

Nepal

Global School Personnel Survey (GSPS)

FACT SHEET

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

The Nepal GSPS was a school-based survey of school personnel from the schools that participated in the 2001 Nepal GYTS.

The GYTS was conducted in schools having students in standards 8, 9, and 10. For the GYTS, a two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for all of Nepal. 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 98.0%. For the GSPS, 99.8% of the school personnel completed the survey, for a total of 556 teachers and administrators.

Prevalence of Tobacco Use among School Personnel

28.8% ever smoked cigarettes (Admin = 12.4%, Teachers = 29.3%)
 23.3% currently use any tobacco product (Admin = 10.2%, Teachers = 23.7%)
 20.0% currently smoke cigarettes (Admin = 7.8%, Teachers = 20.5%)
 19.8% currently use other tobacco products (Admin = 11.8%, Teachers = 20.1%)

School Policies Prohibiting Tobacco Use

94.1% agree schools should have policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
 54.7% report school has policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
 88.9% agree schools should have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
 42.3% report school has a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
 38.9% report school enforces policies on tobacco use for students and personnel

Access to Teaching Materials and Training

96.3% think teachers need specific training to help students avoid tobacco use
 23.2% teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use
 7.3% teachers had ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention
 38.2% schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention

Attitudes

97.3% think smoke from others is harmful to them
 97.6% think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use
 93.8% think tobacco product advertising should be completely banned
 92.7% think the price of tobacco products should be increased
 82.0% think the tobacco industry deliberately encourages youth to use tobacco

Highlights

- Nearly one-quarter of school personnel currently use any tobacco product; One in five currently smoke cigarettes and 19.8% currently use other tobacco products.
- Over half the schools have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among students; Two in five have a policy for personnel; Nearly two in five schools enforce their policies.
- Nearly one-quarter of the teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use.
- 7.3% of teachers have ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention.
- Close to two in five schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention.
- Almost all think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use.