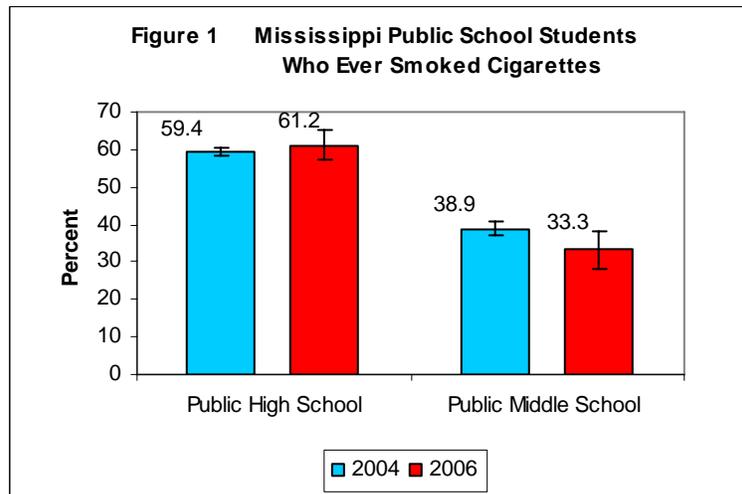


Findings from the 2004 and 2006 Youth Tobacco Survey

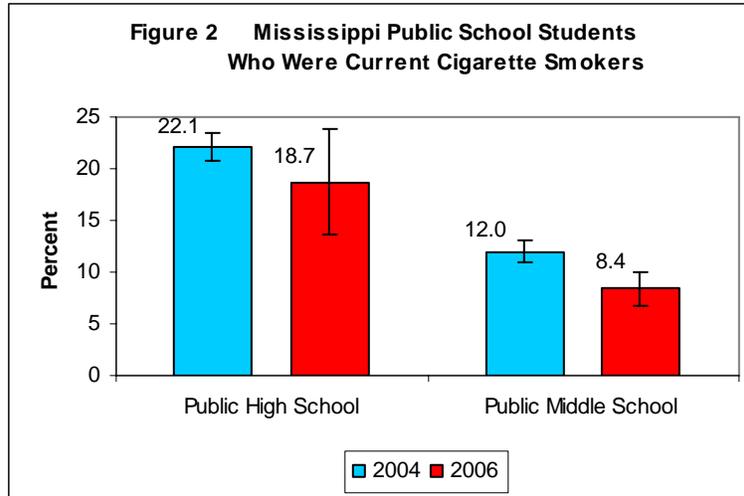
Survey results for tobacco use among Mississippi public high school and middle school students in 2004 and 2006 show a decrease in most of the measures. The following had statistically significant decreases¹:

- The percentage of current cigarette use among public middle school students had decreased by 30% from 12.0% in 2004 to 8.4% in 2006.
- The percentage of current cigar use² among public middle school students had decreased by 42% from 10.6% in 2004 to 6.1% in 2006.
- The percentage of frequent cigar use³ among public high school students had decreased by 43% from 2.8% in 2004 to 1.6% in 2006.

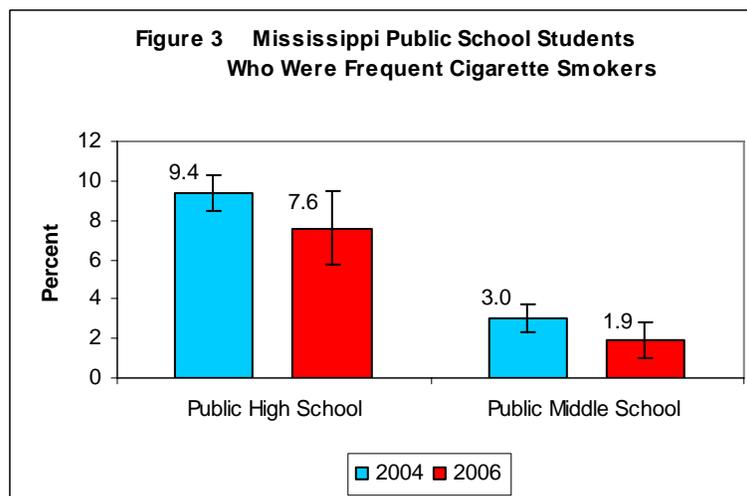
1. Use of Cigarettes



- The percentage of public high school students who had ever smoked cigarettes increased from 59.4% in 2004 to 61.2% in 2006.
- The percentage of public middle school students who had ever smoked cigarettes decreased from 38.9% in 2004 to 33.3% in 2006.

