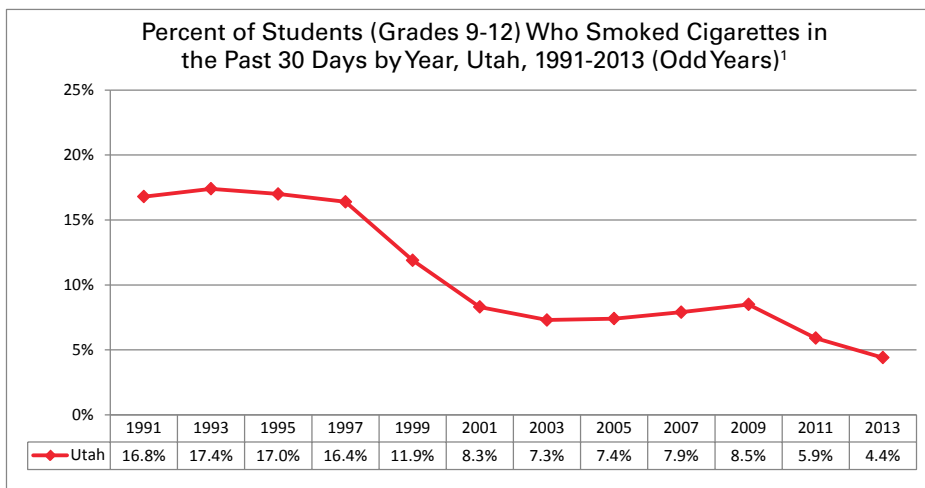


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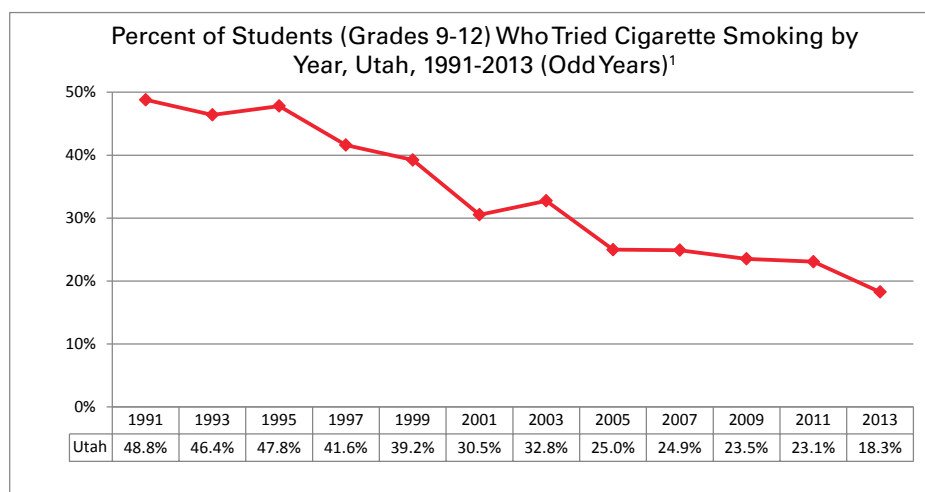
## Current Smoking

Since 1991, Utah's youth cigarette smoking rate has declined by 74%. In 2013, 4.4% of Utah students in grades 9 to 12 reported that they had smoked a cigarette within the past 30 days.<sup>1</sup> Comprehensive local and statewide tobacco prevention and cessation programs and Utah cigarette excise tax increases in 1997, 2002, and 2010 are linked to declines in youth smoking.



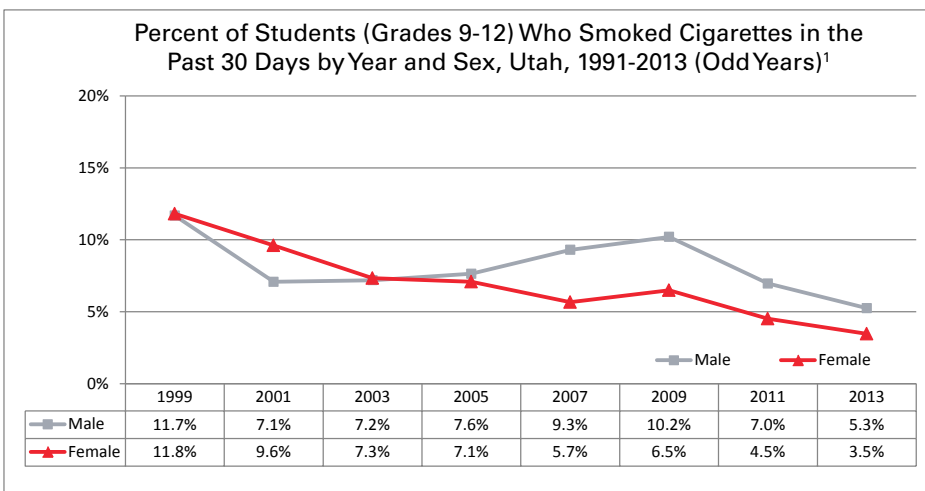
## Experimentation

Since 1991, the percentage of Utah high school students who experimented with cigarette smoking has declined by 63%. In 2013, less than one-fifth of Utah high school students reported that they had ever tried cigarette smoking (18.3%). In the U.S., the percentage of high school students who reported that they had ever tried cigarette smoking was 41.1% (2013).



## Youth Smoking by Gender

Since 2005, female high school students have reported lower rates of current cigarette smoking than male students. The differences in smoking rates between male and female students are not statistically significant. In 2013, 5.3% of male students and 3.5% of female students reported current smoking. Both rates were lower than any rates reported in previous years.



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