Smokeless Tobacco is not a harmless alternative to cigarettes. Both contain the highly addictive drug nicotine and have serious, sometimes fatal, health effects, including:

- Cancer
- Tooth Decay and Loss
- Gum Disease
- Tooth Stains
- Tooth Abrasion
- Bad Breath
- Black Hairy Tongue
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8 of 100 middle school students
17 of 100 high school students
17 of 100 adults

High school students of all races use smokeless tobacco, but most are white males.*

Who has tried smokeless tobacco?

In the last month

- 3.4% of middle school students
- 7.7% of high school students
- 1.7% of adults

Used Smokeless Tobacco

Tax on smokeless tobacco in Illinois is 36%.

Illinois ranks 33rd highest among states and D.C. in current adult users.

75% of adults favor a tax increase of >$2 on smokeless tobacco.

Sources:
4. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, Tobacco Control State Highlights 2012.

*Note: Statistically significant difference between male (11.0%) and female (2.9%), and whites (9.0%) and blacks (8.2%) and Hispanic (2.8%). Not statistically significant for middle school by gender or race.