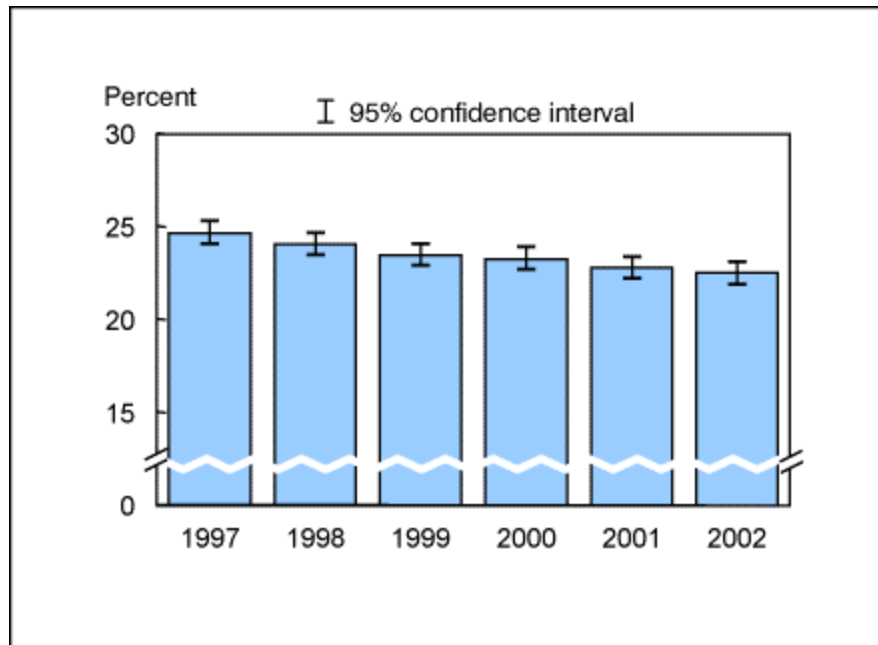




Figure 8.1. Prevalence of current smoking among adults aged 18 years and over: United States, 1997-2002



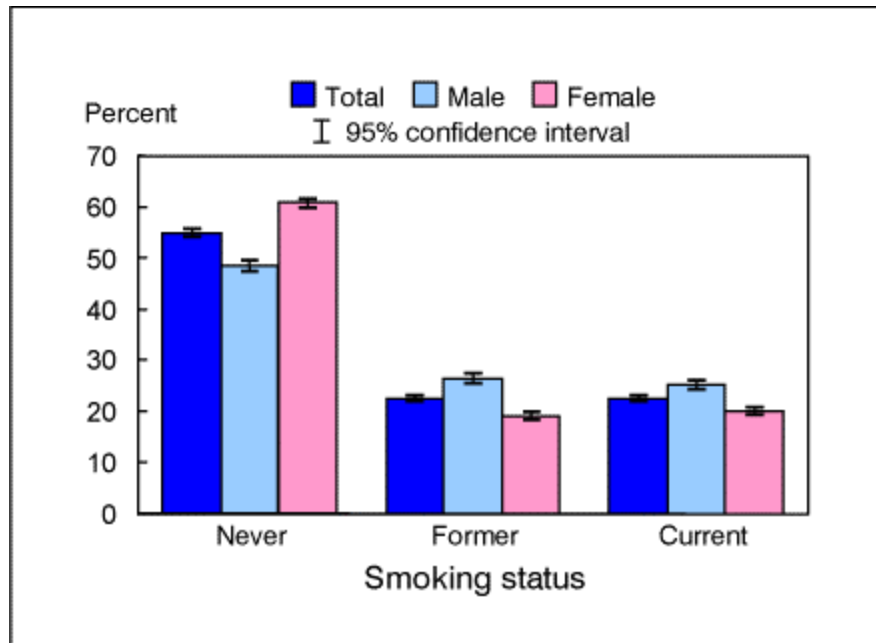
NOTES: Current smokers were defined as those who smoked more than 100 cigarettes in their lifetime and now smoke every day or some days. The analysis excluded people with unknown smoking status (about 1% of respondents each year). CI is confidence interval.

DATA SOURCE: Sample Adult Core component of the 1997-2002 National Health Interview Surveys.

- In 2002, 22.5% (95% CI = 21.9% - 23.1%) of adults aged 18 years and over were current smokers, continuing a decline in the prevalence of current smoking among adults in the United States.
- The prevalence of current smoking among U.S. adults has declined over time from 24.7% in 1997 to 24.1% in 1998, 23.5% in 1999, 23.3% in 2000, 22.8% in 2001, and 22.5% in 2002.



