



RDMC DATA SHEET

SARG Data Category: 2. CONSUMPTION
behavior that is related to the problem

Title: Youth Smokeless Tobacco Use

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Indicator:

The percentage of Leon County middle school (MS) and high school (HS) youth reporting use of smokeless tobacco at least once in their lifetimes or within past 30 days.

Commentary:

According to Florida Youth Substance Abuse Surveys (FYSAS), Leon County youth have significantly increased their use of smokeless tobacco, especially among high school students. Leon County high school youth increased lifetime use about two and a half times from 2002 to 2008 and past 30 day use nearly seven times over the same time period. Middle school lifetime smokeless tobacco use has increased by 20% from 2002 to 2006 while past 30 day use has remained fairly stable at an average of 4.4%. The 2000 FYSAS only reported, "... the state of Florida and Leon County, ... relatively low use of smokeless tobacco compared to cigarette use." That said, the use of smokeless tobacco may be becoming more of a concern if it contributes to being another vehicle for substance abuse.

Source(s):

Florida Youth Substance Abuse Surveys (FYSAS), even years from 2000 to 2008, Leon County Reports.

<http://www.dcf.state.fl.us/mentalhealth/publications/fysas/>

Note: FYSAS 2000 report does not provide specific data for smokeless tobacco, and the 2008 report only provides high school data. Additionally, no statewide data available.

Chart 1: Leon County Use of Smokeless Tobacco

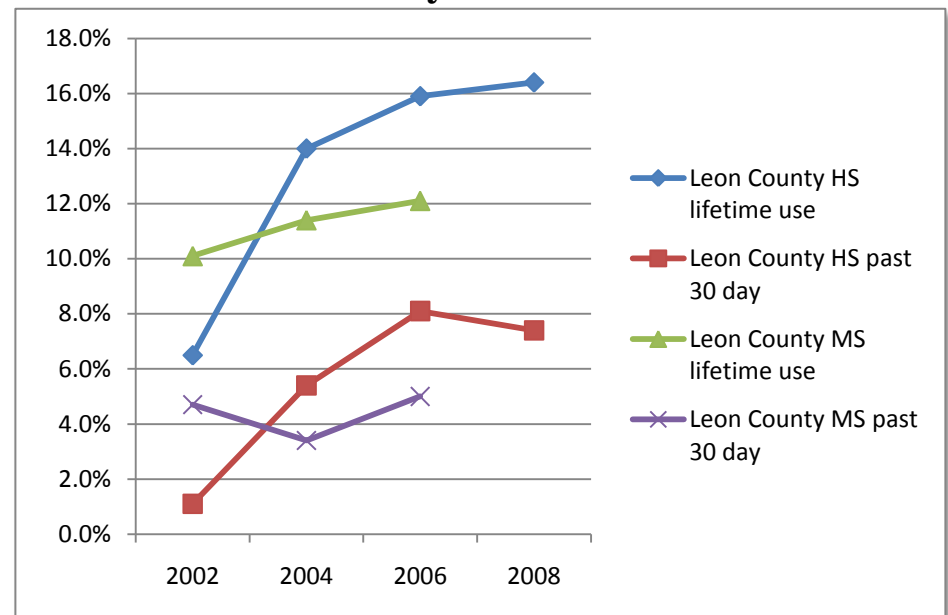


Table 1: Leon County Use of Smokeless Tobacco

	2002	2004	2006	2008
Leon County HS lifetime use	6.5%	14.0%	15.9%	16.4%
Leon County HS past 30 day	1.1%	5.4%	8.1%	7.4%
Leon County MS lifetime use	10.1%	11.4%	12.1%	-
Leon County MS past 30 day	4.7%	3.4%	5.0%	-