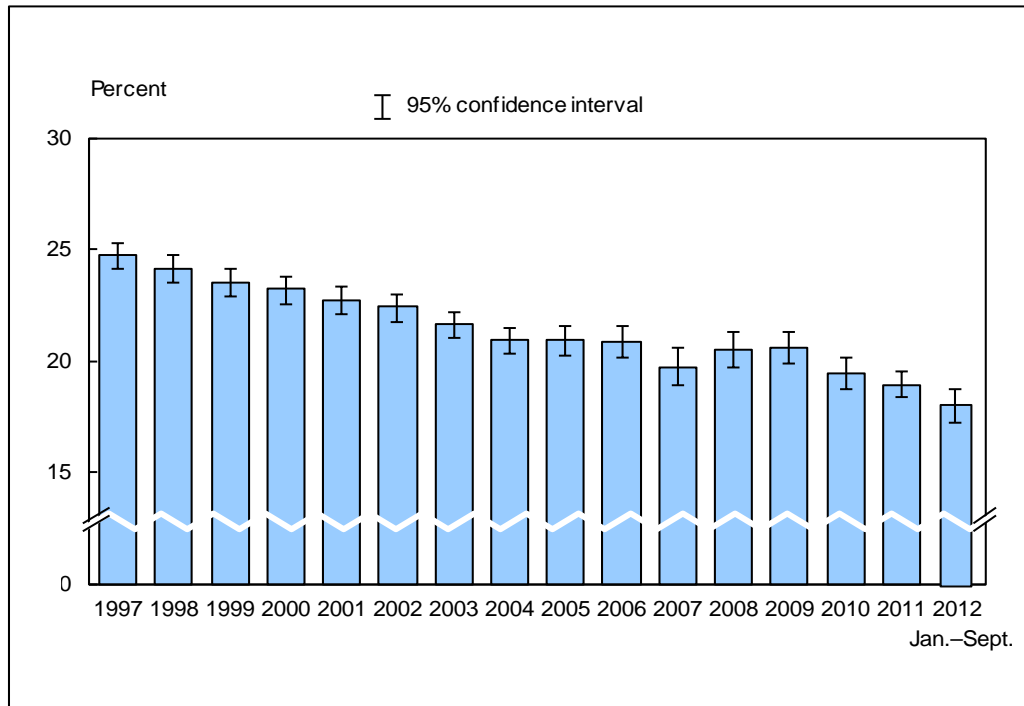


**Figure 8.1. Prevalence of current smoking among adults aged 18 and over: United States, 1997–September 2012**

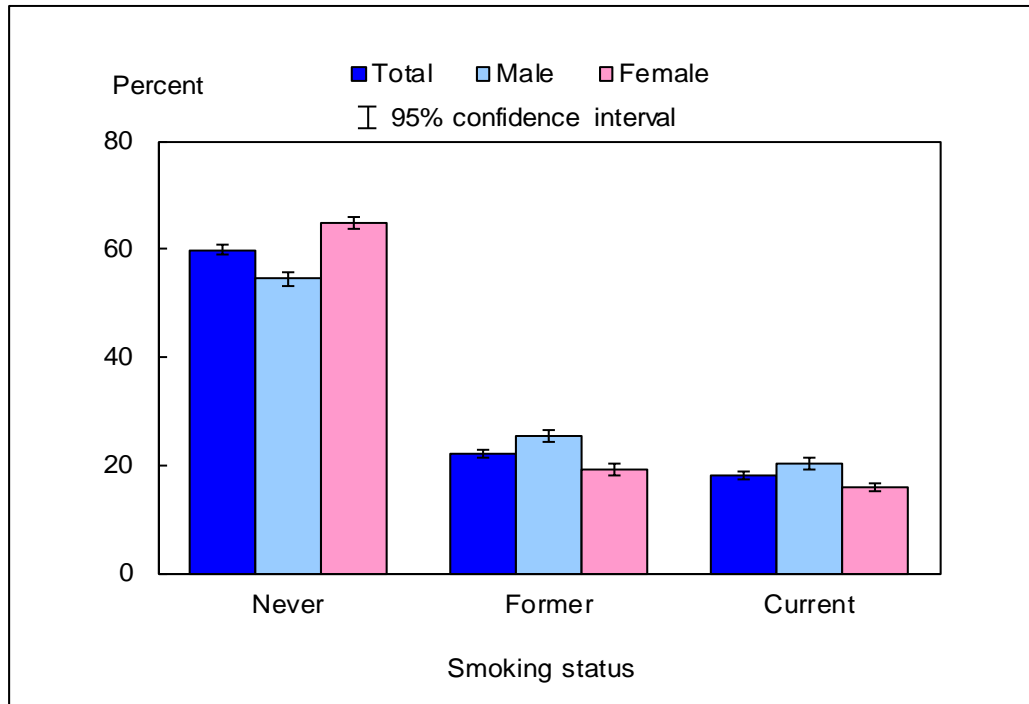


DATA SOURCE: CDC/NCHS, National Health Interview Survey, 1997–September 2012, Sample Adult Core component.

