

Oregon Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) 1997 High School

Q34. How old were you when you smoked
a whole cigarette for the first time?
Weighted Column Percents

	Total	Grade			
		9th	10th	11th	12th

I have never smoked a whole cigarette	53.3	58.6	51.8	51.8	49.3
8 years old or younger	4.2	4.3	4.7	3.9	3.6
9 or 10 years old	5.2	6.0	5.4	4.4	4.4
11 or 12 years old	11.3	13.4	12.1	10.4	7.8
13 or 14 years old	16.6	16.5	18.9	15.7	14.5
15 or 16 years old	8.3	1.2	7.1	13.0	15.3
17 years old or more	1.2	.0	.1	.9	5.1
Female					
I have never smoked a whole cigarette	53.4	57.9	52.2	51.8	50.3
8 years old or younger	3.0	3.3	3.0	3.2	2.2
9 or 10 years old	4.5	5.8	4.9	3.6	3.0
11 or 12 years old	11.2	13.8	11.9	10.3	7.1
13 or 14 years old	17.7	18.0	19.9	16.4	15.6
15 or 16 years old	9.0	1.2	8.0	14.0	16.6
17 years old or more	1.2	.0	.1	.7	5.3
Male					
I have never smoked a whole cigarette	53.2	59.3	51.5	51.7	48.3
8 years old or younger	5.4	5.3	6.3	4.6	5.2
9 or 10 years old	5.8	6.3	5.8	5.2	5.9
11 or 12 years old	11.3	12.9	12.3	10.5	8.5
13 or 14 years old	15.5	15.0	17.8	14.9	13.3
15 or 16 years old	7.5	1.2	6.3	11.9	14.0
17 years old or more	1.2	.0	.1	1.1	4.8

	Total N =				
	28,739				

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Unweighted Frequencies

	Total	Grade			
		9th	10th	11th	12th
I have never smoked a whole cigarette	15,086	4,884	4,134	3,353	2,715
8 years old or younger	1,317	420	407	270	220
9 or 10 years old	1,592	579	446	306	261
11 or 12 years old	3,310	1,208	957	683	462
13 or 14 years old	4,725	1,393	1,459	1,042	831
15 or 16 years old	2,349	116	549	841	843
17 years old or more	360	0	6	58	296
Female					
I have never smoked a whole cigarette	7,700	2,438	2,087	1,754	1,421
8 years old or younger	491	170	136	110	75
9 or 10 years old	726	286	212	132	96
11 or 12 years old	1,683	652	477	339	215
13 or 14 years old	2,571	771	783	570	447
15 or 16 years old	1,309	57	309	475	468
17 years old or more	183	0	3	22	158
Male					
I have never smoked a whole cigarette	7,386	2,446	2,047	1,599	1,294
8 years old or younger	826	250	271	160	145
9 or 10 years old	866	293	234	174	165
11 or 12 years old	1,627	556	480	344	247
13 or 14 years old	2,154	622	676	472	384
15 or 16 years old	1,040	59	240	366	375
17 years old or more	177	0	3	36	138
Total N =					
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