

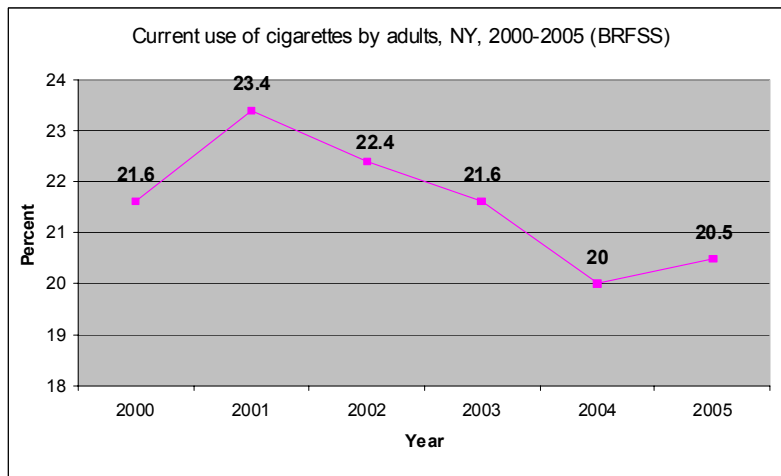
State of the Plan: Adult Tobacco Use

The New York State Comprehensive Cancer Control Plan has a goal of: “By 2010, reduce tobacco use by adults to 15% for cigarette use, 0.4% for spit tobacco use, and 1.2% for cigar use.”

As of 2005, according to the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), 20.5% of adults used cigarettes, down from 22.3% in 2002. Similar reductions occurred in spit tobacco and cigar use. Adult use of spit tobacco decreased from 0.7% to 0.4% between 1999 and 2005 and adult use of cigars decreased from 2.3% to 1.2% between 2002 and 2005 (TUS-CPS).

Progress in the area of tobacco control and prevention can be attributed to several factors in New York State including the introduction of the Clean Indoor Air Act of 2003, counter-marketing efforts, the availability of cessation centers, the Smoker’s Quitline, increasing smokefree college and hospital campuses, and several other interventions.

For more information on tobacco control efforts in New York State, please visit the New York State Department of Health Tobacco Control Program website at:
http://www.health.state.ny.us/prevention/tobacco_control/



While tobacco use numbers are encouraging in their drop, there is still quite a way to go in order to reach the goal set for cigarette users by 2010.