

# Facts About Youth Smoking In Florida

- Children and teenagers make up **90% of the new smokers** in the United States.
- Each day, more than 4,000 young people between the ages of 12 and 17 try their first cigarette and another 1,140 become regular, daily smokers. Of those, about **a third will die from a smoking-related disease.**
- Approximately **three million U.S. adolescents are smokers**, and they

smoke nearly one billion packs of cigarettes each year.

- 28.8 million packs of cigarettes are bought or smoked by kids in Florida each year.
- **Young adults (18 to 24) smoke at higher levels than any other age group.** Relative to other age groups, young adults also are the least likely to quit successfully.

Source: Tobacco Free Florida

## Kids in Florida smoke:

- **576 million** cigarettes each year
- **1.57 million** cigarettes a day
- **65,753** cigarettes each hour
- **32,876** cigarettes every 30 minutes
- **1,095** cigarettes each minute

## According to the 2008 Florida Youth Tobacco Survey:

- **5.0%** of middle school students and 14.5% of high school students smoked cigarettes at least once during the past 30 days.
- **18.0%** of middle school and 37.9% of high school students had tried smoking at least once.
- **5.3%** of middle school students and 13.5% of high school students smoked cigars at least once during the past 30 days.
- **12.2%** of middle school and 28.5% of high school students had ever smoked cigars at least once.
- **3.0%** of middle school students and 6.0% of high school students used smokeless tobacco at least once during the past 30 days.
- **5.8%** of middle school and 11.7% of high school students had tried smokeless tobacco at least once.

