

Tobacco Use and Winnebago County High School Students

What is the problem?

- 32.5% of students reported that they have tried cigarette smoking.
- 7.8% of students reported that they smoked a whole cigarette for the first time before age 13 years.
- 15.0% of students reported that they smoked a cigarette during the past 30 days.
- Among students who reported current cigarette use, 3.1% smoked more than 10 cigarettes per day on the days they smoked.
- 5.2% of students reported that they smoked a cigarette on school property during the past 30 days.
- 12.0% of students reported that they smoked cigarettes daily, that is, at least one cigarette every day for 30 days.
- 9.8% of students who smoke reported that they have tried to quit smoking cigarettes at least once over the last 12 months.
- 6.0% of students reported that they used chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip during the past 30 days.
- 9.2% of students reported that they smoked a cigar, cigarillo, or little cigar during the past 30 days.

What are the solutions?

K-12 skill-based health education
Ban all tobacco use 24/7 at all school functions
Evidence-based tobacco prevention programs
Access to cessation programs
Peer education programs and advocacy
Trained staff
Coordination of school and community-based efforts
Regular assessment of tobacco control and prevention efforts

What are some resources to help address the problem?

- Centers for Disease Control – Smoking and Tobacco Use
<http://www.cdc.gov/tobacco/index.htm>
- Center for Tobacco Research and Intervention <http://www.ctri.wisc.edu/>
- Tobacco Control Resources for Wisconsin <http://www.tobwis.org/>
- Wisconsin Tobacco Prevention and Control Program <http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/tobacco/>
- CDC - Division of Adolescent and School Health
<http://www.cdc.gov/HealthyYouth/tobacco/index.htm>

Wisconsin Resources

- DPI School Tobacco Prevention Program http://sspw.dpi.wi.gov/sspw_tobaccoprogram
- Resources for School Tobacco Programs: A Selected List (2007 Edition)
<http://sspw.dpi.wi.gov/files/sspw/pdf/tobaccoprograms.pdf>
- School Tobacco Policy Resources http://sspw.dpi.wi.gov/sspw_tsignage
- Wisconsin Success Stories – Tobacco Free Youth
<http://sspw.dpi.wi.gov/files/sspw/pdf/tobfreeyouth.pdf>
- Wisconsin Safe & Healthy Schools Center <http://www.wishschools.org>
- CESA6 Safe and Healthy Schools Network <http://www.cesa6.org>