

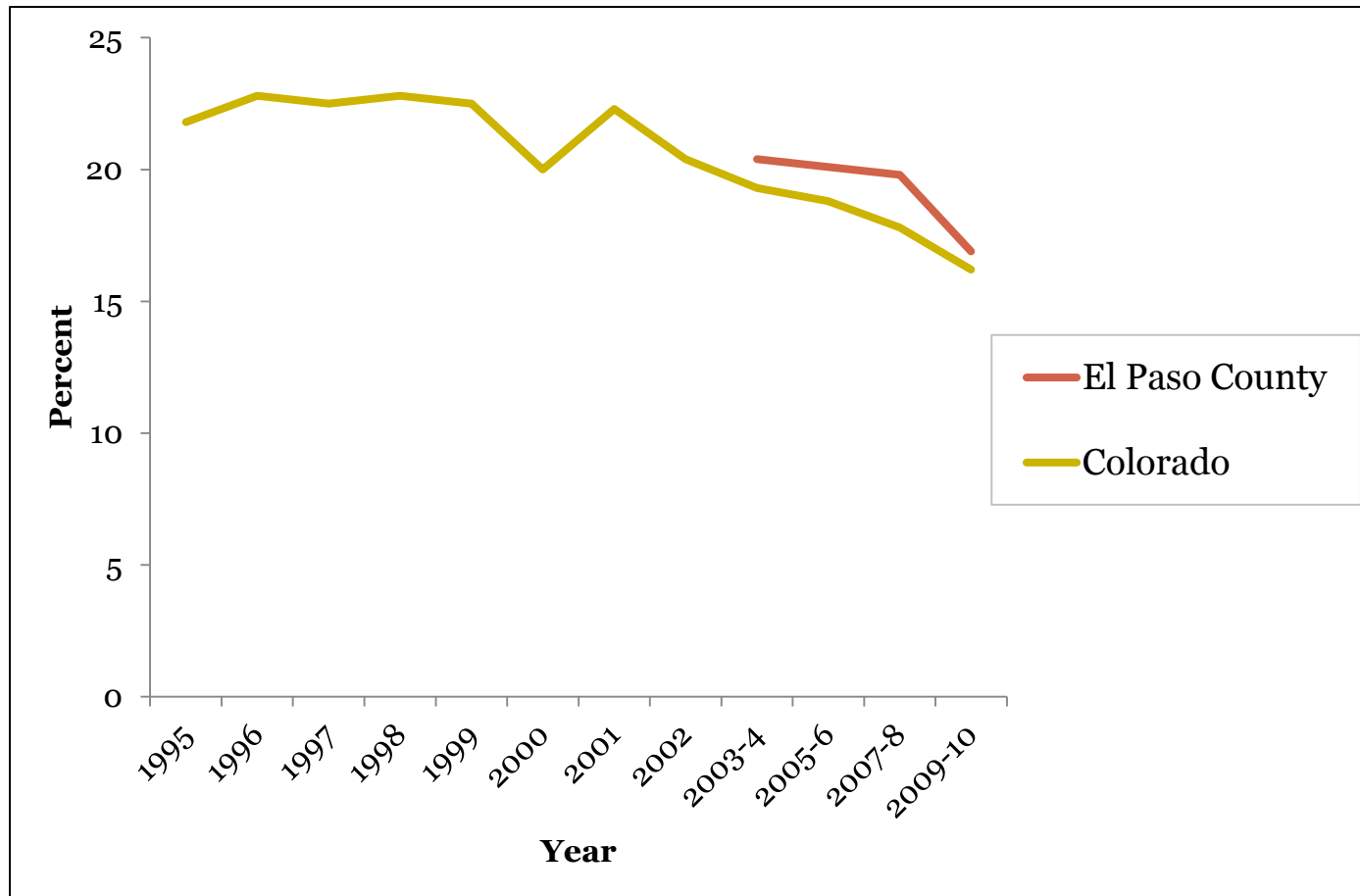
# Tobacco



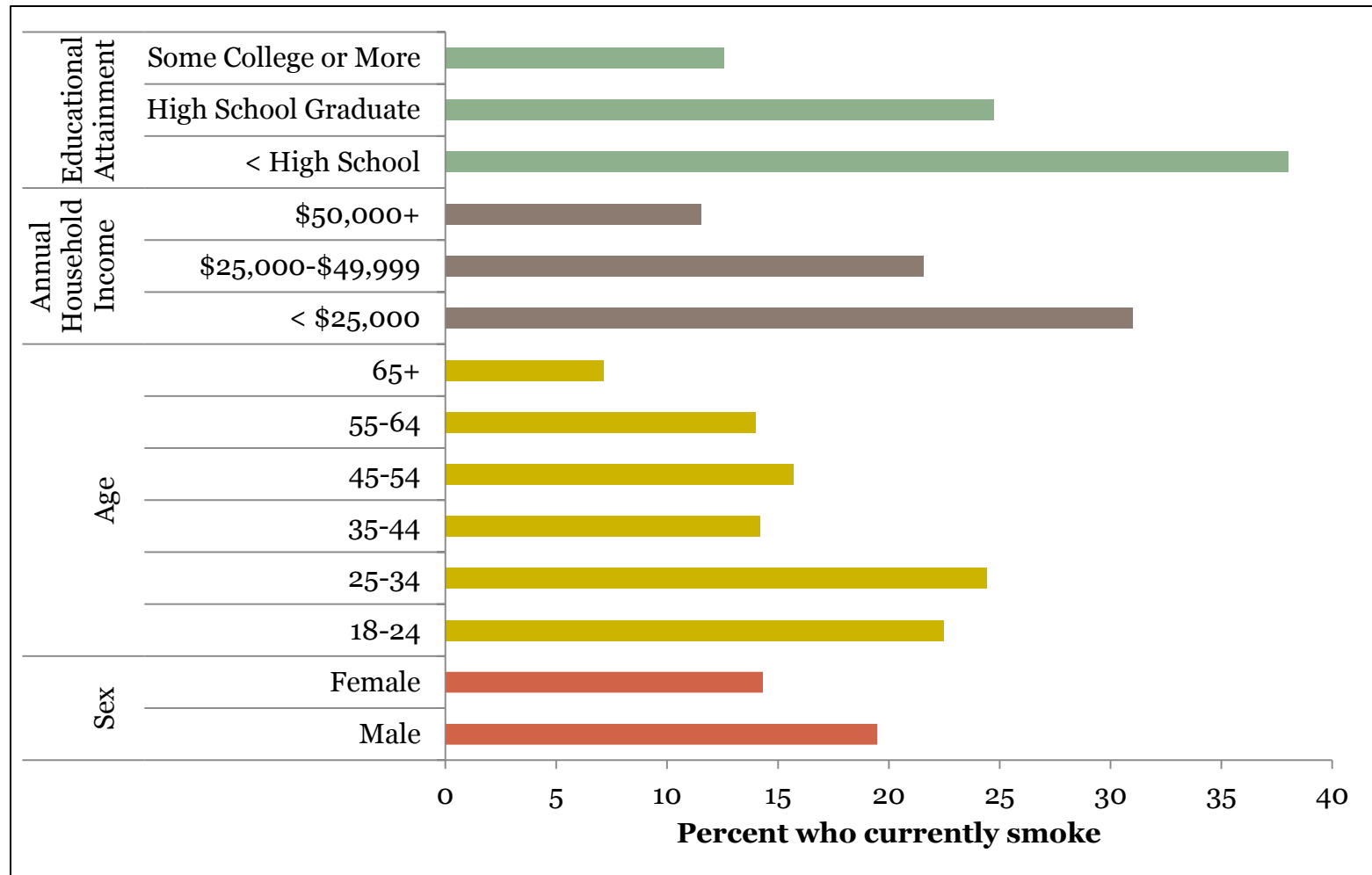
The relationship between tobacco use and adverse health outcomes is well established, and cigarette smoking is considered a leading cause of preventable death. Smoking harms nearly every organ in the body and has a causative relationship with many diseases including lung cancer, coronary heart disease, and chronic obstructive pulmonary disease. In addition, smoking impacts early childhood development and reproductive health.

Secondhand smoke exposure can result from being in proximity to smoke from the burning tip of a cigarette as well as the smoke exhaled from a smoker's lungs. Secondhand smoke exposes nonsmokers to the same carcinogens and toxins as smokers. Secondhand smoke causes numerous health problems in infants and children, including severe asthma attacks, respiratory infections, and ear infections.

# Percent of adults who currently smoke cigarettes, 1995 to 2010



# Characteristics of adult smokers, El Paso County 2009 to 2010



## **Percent of high school students exposed to secondhand smoke, El Paso County 2008**



- 37 percent exposed to secondhand smoke in a room in past 7 days
- 34 percent exposed to secondhand smoke in a car in past 7 days

# Percent of new mothers who smoked before, during, or after their pregnancy, El Paso County 2008 to 2010

