

Thailand

Global School Personnel Survey (GSPS)

FACT SHEET

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

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

The GYTS was conducted in schools having students in grades 7, 8, 9, 10 and 11. For the GYTS, a two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for all of Thailand. 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 99.6%. For the GSPS, 99.9% of the school personnel completed the survey, for a total of 5,203 teachers and administrators.

Prevalence of Tobacco Use among School Personnel

33.6% ever smoked cigarettes (Admin = 78.9%, Teachers = 31.7%)
 15.1% currently use any tobacco product (Admin = 55.8%, Teachers = 13.5%)
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 2.5% currently use other tobacco products (Admin = 26.7%, Teachers = 1.6%)
 13.7% smoked on school property in the past year (Admin = 52.2%, Teachers = 12.0%)

School Policies Prohibiting Tobacco Use

97.1% agree schools should have policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
 95.8% report school has policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
 92.9% agree schools should have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
 60.0% report school has a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
 74.3% report school enforces policies on tobacco use for students and personnel

Access to Teaching Materials and Training

56.0% schools include tobacco use prevention in school curriculum
 78.4% think teachers need specific training to help students avoid tobacco use
 70.1% teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use
 27.0% teachers had ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention
 81.1% schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention

Attitudes

93.1% think smoking should be banned from public places
 96.3% think smoke from others is harmful to them
 96.0% think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use
 92.8% think tobacco product advertising should be completely banned
 83.0% think the price of tobacco products should be increased
 65.0% think the tobacco industry deliberately encourages youth to use tobacco

Highlights

- 15.1% of school personnel currently use any tobacco product; 15.1% currently smoke cigarettes and 2.5% currently use other tobacco products.
- Over 9 in 10 schools have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among students; 6 in 10 have a policy for personnel; three-quarters of the schools enforce their policies.
- More than half the schools include tobacco use prevention in school curriculum.
- Seven in 10 teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use.
- Over one-quarter of the teachers have ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention.
- Four in 5 schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention.
- More than 9 in 10 think smoking should be banned from public places.
- Nearly all think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use.