- For January–September 2012, the percentage of adults aged 18 and over who were current smokers was 18.0% (95% confidence interval = 17.33%–18.66%), which was lower than but not significantly different from the 2011 estimate of 18.9%.
- The prevalence of current smoking among U.S. adults generally declined from 24.7% in 1997 to 18.0% in January–September 2012.

NOTES: Data are based on household interviews of a sample of the civilian noninstitutionalized population. • Current smokers were defined as those who had 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 2% of respondents each year). • See [Technical Notes](#) for more details.

**Figure 8.2. Percent distribution of smoking status among adults aged 18 and over, by sex: United States, January–September 2012**

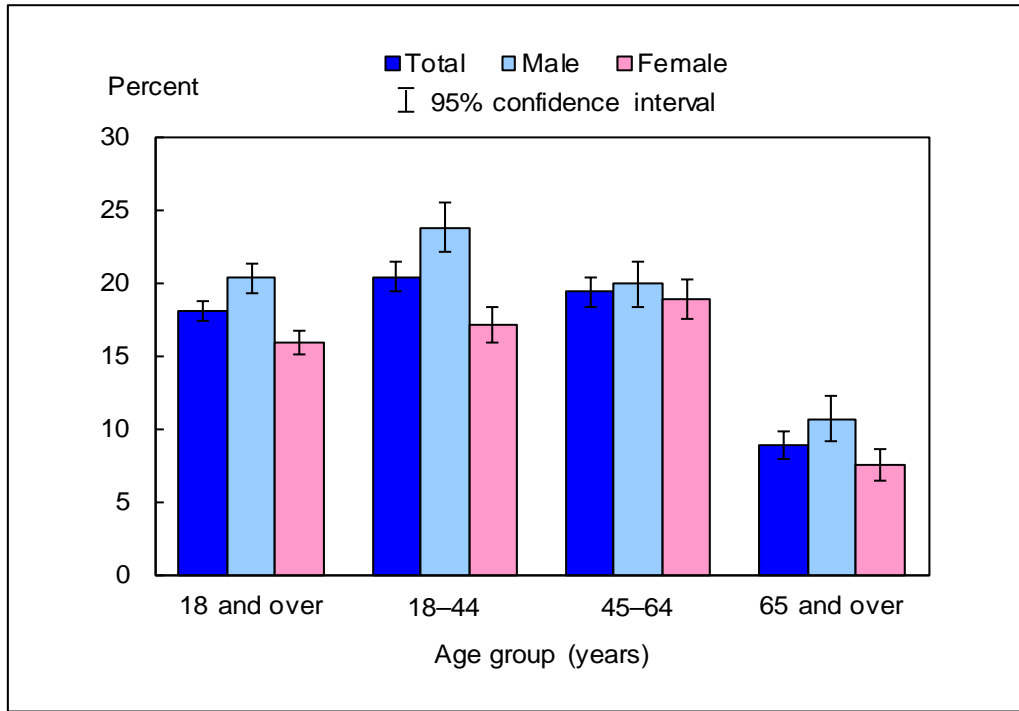


DATA SOURCE: CDC/NCHS, National Health Interview Survey, January–September 2012, Sample Adult Core component.

- The percentage of current smokers was higher for men (20.3%) than for women (15.9%).
- The percentage of former smokers was higher for men (25.3%) than for women (19.2%).
- The percentage of those who had never smoked was higher for women (64.9%) than for men (54.5%).

NOTES: Data are based on household interviews of a sample of the civilian noninstitutionalized population. • Current smokers were defined as those who had smoked more than 100 cigarettes in their lifetime and now smoke every day or some days. • The analyses excluded the 0.8% of persons with unknown smoking status. • See [Technical Notes](#) for more details.

