

Jordan

Global School Personnel Survey (GSPS)

FACT SHEET

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

The Jordan GSPS was a school-based survey of school personnel from the schools that participated in the 2003 Jordan GYTS.

The GYTS was conducted in schools having students in grades 8, 9, and 10. For the GYTS, a two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for all of Jordan. 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 98.7%. For the GSPS, 64.3% of the school personnel completed the survey, for a total of 1,258 teachers and administrators.

Prevalence of Tobacco Use among School Personnel

49.3% ever smoked cigarettes (Admin = 39.8%, Teachers = 49.9%)
 35.7% currently use any tobacco product (Admin = 38.2%, Teachers = 35.6%)
 33.0% currently smoke cigarettes (Admin = 29.2%, Teachers = 33.2%)
 22.8% currently use other tobacco products (Admin = 27.0%, Teachers = 22.5%)
 29.9% smoked on school property in the past year (Admin = 29.8%, Teachers = 29.9%)

School Policies Prohibiting Tobacco Use

96.9% agree schools should have policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
 45.1% report school has policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
 88.8% agree schools should have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
 25.1% report school has a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
 63.8% report school enforces policies on tobacco use for students and personnel

Access to Teaching Materials and Training

90.3% think teachers need specific training to help students avoid tobacco use
 29.0% teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use
 14.7% teachers had ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention
 35.4% schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention

Attitudes

96.0% think smoke from others is harmful to them
 95.8% think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use
 93.5% think tobacco product advertising should be completely banned
 74.7% think the price of tobacco products should be increased
 89.2% think the tobacco industry deliberately encourages youth to use tobacco

Highlights

- 49.3% of school personnel have ever smoked cigarettes; 33.0% currently smoke cigarettes and 22.8% currently use other tobacco products.
- More than two in five schools have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among students; One-quarter have a policy for personnel; Three in five schools enforce their policies.
- Three in 10 teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use.
- 14.7% of the teachers have ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention.
- Over one-third 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.