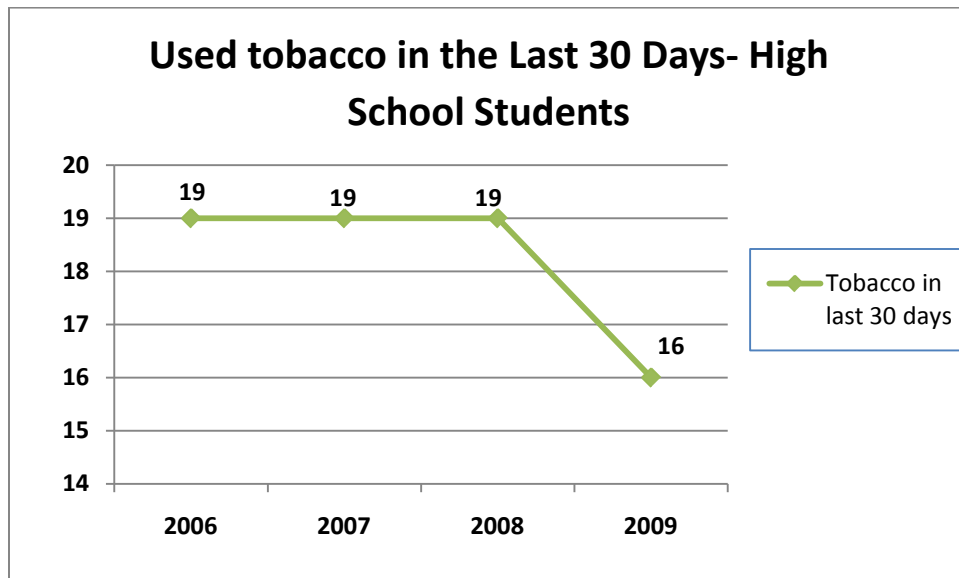


Gunnison County Tobacco Use- High School Students



- Gunnison County's tobacco rate for high school students fell 3% between 2008 and 2009. But, compared to the state average of 12% Gunnison County is 4% higher than the rest of the state. State-wide data from the 2008 Colorado Healthy Kids Survey on Tobacco.

GCSAPP works closely with the Gunnison County Tobacco Education Prevention Program (GCTEPP). The Gunnison County Tobacco Education and Prevention Coalition envisions a Gunnison County unaffected by the negative health effects of tobacco, where use of tobacco is not considered socially desirable by any group, where use of tobacco in public is not common in general and specifically not outside of schools, where a policy restricting youth access and possession of tobacco has been enacted and tobacco free campuses at our hospital and college serve as positive examples of health-promoting policy.

GCSAPP and GCTEPP are currently working together on supporting a Youth Council based at Gunnison Middle School, but open to all Gunnison students. The group's focus is to empower young people to say no to tobacco, alcohol and drugs and to provide leadership and advocacy training for the youth.