Figure 8.2. Percent distribution of smoking status among adults aged 18 years and over, by sex: United States, 2002



NOTES: Current smokers were defined as those who smoked more than 100 cigarettes in their lifetime and now smoke every day or some days. The analysis excluded 330 (1.1%) people with unknown smoking status.

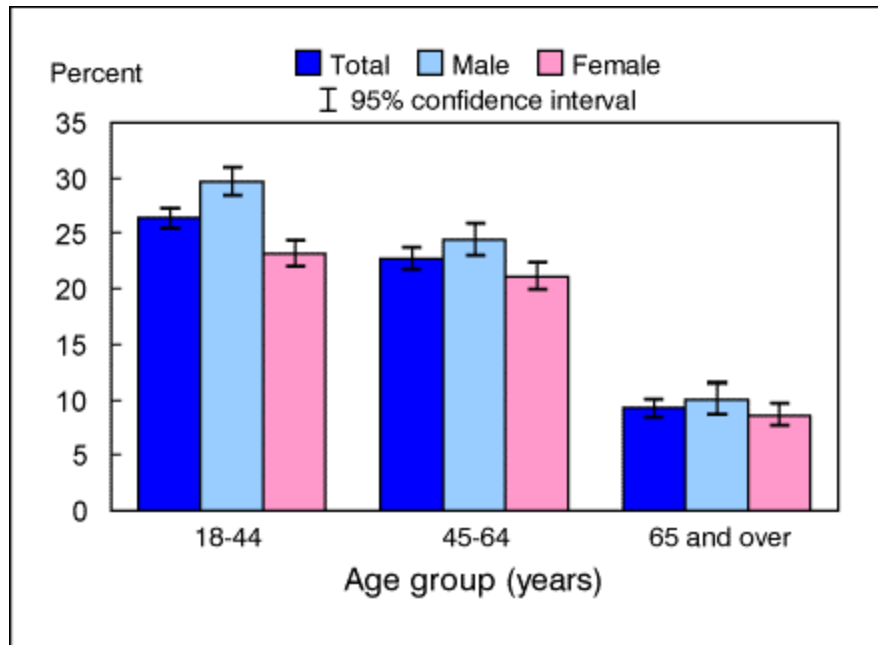
DATA SOURCE: Sample Adult Core component of the 2002 National Health Interview Survey.

■ The percent of current smokers was higher for men (25.2%) than for women (20.0%).

■ The percent of former smokers was higher for men than for women, and the percent of those who had never smoked was higher for women than for men.



Figure 8.3. Prevalence of current smoking among adults aged 18 years and over, by age group and sex: United States, 2002



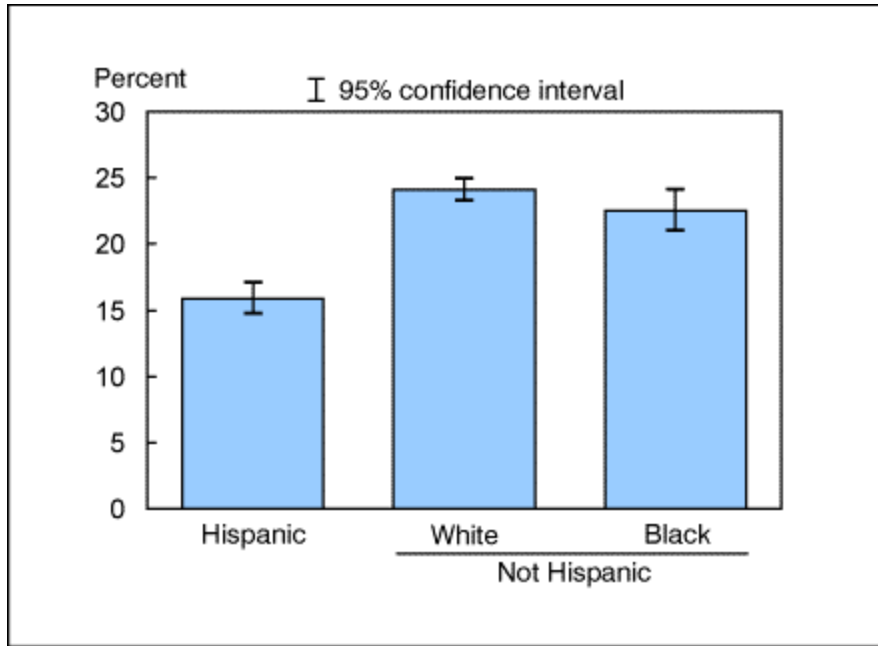
NOTES: Current smokers were defined as those who smoked more than 100 cigarettes in their lifetime and now smoke every day or some days. The analysis excluded 330 (1.1%) people with unknown smoking status.

DATA SOURCE: Sample Adult Core component of the 2002 National Health Interview Survey.

