

# Indiana Adult Smoking

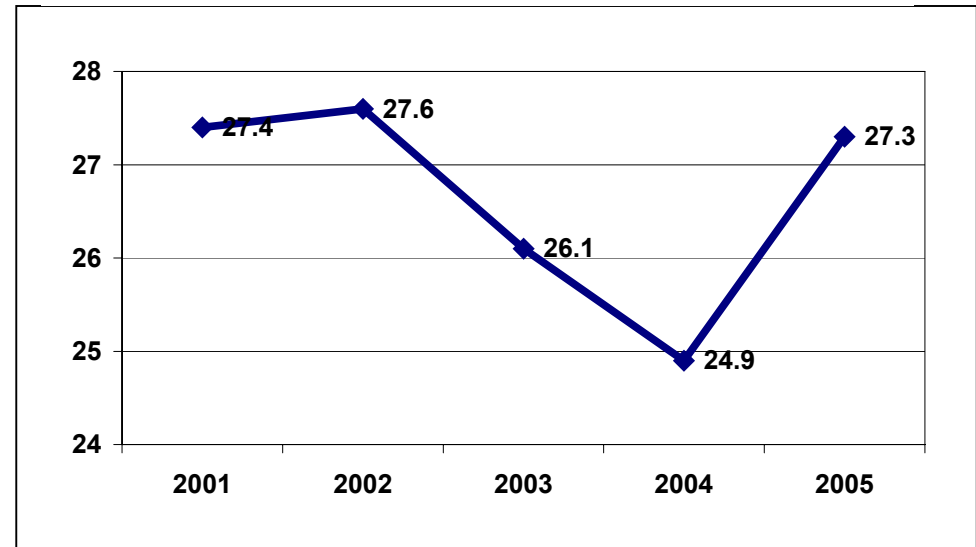
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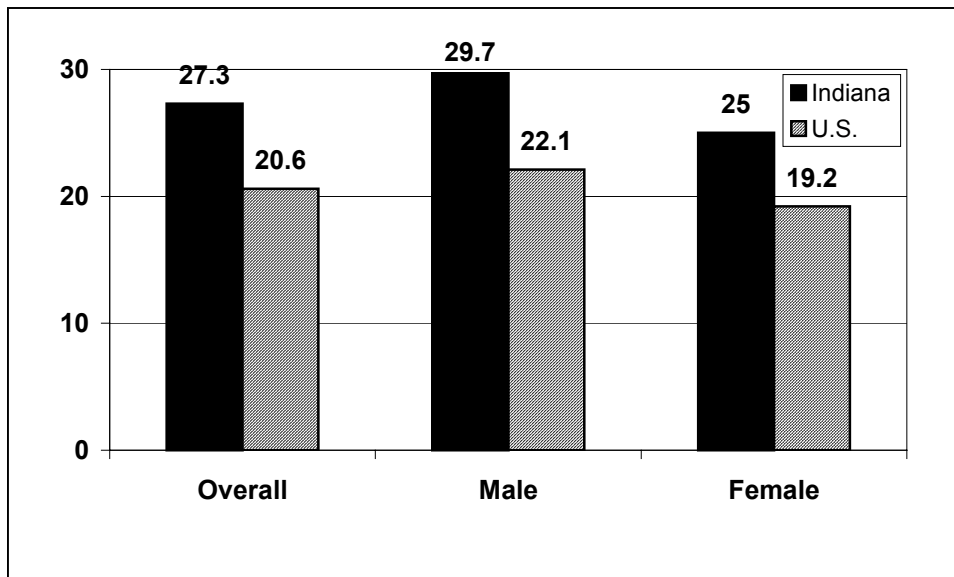
Tobacco use is the single most preventable cause of death and disease in the United States. Annually cigarette smoking causes more deaths than alcohol, AIDS, car accidents, illegal drugs, murders and suicides, combined. The impact of tobacco on Indiana is staggering, costing Hoosiers 9,700 lives each year.

Data from the 2005 Indiana Behavior Risk Factor Surveillance System shows that Indiana's adult smoking rate increased from 24.9 percent in 2004 to 27.3 percent in 2005. While this change is not statistically significant, it represents a troubling reversal from recent years as Indiana's adult smoking rate declined from 27.7 percent in 2002 to 24.9 percent in 2004. Indiana now has the second highest adult smoking rate in the country after Kentucky.

