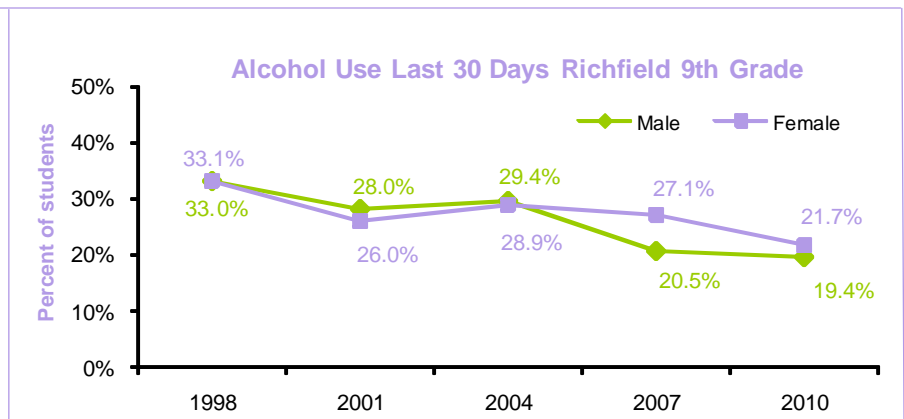


The Minnesota Student Survey (MSS) is administered every three years to 6th, 9th, and 12th graders across the state. Student participation is voluntary. Ninth-grade data is used to monitor trends because these students historically have a high response rate. Survey results provide information about youth assets and risk behaviors. Data can be used as a tool for initiating & continuing conversations about youth health.

ALCOHOL USE*

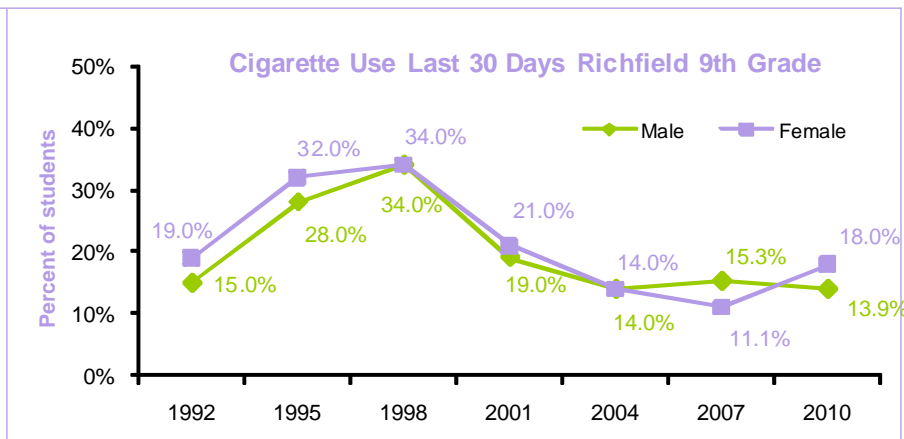
Since 1998, alcohol consumption has decreased among Richfield 9th graders. The percentage of females who reported alcohol use decreased substantially in 2010.

**The question format changed slightly from 2004 to 2007. There is no data for 1992.*



TOBACCO USE

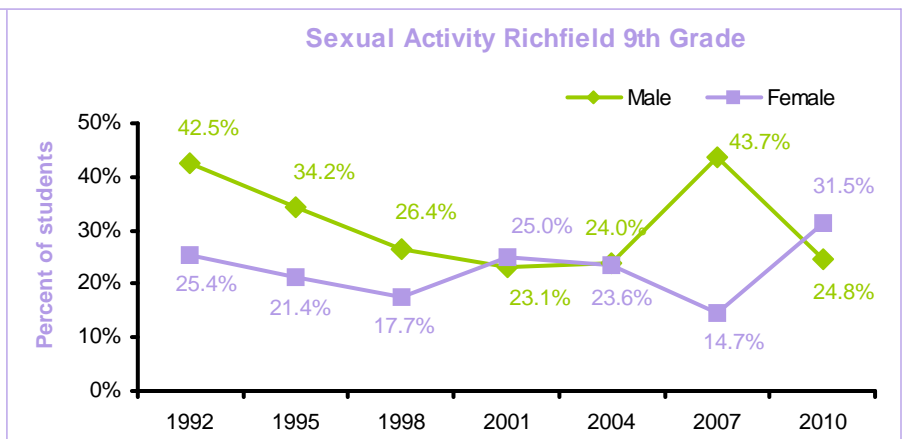
Overall, cigarette use among Richfield 9th graders has decreased since 1998. In 2010 there was an increase of cigarette use among 9th grade females but a decrease among 9th grade males.



SEXUAL ACTIVITY

In 2010, the percentage of Richfield 9th graders who reported ever having sex more than doubled for females and decreased substantially among 9th grade males.

