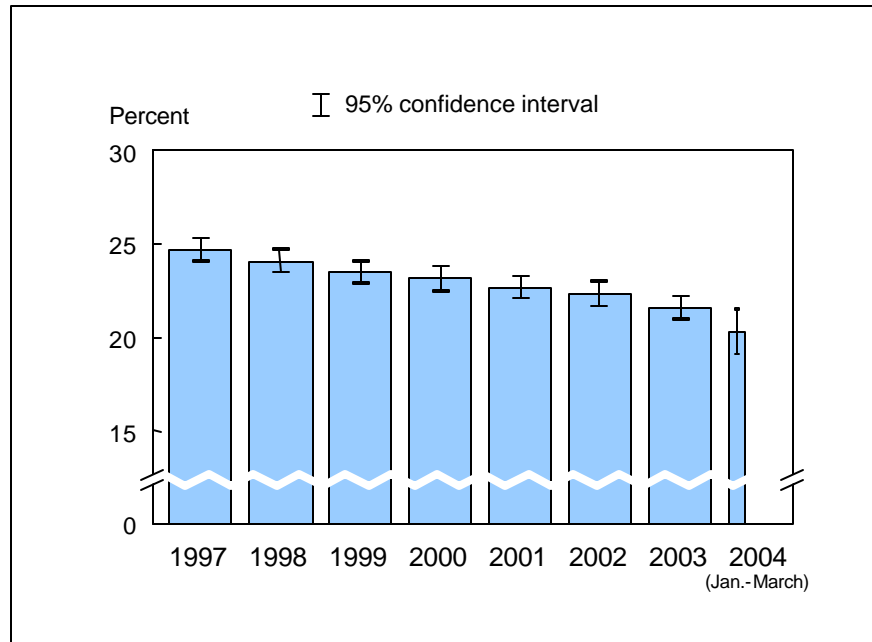


Figure 8.1. Prevalence of current smoking among adults aged 18 years and over: United States, 1997-2004



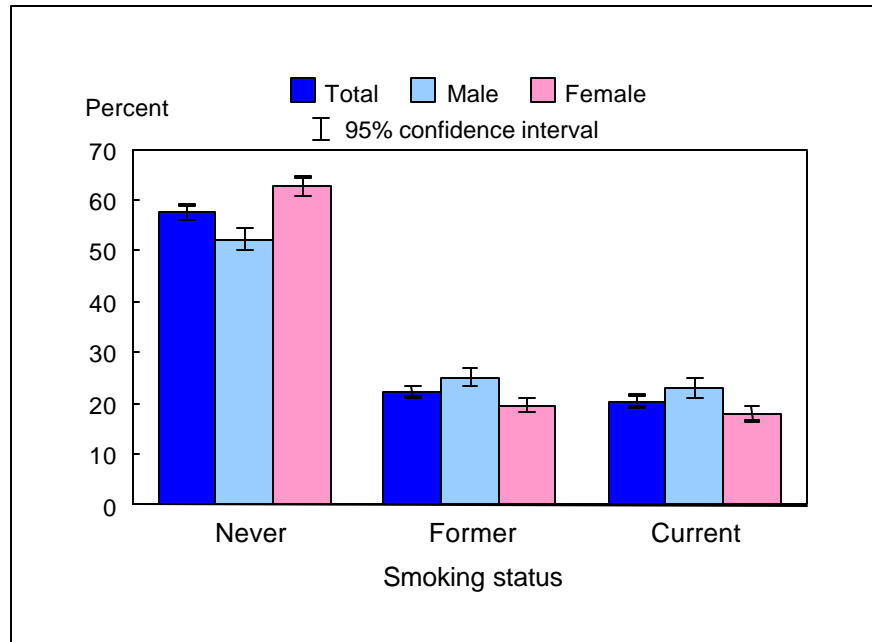
NOTES: Current smokers were defined as those who smoked more than 100 cigarettes in their lifetime and now smoke every day or some days. The analyses excluded persons with unknown smoking status (about 1% of respondents each year). CI is confidence interval. Beginning with the 2003 data, the National Health Interview Survey transitioned to weights derived from the 2000 census. In this Early Release, estimates for 2000-02 were recalculated using weights derived from the 2000 census. See "About This Release" and appendix tables in this release for more details.

