

# Fiji Global School Personnel Survey (GSPS) FACT SHEET . . . . .

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

The Fiji GSPS was a school-based survey of school personnel from the schools that participated in the 2005 Fiji GYTS.

The GYTS was conducted in schools having students in forms 2, 3, and 4. For the GYTS, a two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for all of Fiji. 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 34.0%. For the GSPS, 48.8% of the school personnel completed the survey, for a total of 174 teachers and administrators.

## Prevalence of Tobacco Use among School Personnel

44.4% ever smoked cigarettes (Teachers = 44.0%)  
16.2% currently use any tobacco product (Teachers = 15.5%)  
15.2% currently smoke cigarettes (Teachers = 14.5%)  
2.4% currently use other tobacco products (Teachers = 2.5%)  
8.6% smoked on school property in the past year (Teachers = 8.3%)

## School Policies Prohibiting Tobacco Use

100.0% agree schools should have policy prohibiting tobacco use among students  
96.0% report school has policy prohibiting tobacco use among students  
93.1% agree schools should have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel  
65.7% report school has a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel  
94.3% report school enforces policies on tobacco use for students and personnel

## Access to Teaching Materials and Training

91.3% think teachers need specific training to help students avoid tobacco use  
38.2% teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use  
2.9% teachers had ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention  
60.0% schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention

## Attitudes

97.7% think smoke from others is harmful to them  
97.1% think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use  
89.1% think tobacco product advertising should be completely banned  
81.4% think the price of tobacco products should be increased  
76.9% think the tobacco industry deliberately encourages youth to use tobacco

## Highlights

- Nearly one in five school personnel currently use any tobacco product; 15.2% currently smoke cigarettes and 2.4% currently use other tobacco products.
- Nearly all schools have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among students; Two-thirds have a policy for personnel; Nine in 10 schools enforce their policies.
- Nearly two in five teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use.
- 2.9% of teachers have ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention.
- Three in five schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention.
- Almost all think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use.