

Lebanon

Global School Personnel Survey (GSPS)

FACT SHEET

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

The Lebanon GSPS was a school-based survey of school personnel from the schools that participated in the 2001 Lebanon GYTS. The GYTS was conducted in schools having students in grades 3rd and 4th intermediate and 1st secondary.

For the GYTS, a two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for all of Lebanon. 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 64.0%. For the GSPS, 71.6% of the school personnel completed the survey, for a total of 462 teachers and administrators.

Prevalence of Tobacco Use among School Personnel

76.1% ever smoked cigarettes (Admin = 93.5%, Teachers = 70.2%)
 50.1% currently use any tobacco product (Admin = 60.0%, Teachers = 46.7%)
 35.3% currently smoke cigarettes (Admin = 56.6%, Teachers = 28.0%)
 27.2% currently use other tobacco products (Admin = 30.7%, Teachers = 26.0%)

School Policies Prohibiting Tobacco Use

99.4% agree schools should have policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
 55.2% report school has policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
 94.6% agree schools should have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
 24.6% report school has a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
 61.4% report school enforces policies on tobacco use for students and personnel

Access to Teaching Materials and Training

98.5% think teachers need specific training to help students avoid tobacco use
 23.7% teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use
 1.9% teachers had ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention
 6.6% schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention

Attitudes

98.6% think smoke from others is harmful to them
 95.0% think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use
 87.8% think tobacco product advertising should be completely banned
 81.2% think the price of tobacco products should be increased
 79.4% think the tobacco industry deliberately encourages youth to use tobacco

Highlights

- Half of school personnel currently use any tobacco product; 35.3% currently smoke cigarettes and 27.2% currently use other tobacco products.
- Over half the schools have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among students; One-quarter have a policy for personnel; More than three in five schools enforce their policies.
- Nearly one-quarter of the teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use.
- 1.9% of teachers have ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention.
- 6.6% schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention.
- More than nine in 10 think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use.