

## **Focus Area 27: Tobacco Use**

**Objective 27-7. Increase tobacco use cessation attempts among adolescent smokers. Target = 64.0 percent of students in grades 9 through 12 [State Data Source: Youth Risk Behavior Surveillance System (YRBSS), CDC, NCCDPHP; Alternate Data Source: Youth Tobacco Survey (YTS), State Tobacco Activities Tracking and Evaluation (STATE) System, CDC, OSH]**

California data on this objective were not available from the YRBSS, but state data for the years 2000 and 2003 were available from the YTS (Table 27-7). Data from the YTS show that 63.2 percent of students in California middle schools had attempted to quit during the past year in 2000, compared with 49.5 percent in 2003. Data for California students in high school indicate that 71.6 percent had attempted to quit during the past year in 2000, compared with 42.9 percent in 2003. This HP2010 objective was not being achieved for California students in middle school or high school as of 2003, and rates were moving away from the HP2010 target.

Data by gender show that females in middle school and high school had significantly higher rates of smoking cessation attempts than males (51.6 percent of females in middle school versus 47.7 percent of males in 2003, and 48.6 percent of females in high school versus 38.2 percent of males in 2003). The HP2010 objective was not being achieved for either gender in either middle or high school as of 2003.

Table 27-7. Smoking Cessation Attempts By Adolescents, California 2000 and 2003

Year	Grade	Total	95% CI	Male	95% CI	Female	95% CI
2000	Middle School	63.2	9.5	60.3	7.2	66.2	17.1
2000	High School	71.6	4.2	68.0	4.8	76.0	5.8
2003	Middle School	49.5	7.5	47.7	10.4	51.6	12.1
2003	High School	42.9	4.4	38.2	4.4	48.6	6.9

SOURCES: Youth Tobacco Survey (YTS), CDC, OSH; State Tobacco Activities Tracking and Evaluation (STATE) System, CDC, OSH.

NOTES: Data are weighted estimates of students in percents.

For more information on adolescent smoking cessation in California, visit the California Department of Public Health, Tobacco Control Section Web site at:  
<http://www.cdph.ca.gov/programs/Tobacco/Pages/default.aspx>

and the CDC's State Tobacco Activities Tracking and Evaluation (STATE) System Web site at: <http://apps.nccd.cdc.gov/StateSystem/index.aspx>

For more information on Healthy People 2010 objective 27-7, please visit:  
<http://www.healthypeople.gov/Document/HTML/Volume2/27Tobacco.htm>

And the DATA2010 Web site at: <http://wonder.cdc.gov/data2010/>