

Republic of Moldova

Global School Personnel Survey (GSPS)

FACT SHEET

The Republic of Moldova 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 Republic of Moldova could include in a comprehensive tobacco control program.

The Republic of Moldova GSPS was a school-based survey of school personnel from the schools that participated in the 2004 Republic of Moldova 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 Republic of Moldova. 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, 82.7% of the school personnel completed the survey, for a total of 2,230 teachers & administrators.

Prevalence of Tobacco Use among School Personnel

35.9% ever smoked cigarettes (Admin = 49.4%, Teachers = 34.2%)
 19.0% currently use any tobacco product (Admin = 25.0%, Teachers = 18.2%)
 22.4% currently smoke cigarettes (Admin = 30.8%, Teachers = 21.4%)
 1.0% currently use other tobacco products (Admin = 2.0%, Teachers = 0.9%)
 9.6% smoked on school property in the past year (Admin = 19.6%, Teachers = 8.3%)

School Policies Prohibiting Tobacco Use

97.6% agree schools should have policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
 85.1% report school has policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
 88.4% agree schools should have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
 47.1% report school has a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
 48.8% report school enforces policies on tobacco use for students and personnel

Access to Teaching Materials and Training

85.9% think teachers need specific training to help students avoid tobacco use
 39.1% teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use
 25.9% teachers had ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention
 74.1% schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention

Attitudes

98.3% think smoke from others is harmful to them
 93.4% think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use
 86.7% think tobacco product advertising should be completely banned
 69.2% think the price of tobacco products should be increased
 71.1% think the tobacco industry deliberately encourages youth to use tobacco

Highlights

- 19.0% of school personnel currently use any tobacco product; 22.4% currently smoke cigarettes and 1.0% currently use other tobacco products.
- Over four in five schools have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among students; half have a policy for personnel; 48.8% of the schools enforce their policies.
- Two in five teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use.
- One-quarter of the teachers have ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention.
- Three-quarters of the schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention.
- Nine in 10 think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use.