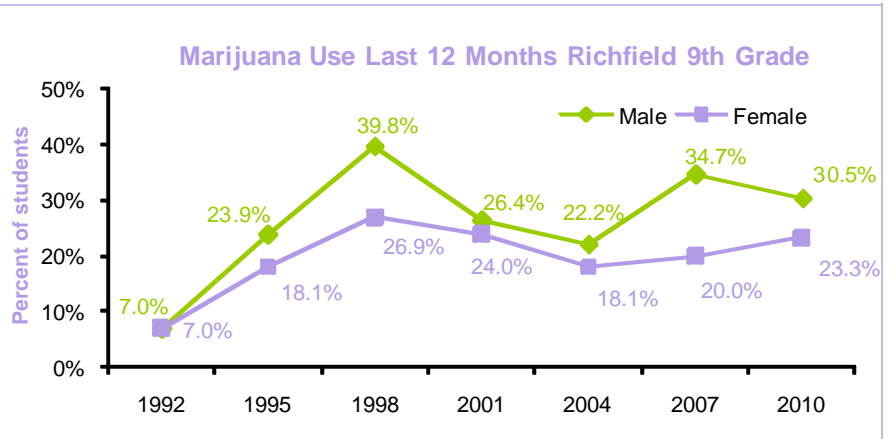
In 2007, the percentage of sexually active 9th grade males was nearly three times that of females. The percentage of females reporting sexual activity was at the lowest point in 2007.



MARIJUANA USE

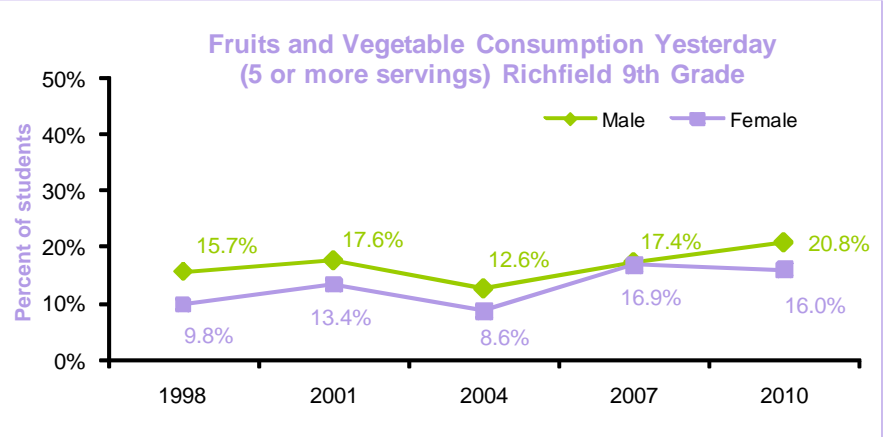
Marijuana use among Richfield 9th grade males substantially increased in 2007 but has decreased in 2010.

Among Richfield 9th grade females, marijuana use has been increasing since 2004 with the highest percentage of use in 2010.



FRUIT & VEGETABLE CONSUMPTION

Fruit and vegetable consumption has been increasing since 2004 for Richfield 9th graders. Female Richfield 9th graders had a slight decrease in fruit and vegetable consumption in 2010.

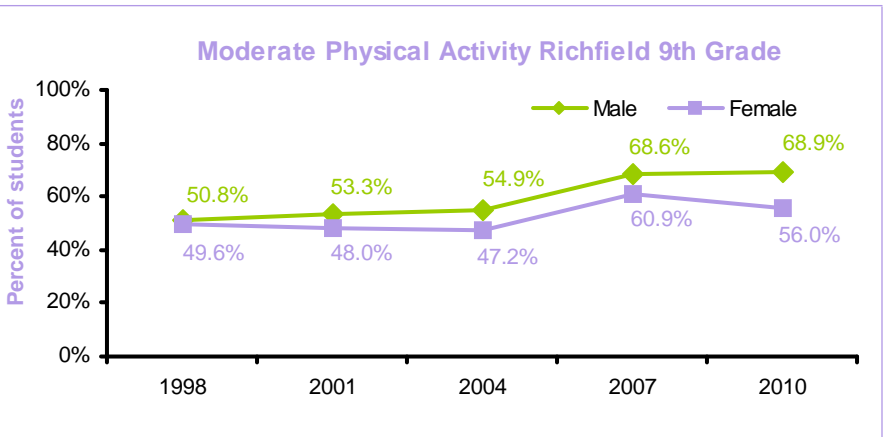


PHYSICAL ACTIVITY

Since 2004, the percentage of 9th grade males meeting recommendations for moderate physical activity (30 minutes a day, five or more days a week) has been increasing.

However, Richfield 9th grade females saw a slight decrease in meeting recommendations for moderate physical activity in 2010.

Females in 9th grade continue to lag behind 9th grade males in physical activity.



HEALTHY YOUTH DEVELOPMENT

More Richfield 9th grade males report being able to talk with both parents about problems than females.. In 2010 there was a decrease in parental connectedness for both genders.

