

Uruguay - Montevideo

Global School Personnel Survey (GSPS)

FACT SHEET

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

The Uruguay - Montevideo GSPS was a school-based survey of school personnel from the schools that participated in the 2001 Uruguay - Montevideo 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 - Montevideo. 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, 46.4% of the school personnel completed the survey, for a total of 1,362 teachers and administrators.

Prevalence of Tobacco Use among School Personnel

67.7% ever smoked cigarettes (Admin = 71.7%, Teachers = 67.5%)
 30.7% currently use any tobacco product (Admin = 30.2%, Teachers = 30.7%)
 30.1% currently smoke cigarettes (Admin = 28.6%, Teachers = 30.2%)
 20.7% currently use other tobacco products (Admin = 23.0%, Teachers = 20.6%)

School Policies Prohibiting Tobacco Use

89.8% agree schools should have policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
 74.7% report school has policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
 76.2% agree schools should have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
 44.8% report school has a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
 39.6% report school enforces policies on tobacco use for students and personnel

Access to Teaching Materials and Training

80.0% think teachers need specific training to help students avoid tobacco use
 31.7% teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use
 9.7% teachers had ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention
 13.6% schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention

Attitudes

97.4% think smoke from others is harmful to them
 84.6% think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use
 73.6% think tobacco product advertising should be completely banned
 66.3% think the price of tobacco products should be increased
 86.6% think the tobacco industry deliberately encourages youth to use tobacco

Highlights

- Three in 10 school personnel currently use any tobacco product; 30.1% currently smoke cigarettes and 20.7% currently use other tobacco products.
- Three-quarters of the schools have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among students; More than two in five have a policy for personnel; Two in five schools enforce their policies.
- Close to one-third of the teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use.
- One in 10 teachers has ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention.
- 13.6% of the schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention.
- More than four in five think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use.