

Kuwait

Global School Personnel Survey (GSPS)

FACT SHEET

The Kuwait 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 Kuwait could include in a comprehensive tobacco control program.

The Kuwait GSPS was a school-based survey of school personnel from the schools that participated in the 2001 Kuwait GYTS. The GYTS was conducted in schools having students in grades Fourth Intermediate, First and Second Secondary.

For the GYTS, a two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for all of Kuwait. 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, 60.1% of the school personnel completed the survey, for a total of 3,181 teachers and administrators.

Prevalence of Tobacco Use among School Personnel

35.2% ever smoked cigarettes (Admin = 45.0%, Teachers = 35.0%)
 26.6% currently use any tobacco product (Admin = 46.5%, Teachers = 26.0%)
 22.1% currently smoke cigarettes (Admin = 41.4%, Teachers = 21.6%)
 21.2% currently use other tobacco products (Admin = 42.8%, Teachers = 20.6%)

School Policies Prohibiting Tobacco Use

96.0% agree schools should have policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
 56.6% report school has policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
 92.0% agree schools should have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
 40.5% report school has a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
 66.7% report school enforces policies on tobacco use for students and personnel

Access to Teaching Materials and Training

91.0% think teachers need specific training to help students avoid tobacco use
 25.6% teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use
 10.8% teachers had ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention
 31.7% schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention

Attitudes

97.7% think smoke from others is harmful to them
 97.3% think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use
 95.2% think tobacco product advertising should be completely banned
 81.7% think the price of tobacco products should be increased
 93.1% think the tobacco industry deliberately encourages youth to use tobacco

Highlights

- Over one-quarter of school personnel currently use any tobacco product; 22.1% currently smoke cigarettes and 21.2% currently use other tobacco products.
- Nearly three in five schools have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among students; Two in five have a policy for personnel; Two-thirds of schools enforce their policies.
- One-quarter of the teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use.
- 10.8% of teachers have ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention.
- Nearly one-third of the schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention.
- Almost all think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use.