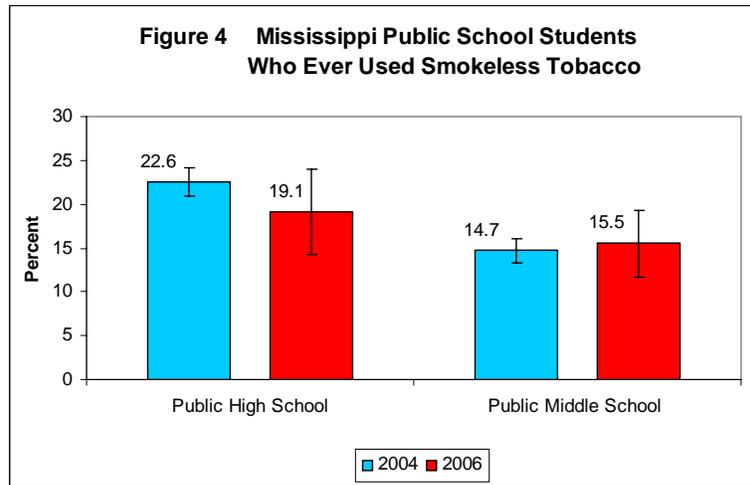


- The percentage of current cigarette smokers in public high schools decreased from 22.1% in 2004 to 18.7% in 2006.
- The percentage of current cigarette smokers in public middle schools decreased from 12.0% in 2004 to 8.4% in 2006. This reduction was statistically significant.

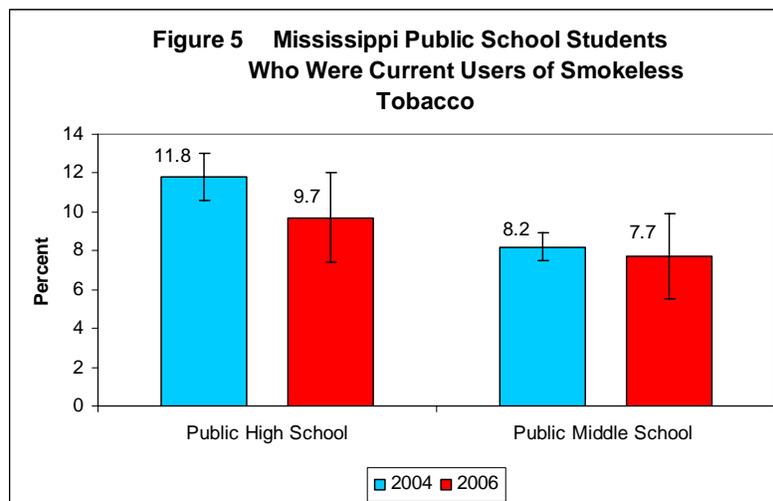


- The percentage of frequent cigarette smokers in public high schools decreased from 9.4% in 2004 to 7.6% in 2006.
- The percentage of frequent cigarette smokers in public middle schools decreased from 3.0% in 2004 to 1.9% in 2006.

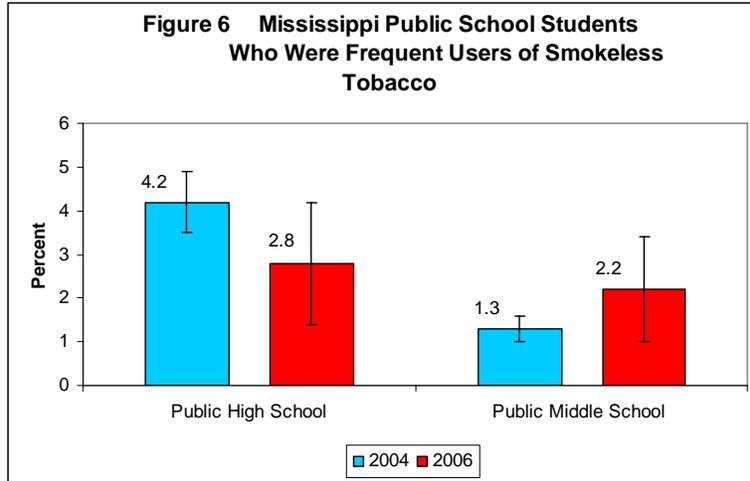
2. Use of Smokeless Tobacco



- The percentage of public high school students who ever used smokeless tobacco decreased from 22.6% in 2004 to 19.1% in 2006.
- The percentage of public middle school students who ever used smokeless tobacco increased from 14.7% in 2004 to 15.5% in 2006.

