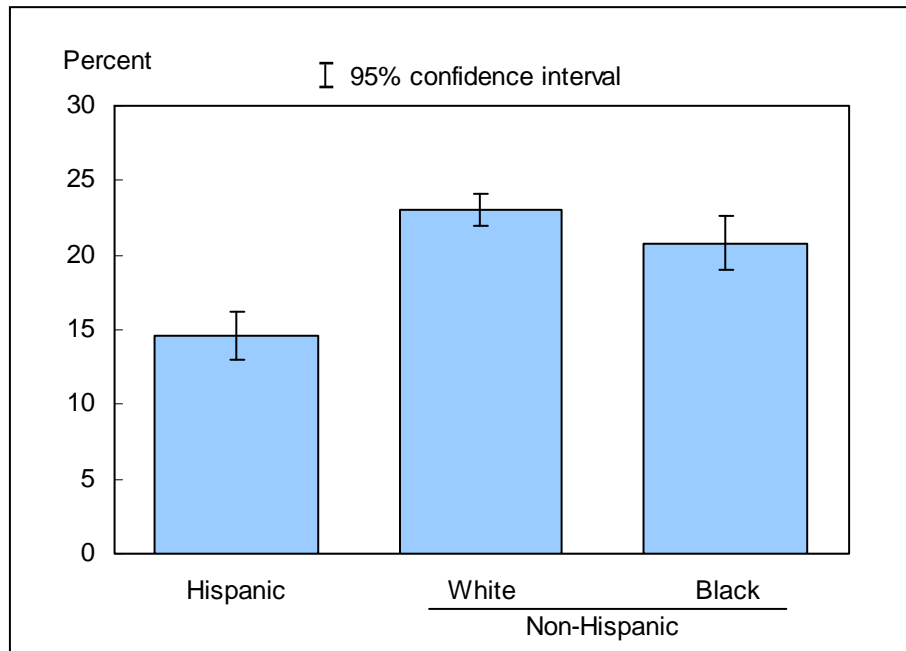


NOTES: Current smokers were defined as those who smoked more than 100 cigarettes in their lifetime and now smoke every day or some days. The analyses excluded 240 persons (1.3%) with unknown smoking status.

DATA SOURCE: Based on data collected from January through September in the Sample Adult Core component of the 2008 National Health Interview Survey. Data are based on household interviews of a sample of the civilian noninstitutionalized population.

- For both sexes combined, the percentage of adults who were current smokers was lower among adults aged 65 years and over (9.4%) than among adults aged 18–44 years (23.7%) and 45–64 years (22.3%). This pattern in current smoking by age group was seen in both men and women.
- For the age groups 18–44 years, 45–64 years, and 65 years and over, 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–September 2008



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 240 persons (1.3%) with unknown smoking status. Estimates are age-sex adjusted using the projected 2000 U.S. population as the standard population and 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 September in the Sample Adult Core component of the 2008 National Health Interview Survey. Data are based on household interviews of a sample of the civilian noninstitutionalized population.

- The age-sex-adjusted prevalence of current smoking was 14.6% for Hispanic persons, 23.0% for non-Hispanic white persons, and 20.8% for non-Hispanic black persons.
- Non-Hispanic white adults were more likely than Hispanic adults and non-Hispanic black 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–September 2008

Year	Crude ¹ percent (95% confidence interval)	Age-adjusted ² percent (95% confidence interval)
1997	24.7 (24.1-25.3)	24.6 (24.0-25.1)
1998	24.1 (23.5-24.7)	24.0 (23.4-24.6)
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)
2004	20.9 (20.3-21.5)	20.8 (20.2-21.4)
2005	20.9 (20.28-21.52)	20.8 (20.20-21.44)
2006	20.8 (20.14-21.51)	20.8 (20.09-21.43)
2007	19.7 (18.91-20.59)	19.7 (18.83-20.48)
January–September 2008	20.9 (20.01-21.70)	20.8 (19.99-21.62)

¹Crude estimates are presented in the figure.

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

NOTES: Beginning with the 2003 data, the National Health Interview Survey (NHIS) transitioned to weights derived from the 2000 census. In this Early Release, estimates for 2000–2002 were recalculated using weights derived from the 2000 census. See “About This Early Release” for more details.

DATA SOURCE: Sample Adult Core component of the 1997–September 2008 NHIS. Data are based on household interviews of a sample of the civilian noninstitutionalized population.

Data table for Figure 8.2. Percent distribution of smoking status among adults aged 18 years and over, by sex: United States, January–September 2008

Smoking status and sex	Percent	95% confidence interval
Never, total	57.8	56.79-58.87
Never, male	52.4	51.05-53.84
Never, female	62.8	61.52-64.16
Former, total	21.3	20.54-22.10
Former, male	24.3	23.11-25.39
Former, female	18.6	17.58-19.59
Current, total	20.9	20.01-21.70
Current, male	23.3	22.16-24.45
Current, female	18.6	17.44-19.70

DATA SOURCE: Based on data collected from January through September in the Sample Adult Core component of the 2008 National Health Interview Survey. Data are based on household interviews of a sample of the civilian noninstitutionalized population.

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–September 2008

Age and sex	Percent	95% confidence interval
18–44 years, total	23.7	22.49-24.83
18–44 years, male	25.9	24.23-27.55
18–44 years, female	21.5	19.86-23.05
45–64 years, total	22.3	20.89-23.66
45–64 years, male	24.6	22.63-26.61
45–64 years, female	20.1	18.34-21.77
65 years and over, total	9.4	8.32-10.48
65 years and over, male	11.1	9.19-13.08
65 years and over, female	8.1	6.82-9.37
18 years and over (crude ¹), total	20.9	20.01-21.70
18 years and over (crude ¹), male	23.3	22.16-24.45
18 years and over (crude ¹), female	18.6	17.44-19.70
18 years and over (age-adjusted ²), total	20.8	19.99-21.62
18 years and over (age-adjusted ²), male	23.0	21.86-24.07
18 years and over (age-adjusted ²), female	18.8	17.64-19.89

¹Crude estimates are presented in the figure.

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

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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–September 2008

Race/ethnicity	Age-sex adjusted ¹ percent (95% confidence interval)	Age-adjusted ² percent (95% confidence interval)
Hispanic or Latino	14.6 (12.96-16.21)	14.8 (13.11-16.47)
Not Hispanic or Latino, single race, white	23.0 (21.90-24.08)	23.0 (21.91-24.09)
Not Hispanic or Latino, single race, black	20.8 (19.04-22.60)	20.5 (18.75-22.28)

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

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