### Adult Smoking Rates, 2001-2005



### Adult Smoking Rates by Gender, Indiana vs. U.S., 2005



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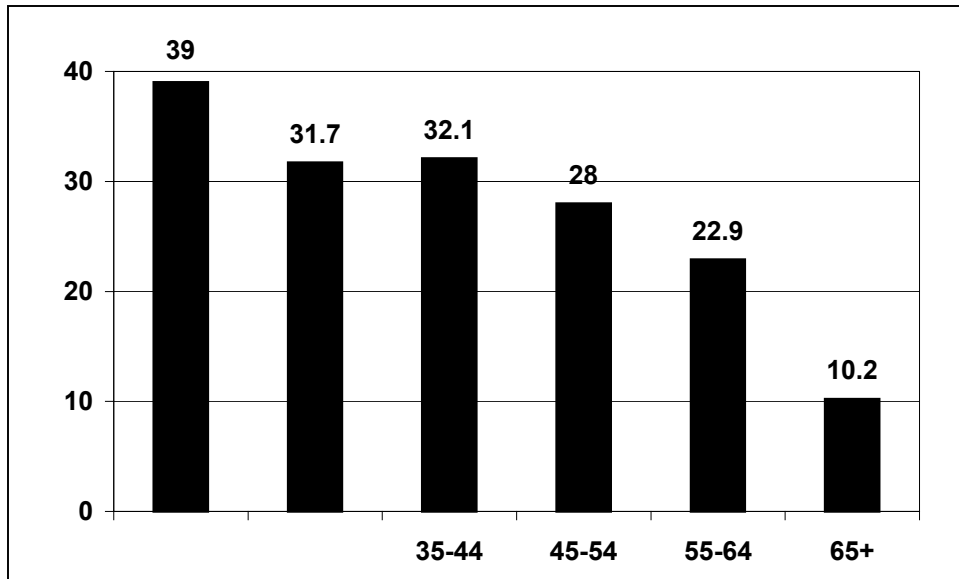
- Indiana's adult cigarette smoking rate of 27.3% indicates a non-statistically significant increase from 2004.
- Nearly 1.7 million adults in Indiana smoke cigarettes, or 27% of the State's adult population.
- Indiana ranks 2<sup>nd</sup> among all states in adult smoking prevalence and is consistently in the list of states with the highest smoking rates and consistently higher than the U. S. rate of 20%.
- Indiana smoking rates for men remains higher than rates of Indiana women. Hoosier smoking rates by gender are higher than the national rates.

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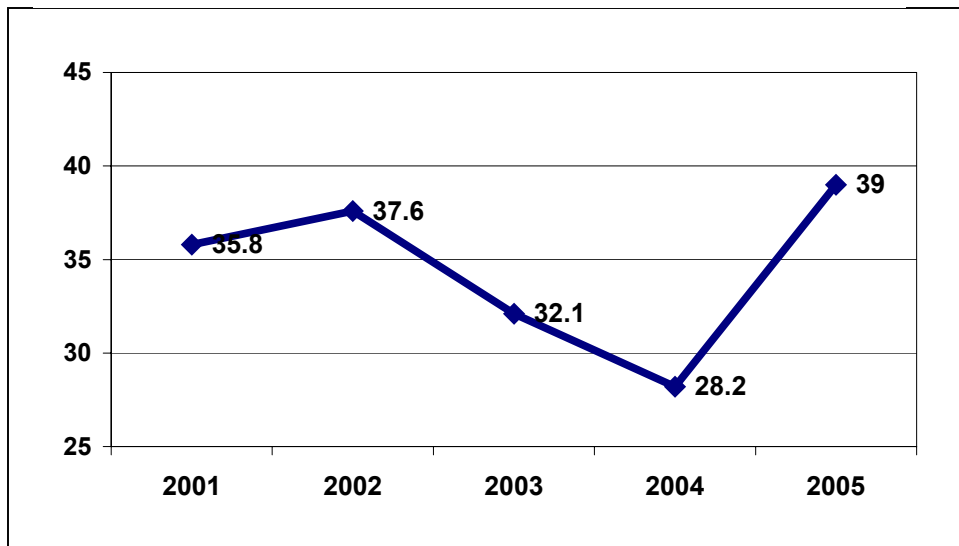
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### Adult Smoking by Age Group, 2005



### Smoking Among Adults Ages 18-24, 2001-2005



### Adult Smoking Rates by Age

- In 2005, nearly 40 percent of adults, ages 18-24 are current smokers, a statistically significant increase from 2004.
- Approximately one-third of adults, ages 25 to 44 report current smoking.
- In 2005, rates among 18-24 year olds are statistically higher than the age 45 and older age groups.
- In 2005, the 55-64 year old age group is statistically lower than the 25-34 year old group.
- In 2005, the 65 and older age group is statistically lower than all other age groups.
- Smoking rates decline as age increases.

