

Swaziland

Global School Personnel Survey (GSPS)

FACT SHEET

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

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

The GYTS was conducted in schools having students in forms 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5. For the GYTS, a two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for all of Swaziland. 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 98.3%. For the GSPS, 42.0% of the school personnel completed the survey, for a total of 661 teachers and administrators.

Prevalence of Tobacco Use among School Personnel

25.4% ever smoked cigarettes (Admin = 50.7%, Teachers = 21.9%)
 12.9% currently use any tobacco product (Admin = 42.0%, Teachers = 8.9%)
 11.1% currently smoke cigarettes (Admin = 37.4%, Teachers = 7.5%)
 7.3% currently use other tobacco products (Admin = 41.7%, Teachers = 2.6%)
 7.6% smoked on school property in the past year (Admin = 39.5%, Teachers = 3.2%)

School Policies Prohibiting Tobacco Use

94.6% agree schools should have policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
 90.3% report school has policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
 92.4% agree schools should have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
 53.6% report school has a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
 95.6% report school enforces policies on tobacco use for students and personnel

Access to Teaching Materials and Training

42.6% schools include tobacco use prevention in school curriculum
 81.4% think teachers need specific training to help students avoid tobacco use
 27.9% teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use
 10.2% teachers had ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention
 52.4% schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention

Attitudes

91.2% think smoking should be banned from public places
 95.1% think smoke from others is harmful to them
 86.7% think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use
 72.9% think tobacco product advertising should be completely banned
 76.9% think the price of tobacco products should be increased
 52.4% think the tobacco industry deliberately encourages youth to use tobacco

Highlights

- 12.9% of school personnel currently use any tobacco product; 11.1% currently smoke cigarettes and 7.3% currently use other tobacco products.
- Nine in 10 schools have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among students; more than half have a policy for personnel; 95.6% of the schools enforce their policies.
- Over 2 in 5 schools include tobacco use prevention in school curriculum.
- Nearly 3 in 10 teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use.
- 10.2% of teachers have ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention.
- Half the schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention.
- Nine in 10 think smoking should be banned from public places.
- Nearly 9 in 10 think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use.