

Uruguay - Colonia

Global School Personnel Survey (GSPS)

FACT SHEET

The Uruguay - Colonia 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 Uruguay - Colonia could include in a comprehensive tobacco control program.

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

The GYTS was conducted in schools having students in grades 1st, 2nd, and 3rd. For the GYTS, a two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for all of Uruguay - Colonia. 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, 76.4% of the school personnel completed the survey, for a total of 120 teachers and administrators.

Prevalence of Tobacco Use among School Personnel

67.9% ever smoked cigarettes (Teachers = 67.4%)
 27.1% currently use any tobacco product (Teachers = 26.0%)
 26.7% currently smoke cigarettes (Teachers = 25.5%)
 9.3% currently use other tobacco products (Teachers = 8.8%)

School Policies Prohibiting Tobacco Use

97.6% agree schools should have policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
 82.6% report school has policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
 92.8% agree schools should have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
 66.2% report school has a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
 59.3% report school enforces policies on tobacco use for students and personnel

Access to Teaching Materials and Training

85.7% think teachers need specific training to help students avoid tobacco use
 54.9% teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use
 9.9% teachers had ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention
 23.8% schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention

Attitudes

100.0% think smoke from others is harmful to them
 93.2% think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use
 75.1% think tobacco product advertising should be completely banned
 65.5% think the price of tobacco products should be increased
 89.1% think the tobacco industry deliberately encourages youth to use tobacco

Highlights

- Nearly three in 10 school personnel currently use any tobacco product; 26.7% currently smoke cigarettes and 9.3% currently use other tobacco products.
- Over 4 in 5 schools have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among students; Two-thirds have a policy for personnel; Nearly three in five schools enforce their policies.
- More than half of the teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use.
- One in 10 teachers has ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention.
- Close to 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.