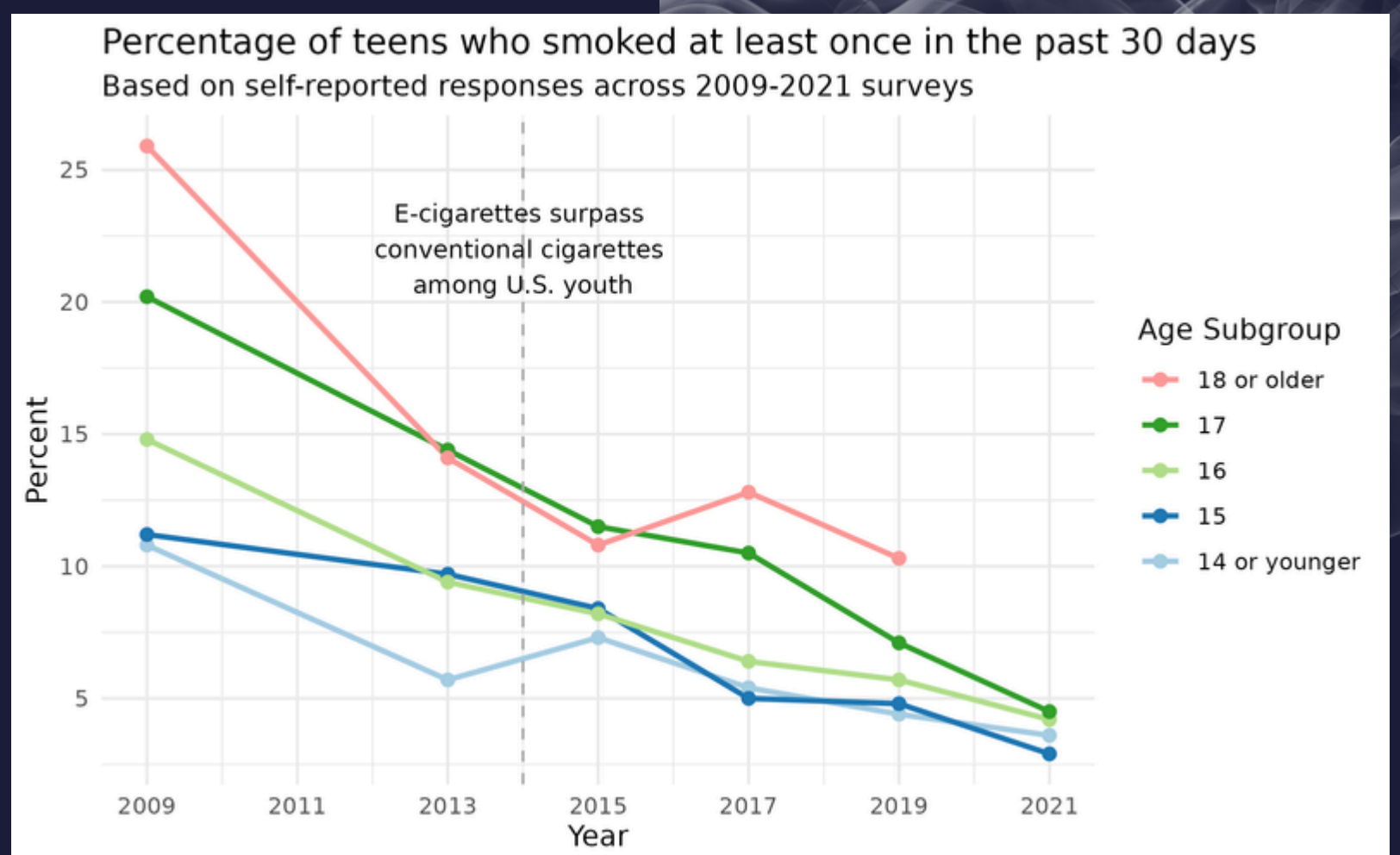


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A horizontal timeline with a central line and circular markers. The timeline is divided into five segments by vertical lines. The segments are labeled with years and descriptions of trends:

- 2009**: High smoking rates
- 2014**: E-cigarettes surpass
- 2017**: Androscoggin spike
- 2019**: Tobacco 21 law
- 2021**: Lowest smoke rates

In 2009, National youth smoking rates peaked at nearly 20% for high schoolers. In 2014, E-cigarette use surpassed traditional smoking among teens. In 2017, there was a rise in social media-driven vape marketing and flavored products. In 2019, Maine passed the Tobacco 21 law, raising the legal purchase age to 21. In 2021, national cigarette smoking rates among youth reached historic lows — 1.9% for high school students.



Percentage of teens who smoked at least once in the past 30 days  
Based on self-reported responses across 2009-2021 surveys

Race/Ethnicity

- White
- Hispanic
- Black or African American
- Asian
- American Indian or Alaskan Native

Year	White	Hispanic	Black or African American	Asian	American Indian or Alaskan Native
2009	15	39	10	26	23
2013	11	20	4		17
2015	9	20	3		22
2017	6	25	11	17	14
2019	6	10	2		7
2021	4	9	1		8

