

Cyprus

Global School Personnel Survey (GSPS)

FACT SHEET

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

The Cyprus GSPS was a school-based survey of school personnel from the schools that participated in the 2008 Cyprus GYTS. The GYTS was conducted in schools having students in

grades 1 - 11. For the GYTS, a two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for all of Cyprus. 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 96.7%. For the GSPS, 90.5% of the school personnel completed the survey, for a total of 1,946 teachers & administrators.

Prevalence of Tobacco Use among School Personnel

66.5% ever smoked cigarettes (Admin = 56.7%, Teachers = 66.8%)
 34.9% currently use any tobacco product (Admin = 18.8%, Teachers = 35.3%)
 33.5% currently smoke cigarettes (Admin = 17.4%, Teachers = 33.9%)
 10.1% currently use other tobacco products (Admin = 2.5%, Teachers = 10.3%)
 30.8% smoked on school property in the past year (Admin = 33.8%, Teachers = 30.8%)

School Policies Prohibiting Tobacco Use

93.8% agree schools should have policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
 93.3% report school has policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
 63.6% agree schools should have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
 46.8% report school has a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
 93.8% report school enforces policies on tobacco use for students and personnel

Access to Teaching Materials and Training

49.2% schools include tobacco use prevention in school curriculum
 72.9% think teachers need specific training to help students avoid tobacco use
 31.3% teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use
 14.6% teachers had ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention
 59.9% schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention

Attitudes

83.3% think smoking should be banned from public places
 93.6% think smoke from others is harmful to them
 78.4% think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use
 86.1% think tobacco product advertising should be completely banned
 65.5% think the price of tobacco products should be increased
 80.3% think the tobacco industry deliberately encourages youth to use tobacco

Highlights

- More than one-third of school personnel currently use any tobacco product; 33.5% currently smoke cigarettes and 10.1% currently use other tobacco products.
- Over nine in 10 schools have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among students; Nearly half have a policy for personnel; More than nine in 10 schools enforce their policies.
- Half the schools include tobacco use prevention in school curriculum.
- Nearly one-third of the teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use.
- 14.6% of teachers have ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention.
- Three in 5 schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention.
- Four in 5 think smoking should be banned from public places.
- More than three-quarters think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use.