

Czech Republic

Global School Personnel Survey (GSPS)

FACT SHEET

The Czech Republic 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 Czech Republic could include in a comprehensive tobacco control program.

The Czech Republic GSPS was a school-based survey of school personnel from the schools that participated in the 2002 Czech Republic GYTS.

The GYTS was conducted in schools having students in 7, 8, and 9. For the GYTS, a two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for all of Czech Republic. 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, 99.0% of the school personnel completed the survey, for a total of 757 teachers and administrators.

Prevalence of Tobacco Use among School Personnel

66.3% ever smoked cigarettes (Admin = 80.5%, Teachers = 64.3%)
22.4% currently use any tobacco product (Admin = 18.9%, Teachers = 22.9%)
20.8% currently smoke cigarettes (Admin = 17.3%, Teachers = 21.3%)
4.9% currently use other tobacco products (Admin = 9.4%, Teachers = 4.3%)
24.1% smoked on school property in the past year (Admin = 30.9%, Teachers = 23.1%)

School Policies Prohibiting Tobacco Use

84.3% agree schools should have policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
79.6% report school has policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
57.3% agree schools should have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
22.3% report school has a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
48.0% report school enforces policies on tobacco use for students and personnel

Access to Teaching Materials and Training

88.0% think teachers need specific training to help students avoid tobacco use
56.3% teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use
15.4% teachers had ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention
27.8% schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention

Attitudes

98.6% think smoke from others is harmful to them
83.7% think tobacco product advertising should be completely banned
69.4% think the price of tobacco products should be increased
80.6% think the tobacco industry deliberately encourages youth to use tobacco

Highlights

- 22.4% of school personnel currently use any tobacco product; 20.8% currently smoke cigarettes and 4.9% currently use other tobacco products.
- Four in five schools have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among students; More than one in five have a policy for personnel; Nearly half the schools enforce their policies.
- Close to three in five teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use.
- 15.4% of teachers have ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention.
- One-quarter of schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention.