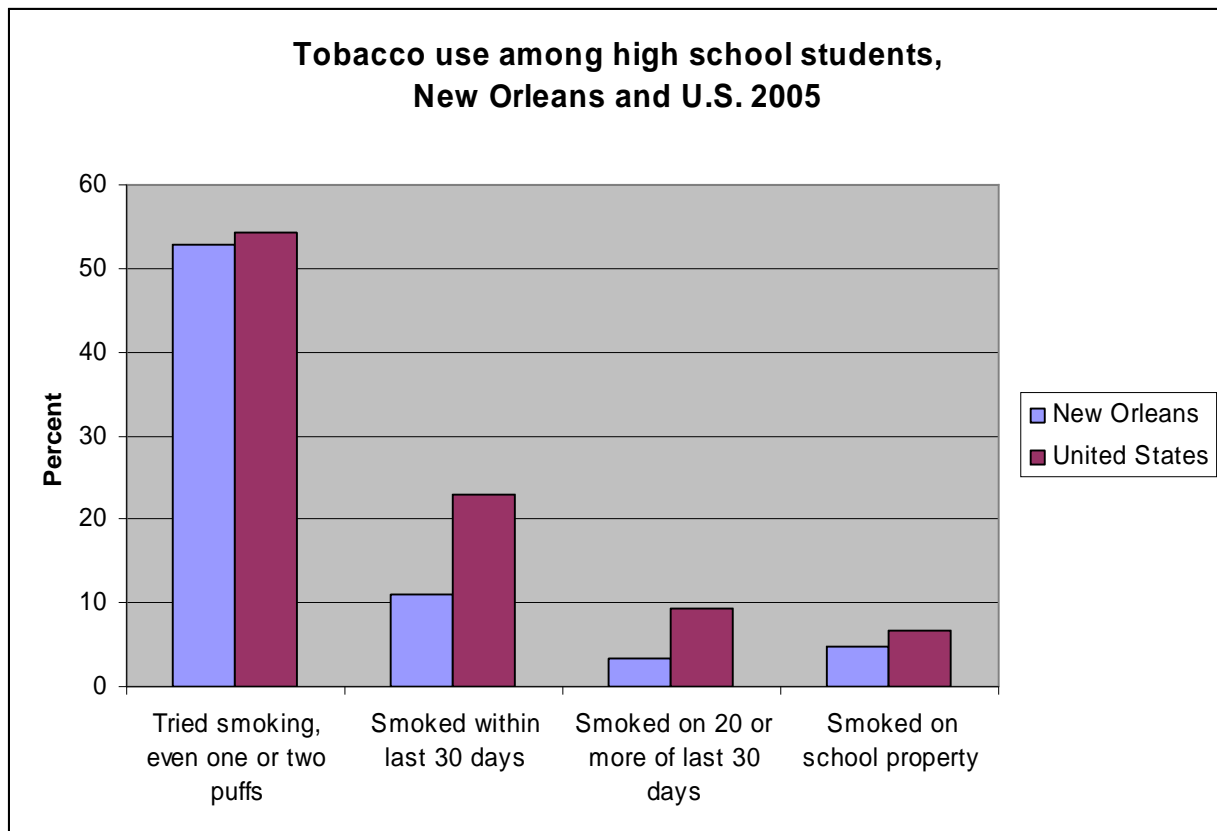


2005 New Orleans YRBS Results Tobacco Use

Among adults (aged 25 years or older), cardiovascular disease and cancer cause 61% of deaths. Adolescents who do not exercise regularly, who lack fruits and vegetables in their diets, and those who use tobacco greatly increase their chances of developing these diseases.

Over half of New Orleans high school students surveyed had tried cigarette smoking (52.8%), which was similar to national figures. However, New Orleans students were less likely to have smoked recently, smoke frequently and to smoke at school than students across the United States.



- New Orleans students (under age 18) who smoked were more likely to purchase cigarettes for themselves (28.6%), compared to other students in the U.S. (15.2%).
- Among New Orleans students who were current smokers, 62.4% had tried to quit smoking during the past year. New Orleans had the 3rd highest rate of attempted quitters among 19 cities completing the YRBS.
- When other forms of tobacco are included in the question (cigarettes, cigars, chewing tobacco, snuff or dip), New Orleans student smoking rates are much lower than the national average (13.0% vs. 28.4%).