

Libya

Global School Personnel Survey (GSPS)

FACT SHEET

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

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

The GYTS was conducted in schools having students in grades 7, 8, and 9. For the GYTS, a two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for all of Libya. 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, 84.2% of the school personnel completed the survey, for a total of 1,392 teachers and administrators.

Prevalence of Tobacco Use among School Personnel

20.9% ever smoked cigarettes (Admin = 78.6%, Teachers = 19.2%)
 12.6% currently use any tobacco product (Admin = 41.0%, Teachers = 11.5%)
 11.8% currently smoke cigarettes (Admin = 40.9%, Teachers = 10.7%)
 3.3% currently use other tobacco products (Admin = 4.6%, Teachers = 3.3%)
 9.7% smoked on school property in the past year (Admin = 44.2%, Teachers = 8.3%)

School Policies Prohibiting Tobacco Use

98.6% agree schools should have policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
 54.7% report school has policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
 94.9% agree schools should have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
 34.2% report school has a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
 43.5% report school enforces policies on tobacco use for students and personnel

Access to Teaching Materials and Training

96.5% think teachers need specific training to help students avoid tobacco use
 24.5% teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use
 12.9% teachers had ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention
 38.4% schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention

Attitudes

98.3% think smoke from others is harmful to them
 98.0% think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use
 93.6% think tobacco product advertising should be completely banned
 80.6% think the price of tobacco products should be increased
 87.9% think the tobacco industry deliberately encourages youth to use tobacco

Highlights

- 20.9% of school personnel have ever smoked cigarettes; 11.8% currently smoke cigarettes and 3.3% currently use other tobacco products.
- More than half the schools have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among students; One-third have a policy for personnel; Over two in five schools enforce their policies.
- One-quarter of teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use.
- 12.9% of the teachers have ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention.
- Almost two in five schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention.
- Nearly all think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use.