

Focus Area 27: Tobacco Use

Objective 27-1b. Reduce spit (smokeless) tobacco use by adults. Target = 0.4 percent of persons aged 18 years and older (age-adjusted) [State Data Source: Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS), CDC, NCCDPHP; Alternate Data Sources: Tobacco Use Supplement to the Current Population Survey (TUS-CPS), State Tobacco Activities Tracking and Evaluation (STATE) System, CDC, OSH; California Tobacco Survey (CTS), CDPH, TCS]

California data on this objective were not available from the BRFSS, but state data for the years 2000 and 2003 were available from the TUS-CPS and for 2002 and 2005 from the CTS. The TUS-CPS data indicate that smokeless tobacco use among California adults declined from 0.6 percent for 2001-2002 to 0.5 percent in 2003, while the CTS data show decline in the prevalence rate from 1.2 percent in 2002 to 1.1 percent in 2005 (Table 27-1b).

California data from the TUS-CPS by gender show that current smokeless tobacco use by adult males declined from 1.3 percent for 2001-2002 to 1.0 percent in 2003. Current smokeless tobacco use by adult females was 0.0 percent during both time periods surveyed by the TUS-CPS. Data from the CTS indicate that the 2002 and 2005 prevalence rates for adult males were 2.4 percent, and for adult females was 0.1 percent.

Since these data were not age-adjusted according to the operational definition for HP2010 objective 27-01b, it remains unknown whether this objective is being achieved for California.

Table 27-1b. Current Smokeless Tobacco Use by Adults, California 2001-2005

Year	Source	Total	95% CI	Male	95% CI	Female	95% CI
2001-2002	TUS-CPS	0.6	0.1	1.3	0.3	0.0	0.0
2003	TUS-CPS	0.5	0.1	1.0	0.3	0.0	0.0
2002	CTS	1.2	0.3	2.4	0.5	0.1	0.0
2005	CTS	1.1	0.3	2.4	0.7	0.1	0.0

SOURCES: Tobacco Use Supplement to the Current Population Survey (TUS-CPS), State Tobacco Activities Tracking and Evaluation (STATE) System, CDC, OSH; California Tobacco Survey (CTS), CDPH, TCS.

NOTES: Data are weighted estimates of persons aged 18 years and older in percents; not age-adjusted.

For more information on smokeless tobacco use in California, visit the California Department of Public Health, Tobacco Control Section Web site at <http://ww2.cdph.ca.gov/programs/Tobacco/Pages/default.aspx>

and the C-STATS Web site at <http://www.cstats.info/>

For more information on Healthy People 2010 objective 27-1b, please visit:

<http://www.healthypeople.gov/Document/HTML/Volume2/27Tobacco.htm>

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