### Adult Smokeless Tobacco Use in Mississippi Fact Sheet

MISSISSIPPI STATE DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH

## **Results from the 2013 Mississippi Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System**

The Mississippi Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) is a state-based system of health surveys that were developed and conducted in order to monitor state-level prevalence of behaviors (including cigarette smoking) that contribute to the leading causes of morbidity and mortality among adults. The 2013 Mississippi BRFSS was completed by 7453 Mississippians aged 18 or older.

#### Current smokeless tobacco use among Mississippi adults

The percentage of Mississippi adults who reported current smokeless tobacco use was (Figure 1):

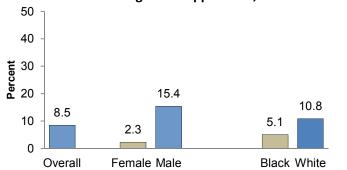
- 8.5% overall
- Significantly higher among males (15.4%) compared to females (2.3%)
- Significantly higher among whites (10.8%) compared to blacks (5.1%)

#### Current smokeless tobacco use among Mississippi adults by gender and race

The percentage of Mississippi adults who reported current smokeless tobacco use was significantly higher among white males compared to those in other gender and race groups (Figure 2).

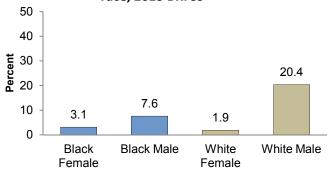
# 2012 vs. 2013 comparison for current smokeless tobacco use among Mississippi adults

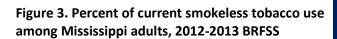
The percentage of Mississippi adults who reported current smokeless tobacco use was 7.5% in 2012 and 8.5% in 2013 (Figure 3).

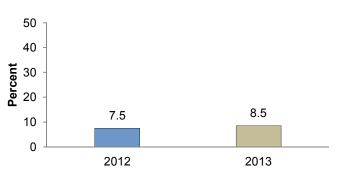


#### Figure 1. Percent of current smokeless tobacco use among Mississippi adults, 2013 BRFSS

Figure 2. Percent of current smokeless tobacco use among Mississippi adults by gender and race, 2013 BRFSS







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