

# Guyana

## Global School Personnel Survey (GSPS)

### FACT SHEET . . . . .

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

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

The GYTS was conducted in schools having students in forms II, III and IV. For the GYTS, a two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for all of Guyana. 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, 60.7% of the school personnel completed the survey, for a total of 473 teachers and administrators.

#### Prevalence of Tobacco Use among School Personnel

34.9% ever smoked cigarettes (Admin = 39.1%, Teachers = 33.3%)  
 7.9% currently use any tobacco product (Admin = 8.4%, Teachers = 7.7%)  
 7.5% currently smoke cigarettes (Admin = 8.5%, Teachers = 7.1%)  
 1.0% currently use other tobacco products (Admin = 0.0%, Teachers = 1.4%)  
 5.7% smoked on school property in the past year (Admin = 10.1%, Teachers = 4.1%)

#### School Policies Prohibiting Tobacco Use

98.1% agree schools should have policy prohibiting tobacco use among students  
 62.1% report school has policy prohibiting tobacco use among students  
 87.9% agree schools should have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel  
 28.0% report school has a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel  
 55.9% report school enforces policies on tobacco use for students and personnel

#### Access to Teaching Materials and Training

9.4% schools include tobacco use prevention in school curriculum  
 89.2% think teachers need specific training to help students avoid tobacco use  
 18.2% teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use  
 10.2% teachers had ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention  
 42.1% schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention

#### Attitudes

98.2% think smoke from others is harmful to them  
 97.0% think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use  
 74.3% think tobacco product advertising should be completely banned  
 62.5% think the price of tobacco products should be increased  
 58.9% think the tobacco industry deliberately encourages youth to use tobacco

#### Highlights

- 7.9% of school personnel currently use any tobacco product; 7.5% currently smoke cigarettes and 1.0% currently use other tobacco products.
- Over three in five schools have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among students; three in 10 have a policy for personnel; more than half the schools enforce their policies.
- 9.4% of schools include tobacco use prevention in school curriculum.
- 18.2% of teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use.
- One in 10 teachers has ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention.
- Two in five schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention.
- Almost all think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use.