- For both sexes combined, the prevalence of current smoking was lower among adults aged 65 years and over (9.3%), compared with adults aged 18-44 years (26.4%) and 45-64 years (22.7%). This pattern in current smoking by age group was seen in both men and women.
- For age groups 18-44 years and 45-64 years, men were more likely than women to be current smokers.



Figure 8.4. Age-sex-adjusted prevalence of current smoking among adults aged 18 years and over, by race/ethnicity: United States, 2002



NOTES: Current smokers were defined as those who smoked more than 100 cigarettes in their lifetime and now smoke every day or some days. The analysis excluded 330 (1.1%) people with unknown smoking status. Estimates are age-sex-adjusted to the year 2000 projected U.S. standard population using five age groups: 18-24 years, 25-34 years, 35-44 years, 45-64 years, and 65 years and over.

DATA SOURCE: Sample Adult Core component of the 2002 National Health Interview Survey.

- The age-sex-adjusted prevalence of current smoking was 15.9% for Hispanic persons, 24.1% for non-Hispanic white persons, and 22.5% for non-Hispanic black persons.
- Non-Hispanic white adults and non-Hispanic black adults were more likely than Hispanic adults to be current smokers.



Data tables for figures 8.1-8.4:

Data table for figure 8.1. Prevalence of current smoking among adults aged 18 years and over: United States, 1997-2002

Year	Percent (95% confidence interval)	
	Crude ¹	Age adjusted ²
1997	24.7 (24.1-25.3)	24.6 (24.0-25.1)
1998	24.1 (23.5-24.7)	24.0 (23.1-24.8)
1999	23.5 (22.9-24.1)	23.3 (22.7-24.0)
2000	23.3 (22.7-23.9)	23.1 (22.5-23.7)
2001	22.8 (22.2-23.4)	22.7 (22.1-23.3)
2002	22.5 (21.9-23.1)	22.4 (21.7-23.0)

¹Crude estimates are presented in the graph.

²Estimates for this Healthy People 2010 leading health indicator are age adjusted to the year 2000 projected U.S. standard population using five age groups: 18-24 years, 25-34 years, 35-44 years, 45-64 years, and 65 years and over.

Data table for figure 8.2. Percent distribution of smoking status among adults aged 18 years and over, by sex: United States, 2002

Smoking status and sex	Percent	95% confidence interval
Never		
Both sexes	54.9	54.1-55.7
Men	48.4	47.3-49.4
Women	60.9	60.0-61.8
Former		
Both sexes	22.6	22.0-23.2
Men	26.4	25.5-27.3
Women	19.1	18.4-19.8
Current		
Both sexes	22.5	21.9-23.1
Men	25.2	24.3-26.1
Women	20.0	19.2-20.8



Data table for figure 8.3. Prevalence of current smoking among adults aged 18 years and over, by age group and sex: United States, 2002

Age and sex	Percent	95% confidence interval
18-44 years		
Total	26.4	25.4-27.3
Men	29.7	28.4-30.9
Women	23.2	22.0-24.4
45-64 years		
Total	22.7	21.8-23.7
Men	24.5	23.0-25.9
Women	21.1	19.9-22.3
65 years and over		
Total	9.3	8.4-10.1
Men	10.1	8.7-11.5
Women	8.6	7.6-9.7
Age adjusted¹		
Total	22.4	21.7-23.0
Men	24.8	23.9-25.6
Women	20.1	19.3-20.9

¹Estimates for this Healthy People 2010 leading health indicator are age adjusted to the year 2000 projected U.S. standard population using five age groups: 18-24 years, 25-34 years, 35-44 years, 45-64 years, and 65 years and over.

Data table for figure 8.4. Age-sex-adjusted prevalence of current smoking among adults aged 18 years and over, by race/ethnicity: United States, 2002

Race/ethnicity	Percent (95% confidence interval)	
	Age-sex-adjusted ¹	Age-adjusted ²
Hispanic or Latino	15.9 (14.7-17.1)	16.0 (14.7-17.2)
White, not Hispanic	24.1 (23.3-24.9)	24.1 (23.3-24.9)
Black or African American, not Hispanic	22.5 (21.0-24.1)	22.2 (20.7-23.8)

¹Age-sex-adjusted estimates are presented in the graph. Estimates are age-sex-adjusted to the year 2000 projected U.S. standard population using five age groups: 18-24 years, 25-34 years, 35-44 years, 45-64 years, and 65 years and over.

²Estimates for this Healthy People 2010 leading health indicator are age-adjusted to the year 2000 projected U.S. standard population using five age groups: 18-24 years, 25-34 years, 35-44 years, 45-64 years, and 65 years and over.