DATA SOURCE: Sample Adult Core component of the 1997-2004 National Health Interview Surveys. The estimate for 2004 was based on data collected from January through March.

■ In early 2004, 20.3% (95% CI = 19.1%-21.5%) 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 20.3% in early 2004.

Figure 8.2. Percent distribution of smoking status among adults aged 18 years and over, by sex: United States, January-March 2004



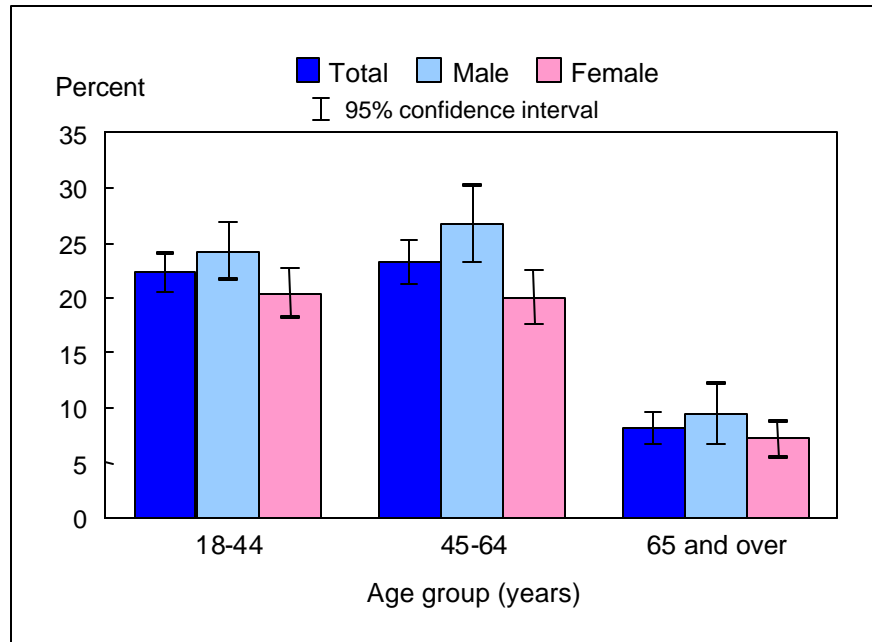
NOTES: Current smokers were defined as those who smoked more than 100 cigarettes in their lifetime and now smoke every day or some days. The analyses excluded 92 persons (1.3%) with unknown smoking status.

DATA SOURCE: Based on data collected from January through March in the Sample Adult Core component of the 2004 National Health Interview Survey.

■ The percent of current smokers was higher for men (22.9%) than for women (17.9%).