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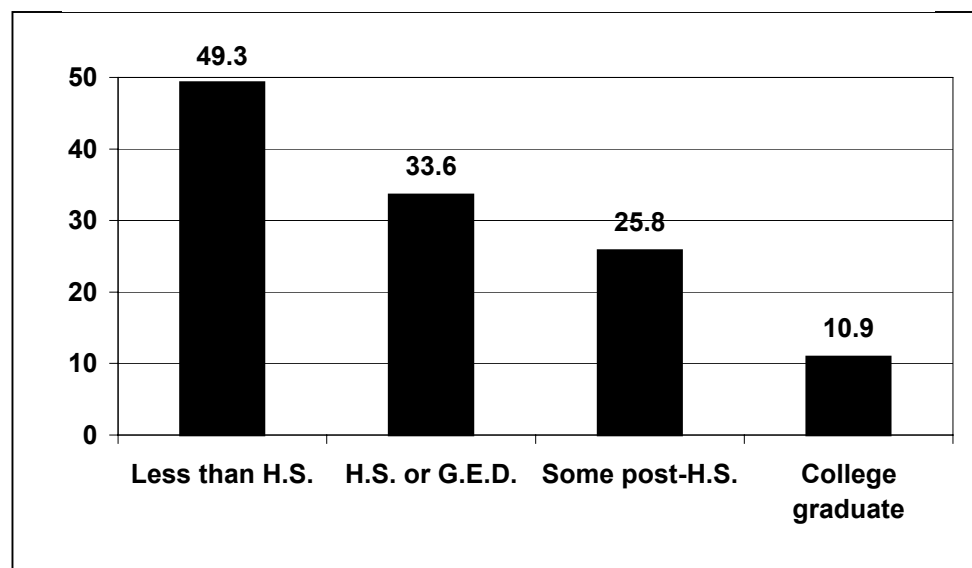
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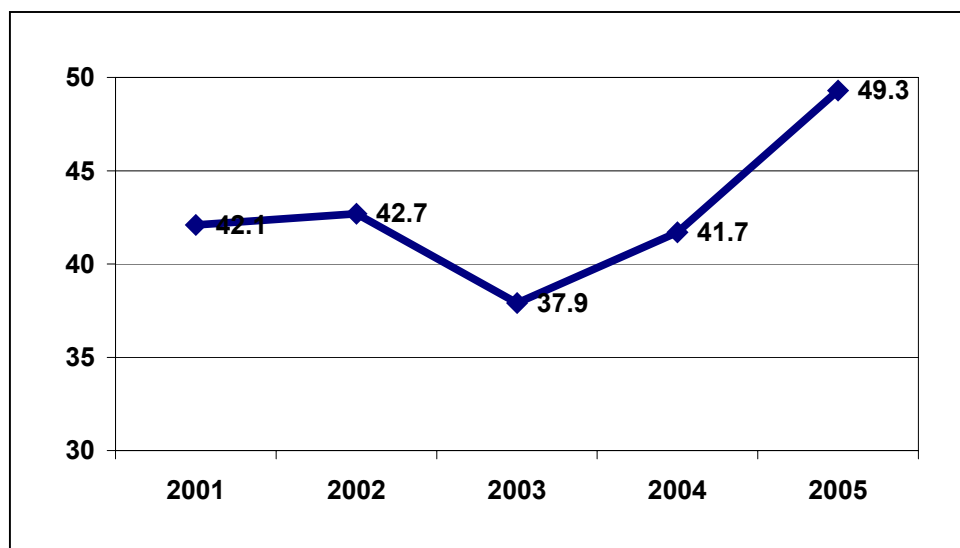
## Adult Smoking Rates by Education Level

- Nearly half of Hoosier adults with less than a high school education are current smokers.
- Rates among adults with less than a high school education have remained high from 2001 to 2005, but have steadily increased since 2003.
- Rates among men with less than a high school education are nearly 60%, and are statistically higher than that of women (38%).
- Smoking rates decline as education levels increase.

