

**TABLE 3**  
**Trends in Various Attitudes Towards Cigarette Use Among Eighth, Tenth, and Twelfth Graders**

		Percentage who report "mostly agree" or "agree"																
		1991	1992	1993	1994	1995	1996	1997	1998	1999	2000	2001	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007
I prefer to date people who don't smoke																		
	8th Grade	77.8	76.0	75.2	74.1	73.6	70.9	72.3	74.5	76.9	77.2	79.4	80.6	79.6	81.0	81.2	81.2	82.8
	10th Grade	75.9	76.4	74.3	71.6	71.6	69.1	68.2	71.8	73.0	75.2	75.4	76.3	76.7	79.5	79.6	80.4	80.9
	12th Grade	74.0	72.3	70.4	69.0	66.0	66.0	63.9	66.0	64.4	70.0	68.5	72.3	71.8	72.0	74.8	76.7	76.6
Smoking is a dirty habit																		
	8th Grade	71.4	70.8	70.3	68.4	68.4	67.9	67.7	68.2	70.0	70.8	72.3	74.1	71.6	74.3	73.7	74.8	75.8
	10th Grade	70.7	71.0	69.2	67.5	68.0	66.6	65.8	68.3	68.7	70.8	70.3	71.2	70.5	71.7	72.0	73.7	72.7
	12th Grade	71.6	73.1	71.8	68.0	68.2	67.5	70.0	70.5	69.7	73.5	71.6	74.5	73.3	72.6	74.9	77.1	76.7
I think that becoming a smoker reflects poor judgment																		
	8th Grade	62.2	60.9	59.7	58.7	59.3	57.0	57.6	58.8	60.0	60.9	63.1	64.3	63.7	64.1	64.6	65.5	66.1
	10th Grade	57.5	59.0	57.3	54.2	53.7	52.9	50.1	53.9	54.7	56.5	55.4	59.3	56.8	58.8	59.4	61.5	60.3
	12th Grade	61.0	60.7	59.4	58.1	55.1	54.9	56.2	54.7	55.5	58.9	57.2	59.8	56.6	56.0	60.3	61.9	61.7
I strongly dislike being near people who are smoking																		
	8th Grade	53.8	52.1	52.9	51.1	49.7	45.7	46.6	48.5	48.7	50.1	52.2	54.0	54.4	57.0	55.7	55.4	56.8
	10th Grade	50.7	50.9	50.0	47.7	46.0	42.6	41.6	44.4	44.0	46.5	46.7	49.1	51.2	52.6	52.3	55.2	53.7
	12th Grade	48.9	49.4	48.6	47.4	44.2	42.3	38.3	41.0	39.3	41.3	43.3	47.4	47.6	46.5	47.8	49.7	50.2
I personally don't mind being around people who are smoking																		
	8th Grade	29.5	31.1	31.1	32.8	34.2	37.8	34.8	34.7	32.9	31.6	30.7	29.1	27.8	27.6	26.8	27.7	27.3
	10th Grade	33.1	35.0	35.1	36.8	38.5	42.8	41.1	39.7	38.8	38.1	35.5	34.7	32.2	30.0	30.4	30.8	30.4
	12th Grade	33.1	34.5	33.0	35.5	37.0	39.1	41.8	38.6	41.3	39.6	39.7	35.0	33.5	32.7	35.1	32.0	31.3
The harmful effects of cigarettes have been exaggerated																		
	8th Grade	19.9	21.8	22.4	24.4	23.1	25.3	22.4	23.8	22.7	21.6	21.4	22.0	20.5	22.1	20.4	21.1	20.8
	10th Grade	16.4	17.9	18.8	18.9	19.3	20.0	19.5	20.1	19.3	18.8	17.3	18.0	19.5	17.8	17.5	17.4	18.3
	12th Grade	13.8	13.0	13.6	14.9	14.4	12.8	14.0	13.4	14.5	16.8	15.8	12.7	13.1	13.1	13.1	14.1	14.2
Smokers know how to enjoy life more than nonsmokers																		
	8th Grade	4.9	5.0	5.4	6.3	5.9	6.7	5.4	5.8	6.1	5.4	5.5	5.2	5.3	5.9	5.4	5.7	5.1
	10th Grade	3.5	3.9	4.2	4.1	4.2	4.6	3.7	4.7	4.2	4.7	4.5	4.1	4.8	4.4	4.0	4.4	4.2
	12th Grade	3.6	3.3	3.5	3.8	4.0	3.5	3.2	3.8	4.3	3.7	5.5	4.1	3.5	3.5	3.4	3.8	3.2

Source: The Monitoring the Future study, the University of Michigan.

Notes: For 8th graders: *N*s range from 6,604 to 8,005. For 10th graders: *N*s range from 6,398 to 7,807. For 12th graders: *N*s range from 1,795 to 3,112.