

Pakistan - Islamabad

Global School Personnel Survey (GSPS)

FACT SHEET

The Pakistan - Islamabad 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 Pakistan - Islamabad could include in a comprehensive tobacco control program.

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

The GYTS was conducted in schools having students in forms 8, 9 and 10. For the GYTS, a two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for all of Pakistan - Islamabad. 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 96.8%. For the GSPS, 73.1% of the school personnel completed the survey, for a total of 645 teachers & administrators.

Prevalence of Tobacco Use among School Personnel

26.4% ever smoked cigarettes (Admin = 30.7%, Teachers = 26.0%)
20.9% currently use any tobacco product (Admin = 31.5%, Teachers = 19.8%)
18.6% currently smoke cigarettes (Admin = 25.6%, Teachers = 17.9%)
10.9% currently use other tobacco products (Admin = 21.5%, Teachers = 9.9%)
11.2% smoked on school property in the past year (Admin = 23.0%, Teachers = 10.1%)

School Policies Prohibiting Tobacco Use

99.7% agree schools should have policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
95.6% report school has policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
99.0% agree schools should have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
93.8% report school has a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
69.3% report school enforces policies on tobacco use for students and personnel

Access to Teaching Materials and Training

98.3% think teachers need specific training to help students avoid tobacco use
24.8% teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use
16.3% teachers had ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention
21.3% schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention

Attitudes

82.0% think smoke from others is harmful to them
96.6% think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use
98.4% think tobacco product advertising should be completely banned
89.3% think the price of tobacco products should be increased
90.5% think the tobacco industry deliberately encourages youth to use tobacco

Highlights

- 20.9% of school personnel currently use any tobacco product; 18.6% currently smoke cigarettes and 10.9% currently use other tobacco products.
- Over nine in 10 schools have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among students and for personnel; seven in 10 schools enforce their policies.
- One-quarter of the teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use.
- 16.3% of teachers have ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention.
- More than one 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.