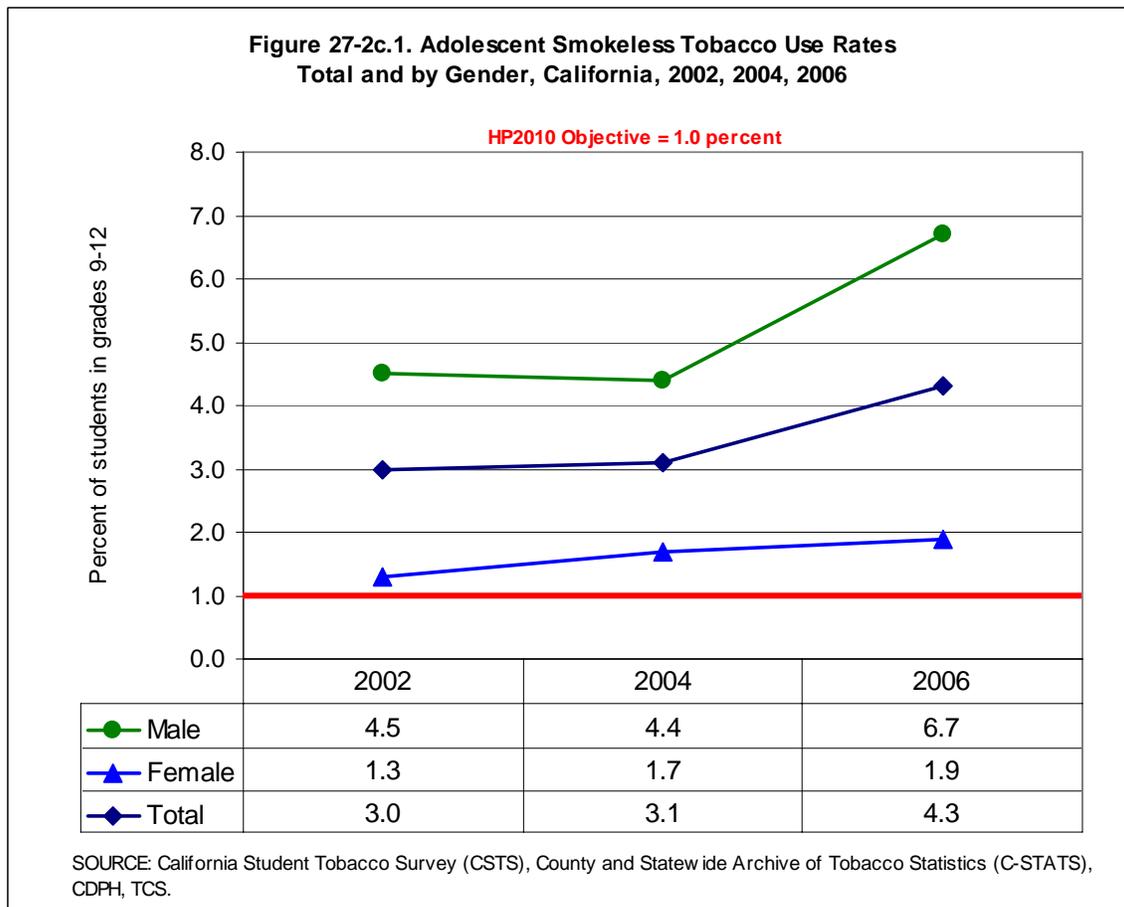


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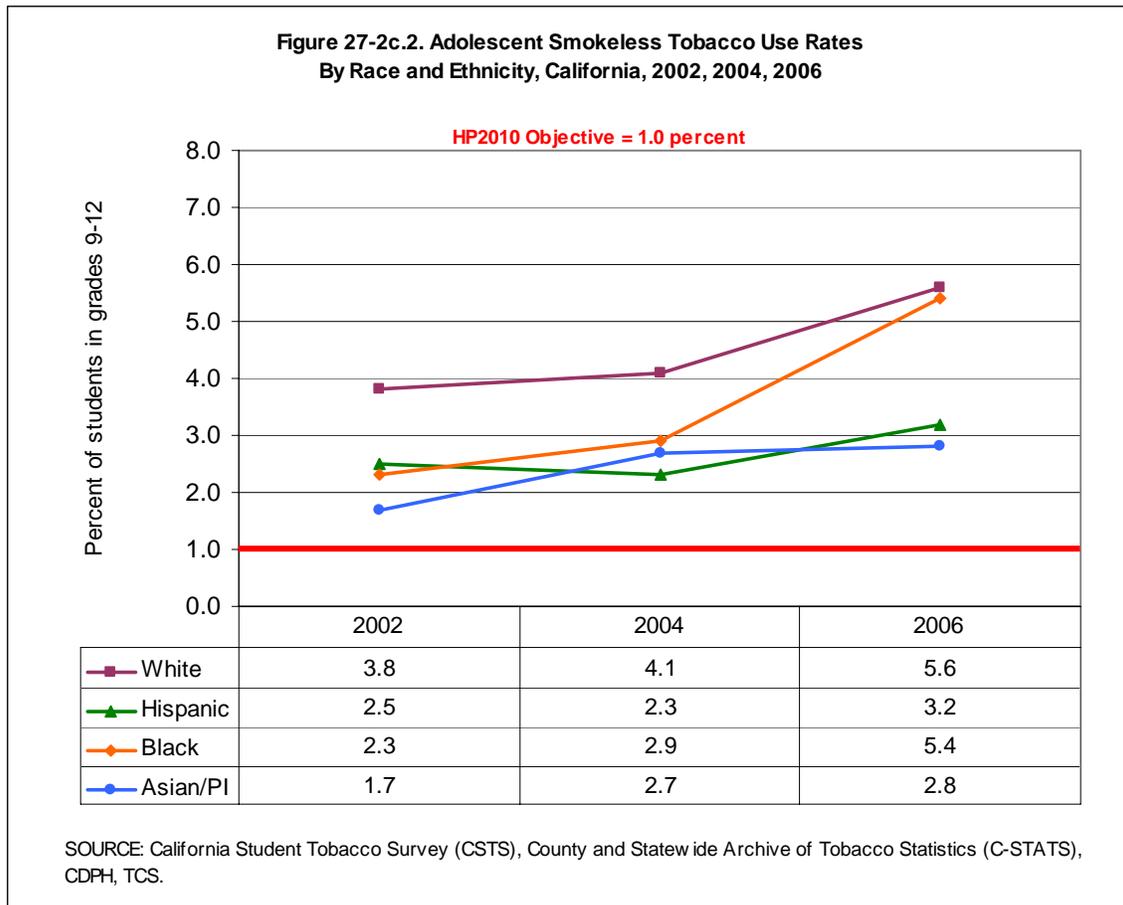
Objective 27-2c. Reduce smokeless (spit) tobacco use in the past month by adolescents. Target = 1.0 percent of students in grades 9 through 12 [State Data Source: California Student Tobacco Survey (CSTS), CDPH, TCS; County and Statewide Archive of Tobacco Statistics (C-STATS), CDPH, TCS]

California data on this objective were available from the CSTS and C-STATS for the years 2002, 2004, and 2006 (**Figure 27-2c.1**). Current smokeless tobacco use among California students in grades 9 through 12 increased from 3.0 percent in 2002 to 4.3 percent in 2006. This HP2010 objective was not being achieved for California students in grades 9 through 12, and smokeless tobacco prevalence rates were increasing among this population.



Smokeless tobacco use for California males in grades 9 through 12 were significantly higher than for females (6.7 percent of males versus 1.9 percent of females in 2006) (**Figure 27-2c.1**). The HP2010 objective was not being achieved for either gender as of 2006.

Data by race and ethnicity (**Figure 27-2c.2**) show that non-Hispanic White youths experienced the highest smokeless tobacco use prevalence rates (increase from 3.8 percent in 2002 to 5.6 percent in 2006), followed by Black or African American youths (increase from 2.3 percent in 2002 to 5.4 percent in 2006), Hispanic or Latino youths (increase from 2.5 percent in 2002 to 3.2 percent in 2006), and Asian or Pacific Islander (PI) youths (increase from 1.7 percent in 2002 to 2.8 percent in 2006). This HP2010 objective was not being achieved for any of these populations as of 2006, and rates are increasing away from the HP2010 target.



For more information on smokeless tobacco use 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 C-STATS Web site at: <http://www.cstats.info/>

For more information on Healthy People 2010 objective 27-2c, please visit:

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

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