**Figure 8.3. Prevalence of current smoking among adults aged 18 and over, by age group and sex: United States, January–September 2012**

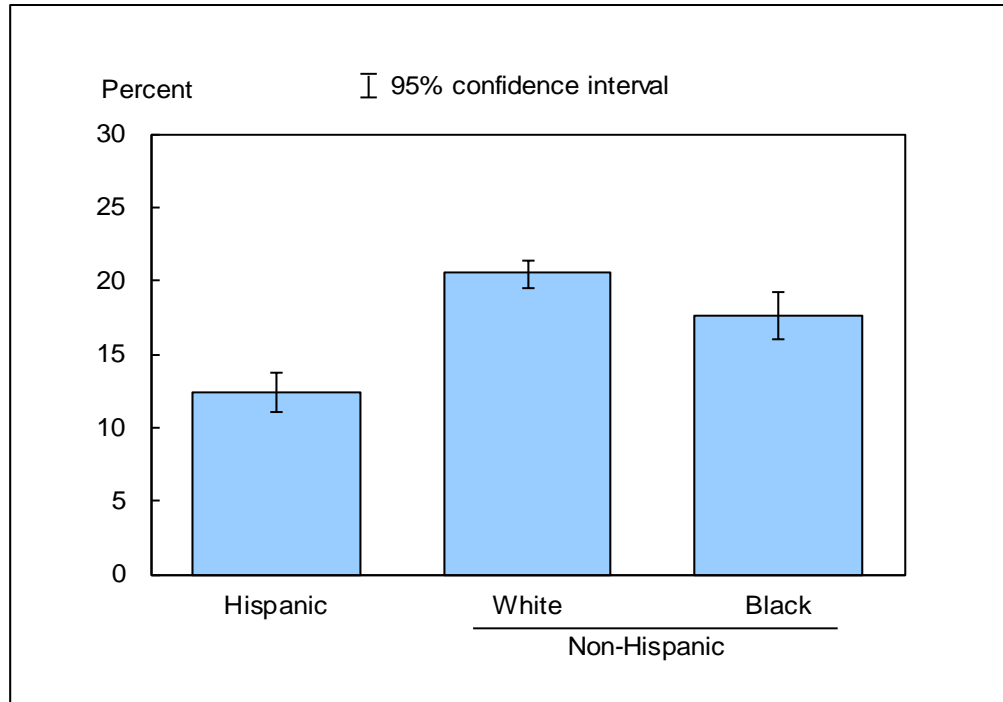


DATA SOURCE: CDC/NCHS, National Health Interview Survey, January–September 2012, Sample Adult Core component.

- For both sexes combined, the percentage of adults who were current smokers was lower among adults aged 65 and over (8.9%) than among adults aged 18–44 (20.4%) and 45–64 (19.4%). This pattern in current smoking by age group was seen in both men and women.
- For adults aged 18 and over, and for the age groups 18–44 and 65 and over, men were more likely than women to be current smokers.

NOTES: Data are based on household interviews of a sample of the civilian noninstitutionalized population. • Current smokers were defined as those who had smoked more than 100 cigarettes in their lifetime and now smoke every day or some days. • The analyses excluded the 0.8% of persons with unknown smoking status. • See [Technical Notes](#) for more details.

**Figure 8.4. Age-sex-adjusted prevalence of current smoking among adults aged 18 and over, by race/ethnicity: United States, January–September 2012**



DATA SOURCE: CDC/NCHS, National Health Interview Survey, January–September 2012, Sample Adult Core component.

- The age-sex-adjusted prevalence of current smoking was 12.4% for Hispanic adults, 20.5% for non-Hispanic white adults, and 17.6% for non-Hispanic black adults.
- Non-Hispanic white adults were the most likely to be current smokers, followed by non-Hispanic black adults and Hispanic adults.

NOTES: Data are based on household interviews of a sample of the civilian noninstitutionalized population. • Current smokers were defined as those who had smoked more than 100 cigarettes in their lifetime and now smoke every day or some days. • The analyses excluded the 0.8% of persons with unknown smoking status. • Estimates are age-sex adjusted using the projected 2000 U.S. population as the standard population and using five age groups: 18–24, 25–34, 35–44, 45–64, and 65 and over. • See [Technical Notes](#) for more details.

## Data tables for Figures 8.1–8.4:

### Data table for Figure 8.1. Prevalence of current smoking among adults aged 18 and over: United States, 1997–September 2012

Year	Crude <sup>1</sup> percent (95% confidence interval)	Age-adjusted <sup>2</sup> percent (95% confidence interval)
1997	24.7 (24.1-25.3)	24.6 (24.0-25.1)
1998	24.1 (23.5-24.7)	24.0 (23.4-24.6)
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)
2004	20.9 (20.3-21.5)	20.8 (20.2-21.4)
2005	20.9 (20.28-21.52)	20.8 (20.20-21.44)
2006	20.8 (20.14-21.51)	20.8 (20.09-21.43)
2007	19.7 (18.91-20.59)	19.7 (18.83-20.48)
2008	20.5 (19.65-21.30)	20.4 (19.59-21.21)
2009	20.6 (19.83-21.27)	20.6 (19.86-21.28)
2010	19.4 (18.76-20.10)	19.4 (18.71-20.07)
2011	18.9 (18.32-19.55)	18.9 (18.29-19.53)
Jan.–Sept. 2012	18.0 (17.33-18.66)	18.1 (17.42-18.76)

<sup>1</sup>Crude estimates are presented in the figure.

