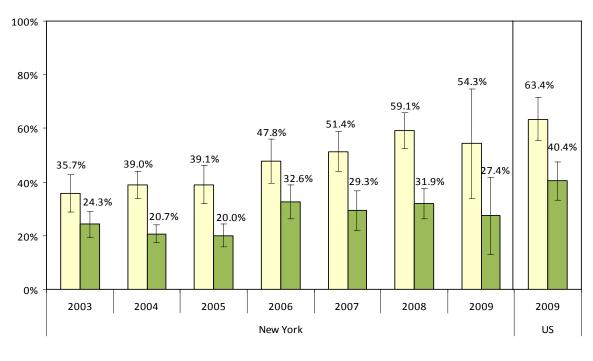


More Adult Smokers in New York Living with Children are Maintaining Smoke-free Homes

Exposure to second-hand smoke is linked to cancer, heart disease, and other illnesses in non-smokers. As a result of strong smoke-free air laws in New York, the principal locus of exposure to second-hand smoke is in the homes of smokers, although the presence of children is strongly associated with rules against smoking.

- The percentage of smokers in New York who live with children and prohibit smoking in their homes significantly increased from 36% in 2003 to nearly 55% in 2009.
- In 2009, just 27% of smokers in New York living without children prohibited smoking in their homes.
- There are no significant differences between NY and the US as a whole.



Percentage of Adult Smokers Who Report that Their Homes are 100% Smoke-free by Presence of Children Younger than 18

Smokers With Children

Smokers Without Children

Source: New York State Adult Tobacco Survey, 2003-2009, and National Adult Tobacco Survey, 2009. Analysis conducted by RTI, International and the Bureau of Chronic Disease Epidemiology and Surveillance, NYS Department of Health. Contact the Bureau of Chronic Disease Epidemiology and Surveillance, New York State Department of Health at (518) 473-0673 or type 'StatShot' in the subject line of an e-mail and send it to tcp@health.state.ny.us.