

Gaza Strip

Global School Personnel Survey (GSPS)

FACT SHEET

The Gaza Strip GSPS includes data on prevalence of cigarette and other tobacco use as well as information on attitudes on school policy toward tobacco use, access to teaching materials and training, and attitudes toward tobacco use. These factors are components Gaza Strip could include in a comprehensive tobacco control program.

The Gaza Strip GSPS was a school-based survey of school personnel from the schools that participated in the 2001 Gaza Strip GYTS. The GYTS was conducted in schools having students in grades 8 - 12.

For the GYTS, a two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for all of Gaza Strip. At the first stage, schools were selected with probability proportional to enrollment size. At the second stage, classes were randomly selected and all students in selected classes were eligible to participate. The school response rate was 100.0%. For the GSPS, 94.4% of the school personnel completed the survey, for a total of 846 teachers and administrators.

Prevalence of Tobacco Use among School Personnel

26.4% ever smoked cigarettes (Admin = 32.4%, Teachers = 25.9%)
 25.4% currently use any tobacco product (Admin = 33.3%, Teachers = 24.7%)
 25.6% currently smoke cigarettes (Admin = 33.3%, Teachers = 24.9%)
 10.6% currently use other tobacco products (Admin = 14.6%, Teachers = 10.2%)

School Policies Prohibiting Tobacco Use

99.1% agree schools should have policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
 45.1% report school has policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
 94.6% agree schools should have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
 16.4% report school has a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
 67.4% report school enforces policies on tobacco use for students and personnel

Access to Teaching Materials and Training

93.3% think teachers need specific training to help students avoid tobacco use
 30.1% teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use
 10.3% teachers had ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention
 24.1% schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention

Attitudes

98.4% think smoke from others is harmful to them
 98.1% think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use
 97.1% think tobacco product advertising should be completely banned
 80.9% think the price of tobacco products should be increased
 88.0% think the tobacco industry deliberately encourages youth to use tobacco

Highlights

- 25.4% of school personnel currently use any tobacco product; 25.6% currently smoke cigarettes and 10.6% currently use other tobacco products.
- Over two in five schools have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among students; 16.4% have a policy for personnel; Two-thirds of the schools enforce their policies.
- Three in ten teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use.
- One in ten teachers has ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention.
- One-quarter of the schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention.
- More than nine in 10 think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use.