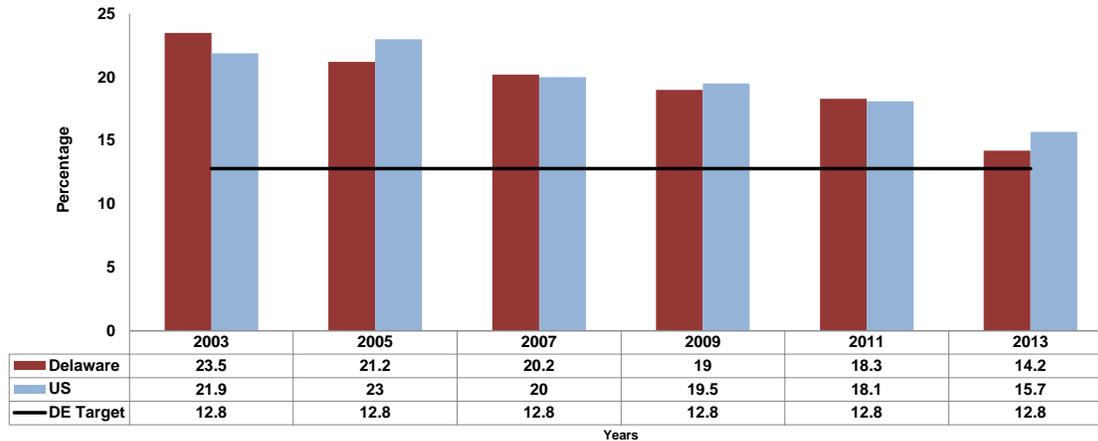




**Adolescents who smoked cigarettes in the past 30 days**  
Top Level Outcome Measure



**Interpretation**

Between 2003 and 2013, the percentage of adolescents who reported smoking cigarettes in the past 30 days decreased in both Delaware and the U.S. The percentage was 23.5 percent in 2003 and dropped to 20.2 percent in 2007. The downward trend continued with the prevalence falling to 19 percent in 2009, and to 14.2 percent in 2013. Similarly, the U.S. prevalence was 21.9 percent in 2003, and it gradually declined to 15.7 percent in 2013. Both Delaware and the U.S. experienced noticeable declines from 2011 to 2013.

**Addressing the health issue**

The Division of Public Health (DPH) works to prevent the use of tobacco products through its Tobacco Prevention and Control Program (TPCP). The TPCP collaborates with the IMPACT Delaware Tobacco Prevention Coalition, health care organizations, youth and community groups, educational organizations, grassroots networks, and state agencies. The Tobacco Program offers two programs to help smokers quit, conducts media campaigns, and funds youth-led campaigns and peer-education groups.

<sup>1</sup> Adolescents who report smoking cigarettes in the past 30 days = Public high school students who report smoking cigarettes on one or more days during the past month; Youth Risk Behavior Survey.  
<sup>2</sup> The Delaware target was established in DPH's Strategic Plan to be met by 2020 to achieve a 10 percent reduction in adolescent current smoking prevalence estimates. The Healthy People 2020 goal is set at 16 percent.  
<sup>3</sup> Source: CDC/Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS) - Youth On-line