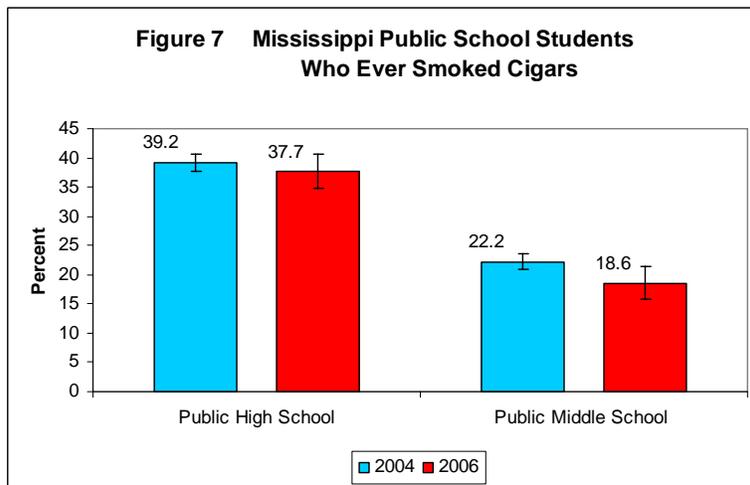


- The percentage of public high school students who currently use smokeless tobacco decreased from 11.8% in 2004 to 9.7% in 2006.
- The percentage of public middle school students who currently use smokeless tobacco decreased from 8.2% in 2004 to 7.7% in 2006.

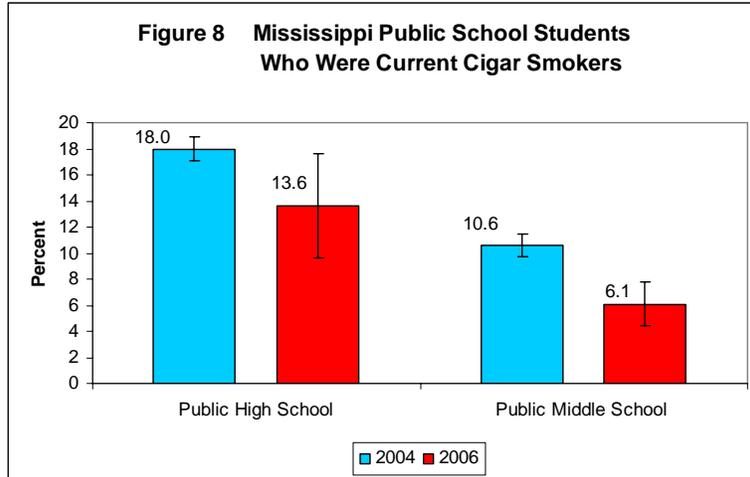


- The percentage of public high school students who frequently use smokeless tobacco decreased from 4.2% in 2004 to 2.8% in 2006.
- The percentage of public middle school students who frequently use smokeless tobacco increased from 1.3% in 2004 to 2.2% in 2006.

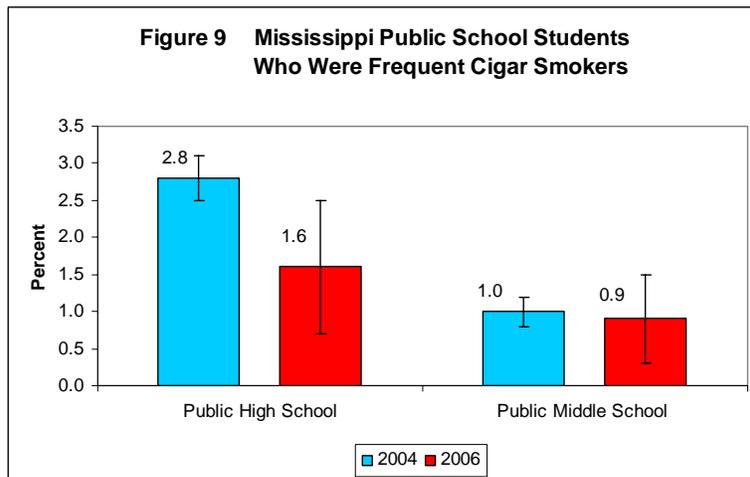
3. Use of Cigars



- The percentage of public high school students who ever smoked cigars decreased from 39.2% in 2004 to 37.7% in 2006.
- The percentage of public middle school students who ever smoked cigars decreased from 22.2% in 2004 to 18.6% in 2006.



- The percentage of current cigar smokers in public high schools decreased from 18.0% in 2004 to 13.6% in 2006.
- The percentage of current cigar smokers in public middle schools decreased from 10.6% in 2004 to 6.1% in 2006. This reduction was statistically significant.



- The percentage of frequent cigar smokers among public high school students decreased from 2.8% in 2004 to 1.6% in 2006. This reduction was statistically significant.
- The percentage of frequent cigar smokers among middle school students decreased from 1.0% in 2004 to 0.9% in 2006.

Note:

¹The difference between two percentages is considered statistically significant if their 95% confidence intervals do not overlap.

²Current use is defined as use of the tobacco product on one or more of the past 30 days preceding the survey.

³Frequent use is defined as the use of a tobacco product on 20 or more the past 30 days preceding the survey.