■ 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, January-March 2004

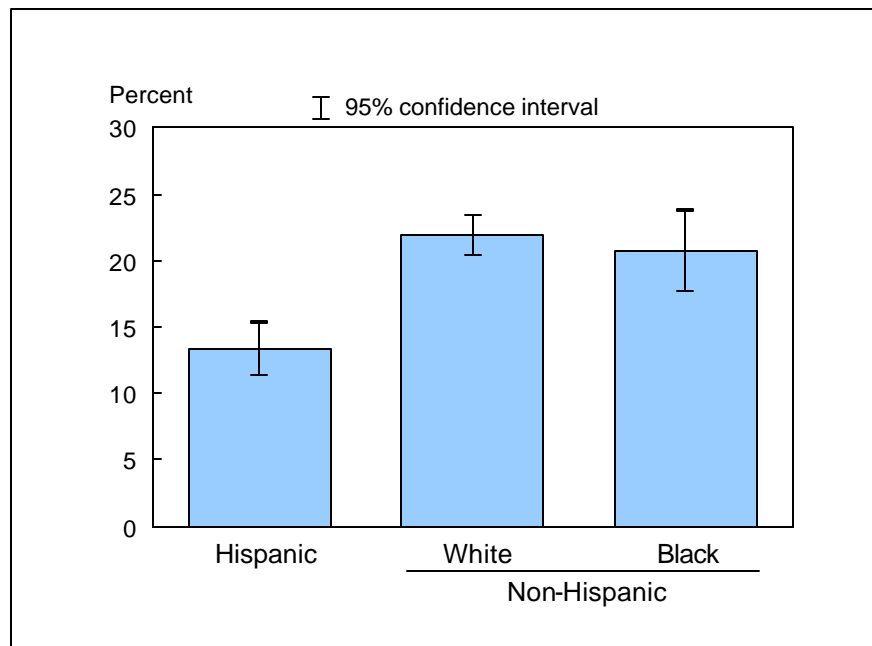


NOTES: Current smokers were defined as those who smoked more than 100 cigarettes in their lifetime and now smoke every day or some days. The analyses excluded 92 persons (1.3%) with unknown smoking status.

DATA SOURCE: Based on data collected from January through March in the Sample Adult Core component of the 2004 National Health Interview Survey.

- For both sexes combined, the percent of adults who were current smokers was lower among adults aged 65 years and over (8.1%) than among adults aged 18-44 years (22.3%) and 45-64 years (23.2%). 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, January-March 2004



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 analyses excluded 92 persons (1.3%) with unknown smoking status. Estimates are age-sex-adjusted to the 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: Based on data collected from January through March in the Sample Adult Core component of the 2004 National Health Interview Survey.

- The age-sex-adjusted prevalence of current smoking was 13.3% for Hispanic persons, 21.9% for non-Hispanic white persons, and 20.7% 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, 1997-2004

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	23.2 (22.5-23.8)	23.1 (22.5-23.7)
2001	22.7 (22.1-23.3)	22.6 (22.0-23.2)
2002	22.4 (21.7-23.0)	22.3 (21.7-22.9)
2003	21.6 (21.0-22.2)	21.5 (20.9-22.1)
January-March 2004	20.3 (19.1-21.5)	20.1 (18.9-21.3)

¹Crude estimates are presented in the graph.

²Estimates for this Healthy People 2010 Leading Health Indicator are age-adjusted to the 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, January-March 2004

Smoking status and sex	Percent	95% confidence interval
Never		
Both sexes	57.6	56.1-59.0
Men	52.1	50.0-54.2
Women	62.6	60.7-64.4
Former		
Both sexes	22.2	21.1-23.3
Men	25.0	23.3-26.7
Women	19.5	18.2-20.9
Current		
Both sexes	20.3	19.1-21.5
Men	22.9	21.0-24.8
Women	17.9	16.5-19.3

Data table for figure 8.3. Prevalence of current smoking among adults aged 18 years and over, by age group and sex: United States, January-March 2004

Age and sex	Percent	95% confidence interval
18-44 years		
Total	22.3	20.5-24.0
Men	24.2	21.6-26.8
Women	20.4	18.1-22.6
45-64 years		
Total	23.2	21.2-25.2
Men	26.6	23.2-30.1
Women	20.0	17.5-22.4
65 years and over		
Total	8.1	6.6-9.6
Men	9.4	6.6-12.2
Women	7.2	5.5-8.8
18 years and over: Crude¹		
Total	20.3	19.1-21.5
Men	22.9	21.0-24.8
Women	17.9	16.5-19.3
18 years and over: Age-adjusted²		
Total	20.1	18.9-21.3
Men	22.4	20.6-24.2
Women	18.0	16.6-19.4

¹Crude estimates are presented in the graph.

²Estimates for this Healthy People 2010 Leading Health Indicator are age-adjusted to the 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. Adjusted prevalence of current smoking among adults aged 18 years and over, by race/ethnicity: United States, January-March 2004

Race/ethnicity	Percent (95% confidence interval)	
	Age-sex-adjusted ¹	Age-adjusted ²
Hispanic or Latino	13.3 (11.3-15.3)	13.4 (11.4-15.4)
Not Hispanic or Latino		
White, single race	21.9 (20.4-23.4)	21.9 (20.4-23.4)
Black, single race	20.7 (17.6-23.8)	20.3 (17.1-23.5)

¹Age-sex-adjusted estimates are presented in the graph. Estimates are age-sex-adjusted to the 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 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.