



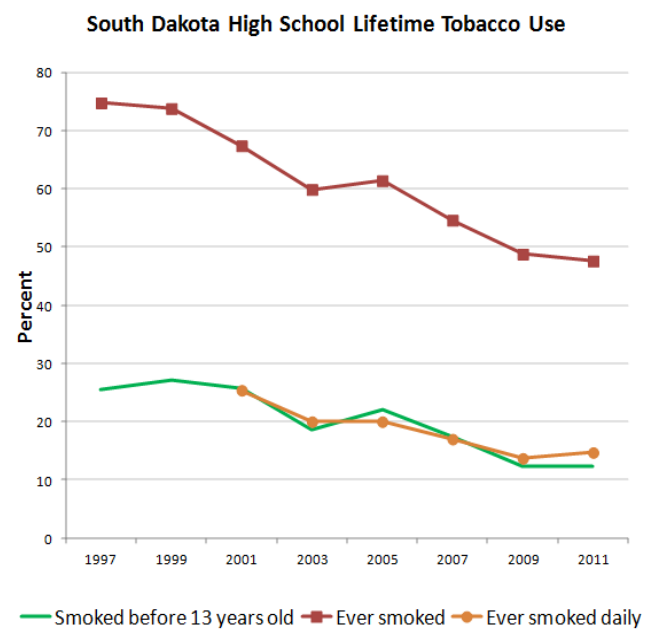
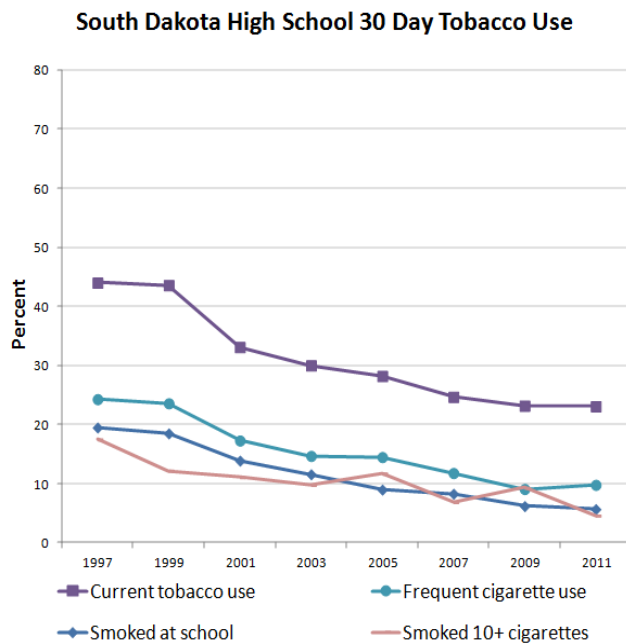
**Data Brief**

**Student tobacco use decreased between 1997 to 2011**

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**Use of tobacco by high school students declines**

Tobacco use in a variety of forms decreased for both lifetime use and 30 day use by high school students during the period 1997 to 2011. Current tobacco use dropped from 44% to 23.1% with a rate of change of -1.64% per year with a correlation of -0.95. Frequent cigarette use, smoking at school, and smoking 10+ cigarettes in past 30 days were at or slightly above 20% in 1997, falling to or slightly below 10% in 2011. Most notably, the percentage of high school students who ever smoked decreased from 74.8% to 47.6%, declining at a rate of 2.1% per year with a high correlation of -0.95.



Declining student tobacco use from 1997 to 2011

	Correlation	Rate of Change in % per year
Current tobacco use	-0.95	-1.64
Frequent cigarette use	-0.96	-1.14
Smoked at school	-0.98	-1.06
Smoked 10+ cigarettes	-0.88	-0.69
Smoked before 13 years old	-0.93	-1.12
Ever smoked	-0.98	-2.10
Ever smoked daily	-0.94	-0.82

Source: "South Dakota 2011 Results." CDC-YouthOnline-High School YRBS. N.p., n.d. Web. 26 Oct. 2012.  
<http://apps.nccd.cdc.gov/brfss/age.asp?cat=AC&yr=2011&qkey=8371&state=UB>

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