

Uruguay - Maldonado

Global School Personnel Survey (GSPS)

FACT SHEET

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

The Uruguay - Maldonado GSPS was a school-based survey of school personnel from the schools that participated in the 2001 Uruguay - Maldonado 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 - Maldonado. 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, 79.1% of the school personnel completed the survey, for a total of 322 teachers and administrators.

Prevalence of Tobacco Use among School Personnel

67.0% ever smoked cigarettes (Admin = 84.6%, Teachers = 66.2%)
 33.8% currently use any tobacco product (Admin = 41.0%, Teachers = 33.5%)
 31.1% currently smoke cigarettes (Admin = 41.0%, Teachers = 30.6%)
 22.1% currently use other tobacco products (Admin = 26.7%, Teachers = 21.8%)

School Policies Prohibiting Tobacco Use

91.8% agree schools should have policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
 75.7% report school has policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
 78.4% agree schools should have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
 49.6% report school has a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
 46.6% report school enforces policies on tobacco use for students and personnel

Access to Teaching Materials and Training

83.6% think teachers need specific training to help students avoid tobacco use
 41.9% teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use
 17.9% teachers had ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention
 21.8% schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention

Attitudes

98.1% think smoke from others is harmful to them
 88.8% think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use
 77.0% think tobacco product advertising should be completely banned
 69.7% think the price of tobacco products should be increased
 83.8% think the tobacco industry deliberately encourages youth to use tobacco

Highlights

- One-third of school personnel currently use any tobacco product; Three in 10 currently smoke cigarettes and 22.1% currently use other tobacco products.
- Three-quarters of schools have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among students; Half have a policy for personnel; Nearly half the schools enforce their policies.
- More than 2 in 5 have access to teaching materials on tobacco use.
- Nearly 1 in 5 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.
- Almost 9 in 10 think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use.