

# Tobacco Use

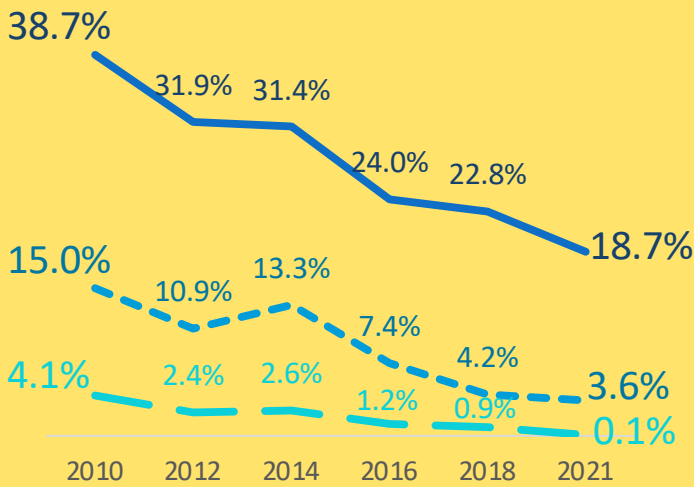
## Youth in Nebraska

**23%** of Nebraska high school students reported using some kind of tobacco product in the past year.

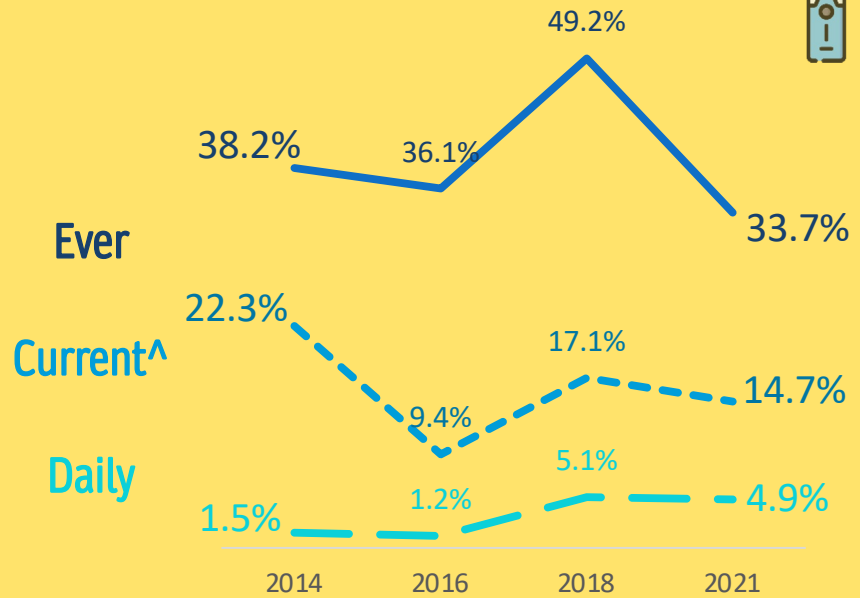


Nearly half (48%) tried to quit.

Nebraska students are using **cigarettes** at much lower rates than in the past.



Students were less likely to report ever using or current use of an **electronic vape product\*** in 2021 than 2018



Students who felt sad or hopeless were more likely than happier peers to have ever tried cigarettes.

**32% vs. 12%**

Students who felt unsafe at school were more likely than peers who felt safer to currently use cigarettes.

**13% vs. 3%**

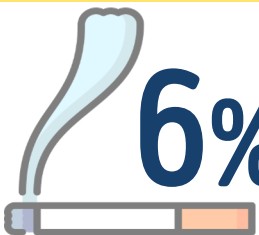
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**53% vs. 23%**

Girls were more likely than boys to have ever tried vape products.

**40% vs. 27%**

Approximately 3% of students reported currently using smokeless tobacco (such as chewing tobacco, snuff, dip, or snus) and 3% reported currently using cigars.



**6%**

of Nebraska high school students first tried cigarette smoking (even 1-2 puffs) before the age of 13

\* Electronic vape products include e-cigarettes, vapes, vape pens, e-cigs, e-hookahs, hookah pens, and mods [such as JUUL, SMOK, Suorin, Vuse, and blu]

^ Current use is defined as using in the past 30 days



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