<sup>2</sup>Estimates for this Healthy People 2020 Leading Health Indicator are age adjusted using the projected 2000 U.S. population as the standard population and using five age groups: 18–24, 25–34, 35–44, 45–64, and 65 and over.

NOTES: Data are based on household interviews of a sample of the civilian noninstitutionalized population. Beginning with the 2012 data, the National Health Interview Survey transitioned to weights derived from the 2010 census. For 2003–2011 data, weights were derived from the 2000 census. In this Early Release, estimates for 2000–2002 were recalculated using weights derived from the 2000 census. For 1997–1999 data, weights were derived from the 1990 census. See [Technical Notes](#) for more details.

DATA SOURCE: CDC/NCHS, National Health Interview Survey, 1997–September 2012, Sample Adult Core component.

**Data table for Figure 8.2. Percent distribution of smoking status among adults aged 18 and over, by sex: United States, January–September 2012**

Smoking status and sex	Percent	95% confidence interval
Never, total	59.9	59.01-60.75
Never, male	54.5	53.13-55.79
Never, female	64.9	63.76-66.06
Former, total	22.1	21.34-22.91
Former, male	25.3	24.13-26.38
Former, female	19.2	18.26-20.18
Current, total	18.0	17.33-18.66
Current, male	20.3	19.26-21.31
Current, female	15.9	15.06-16.67

NOTE: Data are based on household interviews of a sample of the civilian noninstitutionalized population.

DATA SOURCE: CDC/NCHS, National Health Interview Survey, January–September 2012, Sample Adult Core component.

**Data table for Figure 8.3. Prevalence of current smoking among adults aged 18 and over, by age group and sex: United States, January–September 2012**

Age (years) and sex	Percent	95% confidence interval
18-44, total	20.4	19.34-21.44
18-44, male	23.8	22.10-25.43
18-44, female	17.1	15.93-18.25
45-64, total	19.4	18.34-20.36
45-64, male	19.9	18.32-21.46
45-64, female	18.8	17.45-20.24
65 and over, total	8.9	7.93-9.86
65 and over, male	10.7	9.08-12.27
65 and over, female	7.5	6.39-8.61
18 and over (crude <sup>1</sup> ), total	18.0	17.33-18.66
18 and over (crude <sup>1</sup> ), male	20.3	19.26-21.31
18 and over (crude <sup>1</sup> ), female	15.9	15.06-16.67
18 and over (age-adjusted <sup>2</sup> ), total	18.1	17.42-18.76
18 and over (age-adjusted <sup>2</sup> ), male	20.3	19.30-21.35
18 and over (age-adjusted <sup>2</sup> ), female	16.0	15.16-16.80

<sup>1</sup>Crude estimates are presented in the figure.

<sup>2</sup>Estimates for this Healthy People 2020 Leading Health Indicator are age adjusted using the projected 2000 U.S. population as the standard population and using five age groups: 18–24, 25–34, 35–44, 45–64, and 65 and over.

NOTE: Data are based on household interviews of a sample of the civilian noninstitutionalized population.

DATA SOURCE: CDC/NCHS, National Health Interview Survey, January–September 2012, Sample Adult Core component.

**Data table for Figure 8.4. Age-sex-adjusted prevalence of current smoking among adults aged 18 and over, by race/ethnicity: United States, January–September 2012**

Race/ethnicity	Age-sex-adjusted <sup>1</sup> percent (95% confidence interval)	Age-adjusted <sup>2</sup> percent (95% confidence interval)
Hispanic or Latino	12.4 (11.11-13.67)	12.5 (11.20-13.80)
Not Hispanic or Latino, single race, white	20.5 (19.52-21.40)	20.5 (19.53-21.41)
Not Hispanic or Latino, single race, black	17.6 (16.07-19.22)	17.4 (15.84-18.87)

<sup>1</sup>Age-sex-adjusted estimates are presented in the figure. Estimates are age-sex adjusted using the projected 2000 U.S. population as the standard population and using five age groups: 18–24, 25–34, 35–44, 45–64, and 65 and over.

<sup>2</sup>Estimates for this Healthy People 2020 Leading Health Indicator are age adjusted using the projected 2000 U.S. population as the standard population and using five age groups: 18–24, 25–34, 35–44, 45–64, and 65 and over.

NOTE: Data are based on household interviews of a sample of the civilian noninstitutionalized population.

DATA SOURCE: CDC/NCHS, National Health Interview Survey, January–September 2012, Sample Adult Core component.