Middle School Students
- Even though differences in smoking between groups is not that large, African American middle school students smoke at lower rates than their White and Hispanic counterparts
  - 5.5% of African Americans
  - 6.8% of Hispanic
  - 6.5% of White middle school students reported smoking

- In 1998, 24.5% of middle school students reported using some form of tobacco 30 days prior to the survey

- For middle & high school students, African Americans reported a slightly older average age of first cigarette use

High School Students
- African American high school students smoke at lower rates than their White and Hispanic counterparts
  - 9.5% of African Americans
  - 22.5% of White
  - 18% of Hispanic high school students smoke

- African American teen smokers have a greater risk of developing long-term consequences from smoking than other ethnic groups, and are in danger of experiencing the negative effects of tobacco earlier in their lifetimes

- 80.4% of African American teens prefer Newport cigarettes (menthol) while the leading brand among white teens is non-menthol Marlboro

- In 1998, 35.5% of high school students reported using some form of tobacco 30 days prior to the survey.

- For high school students, the prevalence of tobacco use is lowest for African Americans (only 1 of 5 reported using tobacco products in the 30 days prior to the study)

- Cigar use (50% higher than cigarettes; 2.5% higher than smokeless tobacco) is the most common among African American students, followed by cigarette & smokeless tobacco use, respectively.