## Adult Smoking Rates by Education Level, 2005



## Smoking Rates by Adults with less than a high school education level, 2001-2005

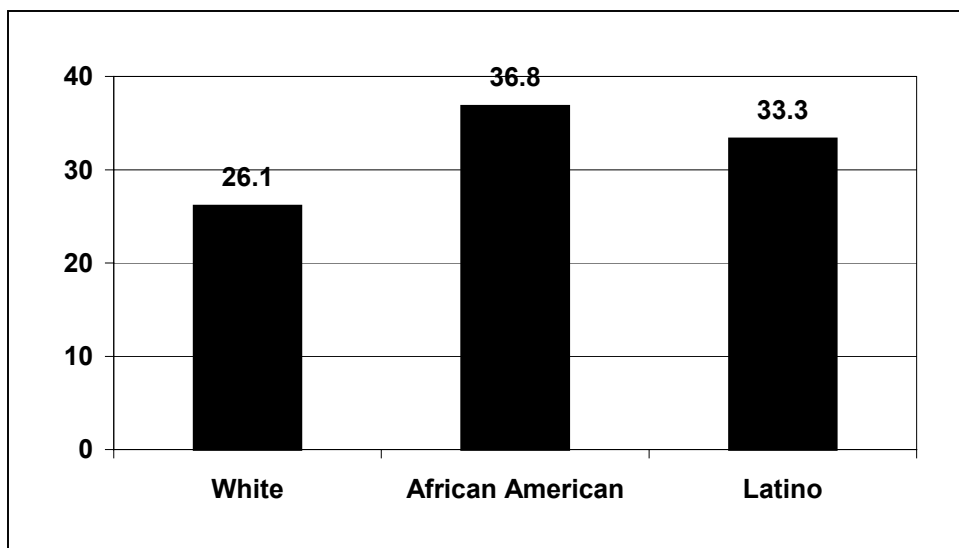


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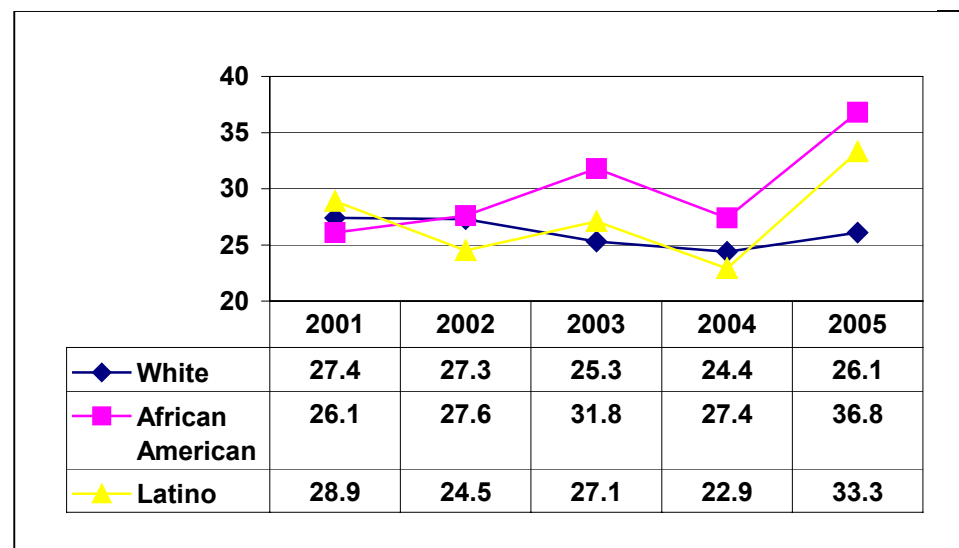
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Indiana Adult Smoking Rates by Race/Ethnicity, 2005



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## Indiana Adult Smoking Rates by Race/Ethnicity

- Approximately one out of four Whites and one-third of African Americans and one-third of Latinos are current smokers.
- The smoking rate for African Americans (36.8%) is significantly higher than the rate for Whites (26%).
- Rates from 2001 to 2005 do not vary statistically, even though they appear to have increased over time for Latinos and African Americans.

Smoking rates of Indiana adults illustrate why tobacco use greatly impacts our State. Tobacco use is the leading preventable cause of death in Indiana, claiming more than 9,700 lives each year and costing the state \$1.9 billion annually in health care bills, including \$448 million in Medicaid payments. Indiana’s comprehensive tobacco control program continues to raise Hoosiers’ awareness of tobacco prevention and control issues.

Source: 2001-2005 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance Survey