

Slovenia

Global School Personnel Survey (GSPS)

FACT SHEET

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

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

students in years 7/8 and 8/9 of a primary school, and year 1 of a secondary school. For the GYTS, a two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for all of Slovenia. 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 93.1%. For the GSPS, 70.9% of the school personnel completed the survey, for a total of 1,963 teachers & administrators.

Prevalence of Tobacco Use among School Personnel

50.7% ever smoked cigarettes (Admin = 51.4%, Teachers = 50.7%)
 24.4% currently use any tobacco product (Admin = 15.5%, Teachers = 24.8%)
 23.3% currently smoke cigarettes (Admin = 15.3%, Teachers = 23.7%)
 3.1% currently use other tobacco products (Admin = 0.4%, Teachers = 3.2%)
 28.5% smoked on school property in the past year (Admin = 30.6%, Teachers = 28.4%)

School Policies Prohibiting Tobacco Use

89.4% agree schools should have policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
 63.4% report school has policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
 76.8% agree schools should have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
 54.9% report school has a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
 45.2% report school enforces policies on tobacco use for students and personnel

Access to Teaching Materials and Training

68.6% think teachers need specific training to help students avoid tobacco use
 38.4% teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use
 9.0% teachers had ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention
 34.3% schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention

Attitudes

97.8% think smoke from others is harmful to them
 84.8% think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use
 78.9% think tobacco product advertising should be completely banned
 76.2% think the price of tobacco products should be increased
 74.1% think the tobacco industry deliberately encourages youth to use tobacco

Highlights

- One-quarter of the school personnel currently use any tobacco product; 23.3% currently smoke cigarettes and 3.1% currently use other tobacco products.
- Close to two-thirds of the schools have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among students; more than half have a policy for personnel; over two in five schools enforce their policies.
- Two in five teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use.
- 9.0% of teachers have ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention.
- More than one-third of the schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention.
- Over four in five think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use.