

Dominica Global School Personnel Survey (GSPS)

FACT SHEET

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

The Dominica GSPS was a school-based survey of school personnel from the schools that participated in the 2004 Dominica GYTS.

The GYTS was conducted in schools having students in forms 1, 2, 3 and 4. For the GYTS, a two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for all of Dominica. 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 87.5%. For the GSPS, 70.9% of the school personnel completed the survey, for a total of 277 teachers and administrators.

Prevalence of Tobacco Use among School Personnel

30.3% ever smoked cigarettes (Admin = 43.1%, Teachers = 29.6%)
5.3% currently use any tobacco product (Admin = 21.1%, Teachers = 4.5%)
5.1% currently smoke cigarettes (Admin = 21.1%, Teachers = 4.2%)
0.7% currently use other tobacco products (Admin = 0.0%, Teachers = 0.8%)
0.6% smoked on school property in the past year (Admin = 6.3%, Teachers = 0.3%)

School Policies Prohibiting Tobacco Use

96.5% agree schools should have policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
62.6% report school has policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
70.4% agree schools should have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
20.0% report school has a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
55.6% report school enforces policies on tobacco use for students and personnel

Access to Teaching Materials and Training

8.1% schools include tobacco use prevention in school curriculum
83.7% think teachers need specific training to help students avoid tobacco use
20.8% teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use
7.8% teachers had ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention
42.5% schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention

Attitudes

99.6% think smoke from others is harmful to them
93.1% think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use
65.0% think tobacco product advertising should be completely banned
77.6% think the price of tobacco products should be increased
57.5% think the tobacco industry deliberately encourages youth to use tobacco

Highlights

- 5.3% of school personnel currently use any tobacco product; 5.1% currently smoke cigarettes and 0.7% currently use other tobacco products.
- Three in five schools have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among students; One in five have a policy for personnel; More than half of the schools enforce their policies.
- 8.1% of schools include tobacco use prevention in school curriculum.
- One in five teachers has access to teaching materials on tobacco use.
- 7.8% of teachers have ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention.
- Two in five schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention.
- Over nine in 10 think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use.