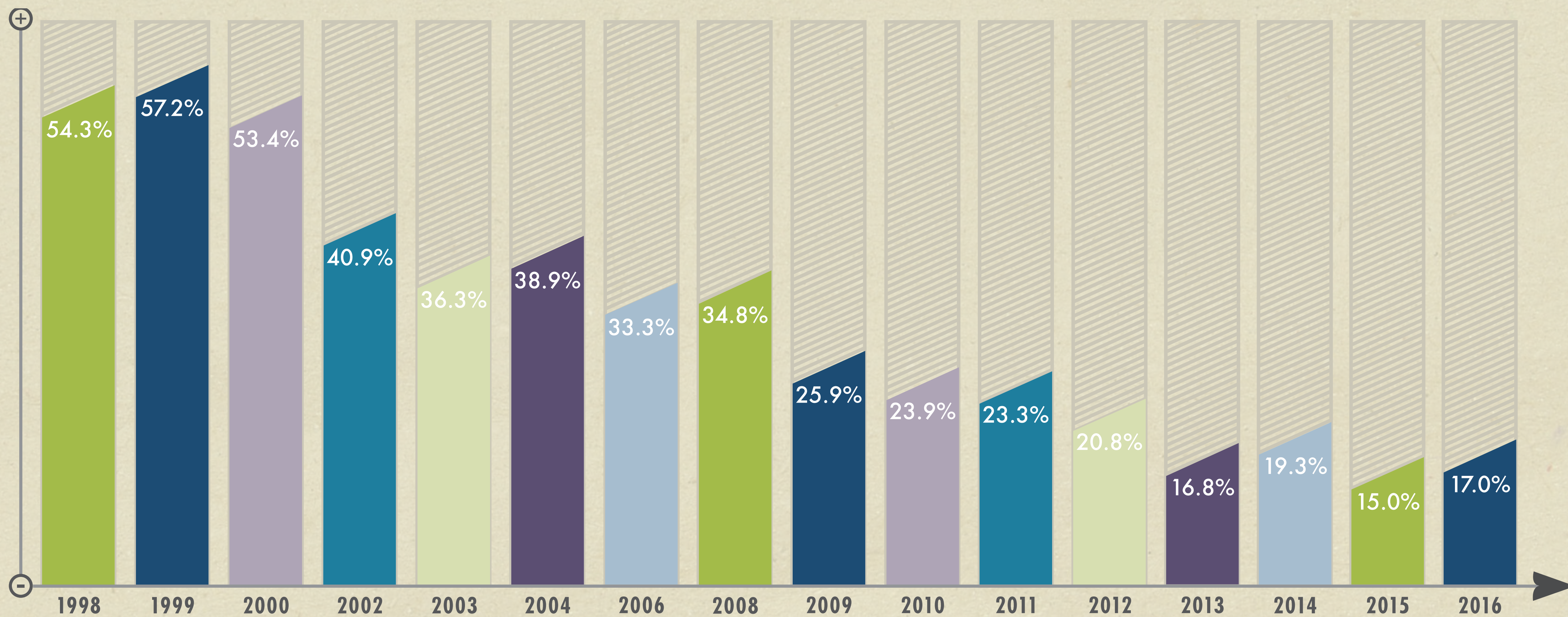


# ever tried a cigarette

## MS PUBLIC MIDDLE SCHOOLS



- \* In 2016, *18,217 Mississippi public middle school students* had tried at least one cigarette.
- \* The prevalence of having ever tried a cigarette has *decreased by 69%* since 1998, leading to *39,969* fewer middle school students who have tried smoking.
- \* In the past year, the prevalence of having ever tried smoking *has not changed significantly*.

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