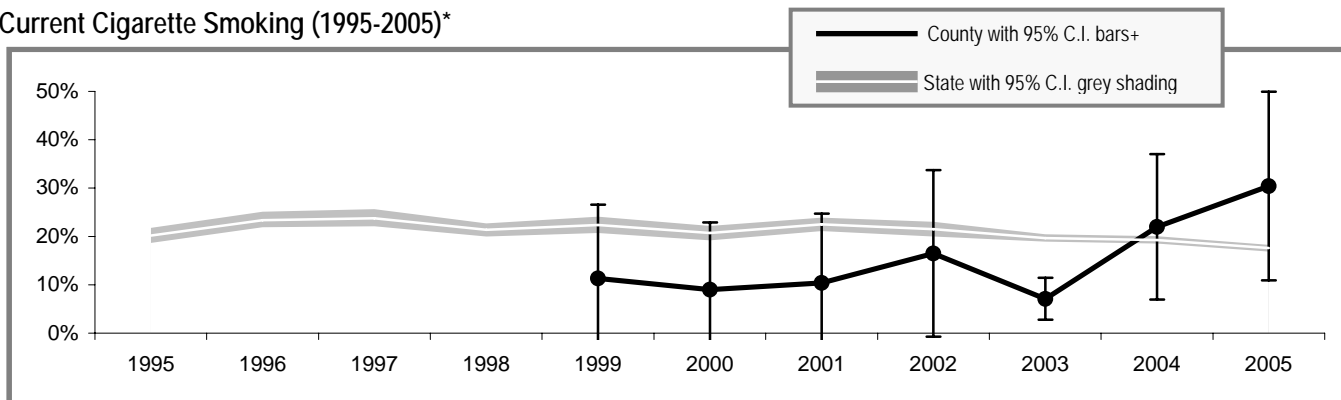


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Adult Tobacco Use

Current Cigarette Smoking (1995-2005)*



* Smoking prevalence trend is based on English language surveys only. (Spanish language surveys began in 2003.)
 + County prevalence is a 5-year rolling average through 2002; starting in 2003 smoking prevalence is based on single-year data.

Current Smoking (2005)**

	All adults
Wahkiakum County	30.4% (± 19.5%)
Washington State	17.5% (± 0.7%)

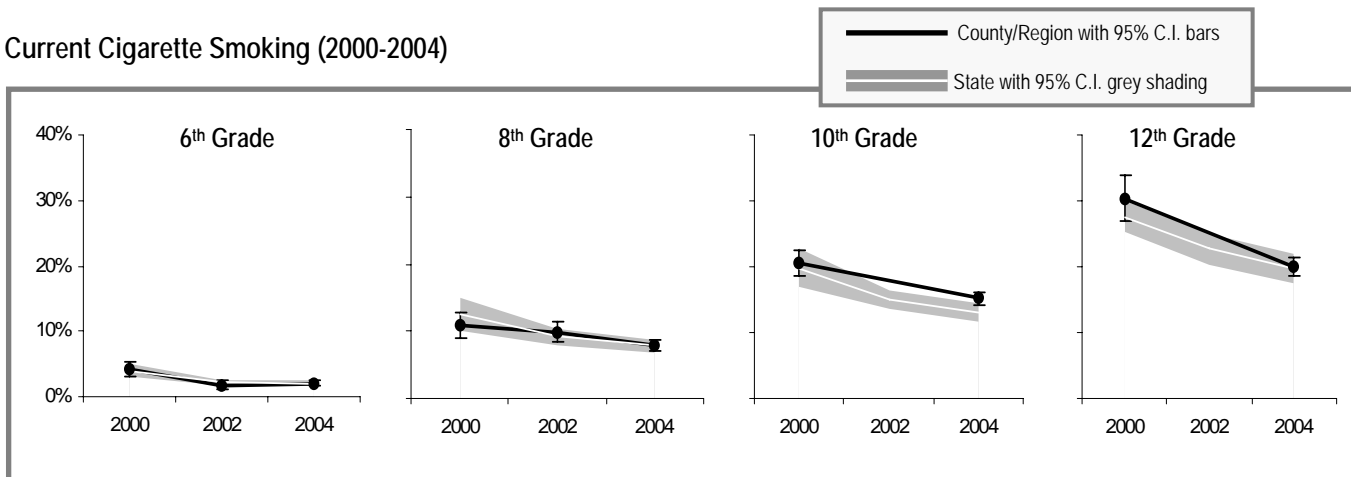
Current Smokeless Tobacco Use (2003-2005)**

	All adults	Males only
Wahkiakum County	3.4% (± 1.7%)	7.7% (± 4.8%)
Washington State	3.0% (± 0.3%)	5.8% (± 0.6%)

** Current smoking and smokeless prevalence include both English and Spanish language surveys.

Youth Tobacco Use

Current Cigarette Smoking (2000-2004)



Note: Regional prevalence is shown in this graph because county information was unavailable for two or more grades or years.

