

Paraguay - Central

Global School Personnel Survey (GSPS)

FACT SHEET

The Paraguay - Central 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 Paraguay - Central could include in a comprehensive tobacco control program.

The Paraguay - Central GSPS was a school-based survey of school personnel from the schools that participated in the 2004 Paraguay - Central 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 Paraguay - Central. 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, 16.3% of the school personnel completed the survey, for a total of 196 teachers and administrators.

Prevalence of Tobacco Use among School Personnel

29.5% ever smoked cigarettes (Admin = 40.0%, Teachers = 28.6%)
 9.3% currently use any tobacco product (Admin = 16.7%, Teachers = 8.6%)
 9.8% currently smoke cigarettes (Admin = 20.0%, Teachers = 8.9%)
 2.9% currently use other tobacco products (Admin = 5.6%, Teachers = 2.5%)
 1.5% smoked on school property in the past year (Admin = 0.0%, Teachers = 1.7%)

School Policies Prohibiting Tobacco Use

98.4% agree schools should have policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
 60.6% report school has policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
 95.9% agree schools should have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
 41.3% report school has a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
 64.2% report school enforces policies on tobacco use for students and personnel

Access to Teaching Materials and Training

96.9% think teachers need specific training to help students avoid tobacco use
 43.3% teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use
 37.9% teachers had ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention
 35.1% schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention

Attitudes

97.9% think smoke from others is harmful to them
 98.4% think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use
 84.7% think tobacco product advertising should be completely banned
 67.9% think the price of tobacco products should be increased
 86.3% think the tobacco industry deliberately encourages youth to use tobacco

Highlights

- 9.3% of school personnel currently use any tobacco product; 9.8% currently smoke cigarettes and 2.9% currently use other tobacco products.
- Three in 5 schools have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among students; Over four in 10 have a policy for personnel; Close to two-thirds of the schools enforce their policies.
- Two in 5 teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use.
- Almost four in 10 teachers have ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention.
- Over one-third of the schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention.
- Nearly all think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use.