

# **1999 Tennessee Youth Tobacco Survey**

## **Introduction**

During April, May, and June of 1999, the Tennessee Department of Health in cooperation with the Tennessee Department of Education, the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) and numerous partners from local health organizations and school districts conducted the first comprehensive survey of tobacco use among Tennessee youth. Respondents were 1,348 middle school students (grades 6-8) from 20 middle school districts and 1,501 high school students (grades 9-12) from 26 high school districts. The data collected by the 1999 Tennessee Youth Tobacco Survey (TnYTS) provides prevalence data on tobacco use at the state level. The survey instrument measured tobacco knowledge, attitude, and use among Tennessee youth and will provide critical baseline data for development of tobacco use prevention programs.