Current Smoking (2004)

	All 10 th Graders
Wahkiakum County	NA
Region**	15.2% (± 1.0%)
Washington State	13.0% (± 1.4%)

Current Smokeless Tobacco Use (2004)

	All 10 th Graders	10 th Grade Males only
Wahkiakum County	NA	NA
Region**	3.9% (± 0.2%)	9.7% (± 1.2%)
Washington State	4.9% (± 0.6%)	8.0% (± 1.2%)

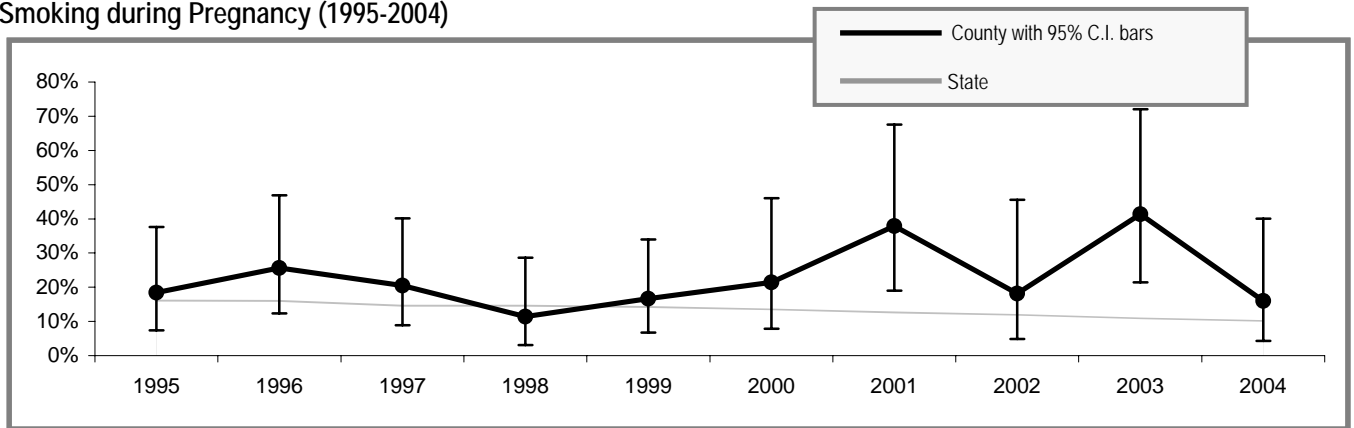
** Region includes school districts in Clark, Cowlitz, Klickitat, Pacific Skamania, and Wahkiakum counties.



DATA SOURCES: ADULT TOBACCO USE – WA. DEPT OF HEALTH, BEHAVIORAL RISK FACTOR SURVEILLANCE SYSTEM (BRFSS); YOUTH TOBACCO USE – WA STATE HEALTHY YOUTH SURVEY (HYS); POPULATION ESTIMATES – OFFICE OF FINANCIAL MGMT.(OFM), YEAR 2000 CENSUS; MATERNAL SMOKING DURING PREGNANCY – WA BIRTH CERT SYSTEM; TOBACCO-RELATED CANCER – WA STATE CANCER REGISTRY; ESTIMATED TOTAL DEATHS – WA DEATH CERT SYSTEM.

Tobacco Use by Pregnant Women

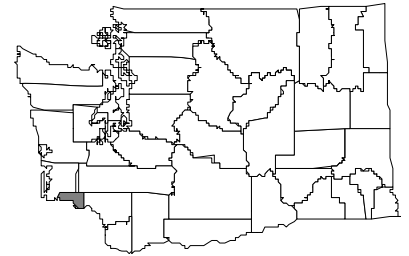
Smoking during Pregnancy (1995-2004)



People Affected in Wahkiakum County

2000 population: 3,824

- 900 adults smoke
- 100 adults use smokeless tobacco
- 10 infants are born annually to mothers who smoke during pregnancy
- 40 youth smoke
- 20 youth use smokeless tobacco
- 500 adults are exposed to secondhand smoke
- 100 youth are exposed to secondhand smoke
- 5 cancers diagnosed each year are smoking-related
- 10 adults die annually from smoking-related causes



Community Indicators for Wahkiakum County

- All restaurants and bars are now completely smokefree
- 85% of households have a ban on smoking (95% C.I. \pm 7%)
- 0% of retailers sold tobacco products to minors
- 43% of 10th graders say tobacco is "hard to get" (95% C.I. \pm 2%)
- 0 tobacco industry sampling event occurred in the past year – 0 samples were distributed
- 8 people called the Quitline in the past year
- 33% of smokers tried to quit in the past year (95% C.I. \pm 22%)
- 59% of tobacco users who had a healthcare visit in the past year were advised to quit by a healthcare professional (95% C.I. \pm 10%)
- 32% of tobacco users did not have a healthcare visit in the past year (95% C.I. \pm 10%)
- 15% of smokers who have health insurance say that their insurance covers help in quitting smoking, such as counseling or nicotine patches (95% C.I. \pm 15%)
- 30% of smokers with health insurance do not know if it covers help in quitting smoking (95% C.I. \pm 23%)

Priorities for Tobacco Prevention and Control

- Preventing Youth from Initiating Tobacco Use
- Increasing Tobacco Cessation
- Eliminating Exposure to Secondhand Smoke
- Identifying and Eliminating Tobacco-Related Disparities in High Risk Groups

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