

India

Global School Personnel Survey (GSPS)

FACT SHEET

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

The India GSPS was a school-based survey of school personnel from the schools that participated in the 2006 India GYTS.

The GYTS was conducted in schools having students in grades 8 through 10. For the GYTS, a two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for all of India. 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 100.0%. For the GSPS, 80.6% of the school personnel completed the survey, for a total of 2,660 teachers and administrators.

Prevalence of Tobacco Use among School Personnel

25.8% ever smoked cigarettes (Admin = 13.2%, Teachers = 26.6%)
28.1% currently use any tobacco product (Admin = 17.1%, Teachers = 28.8%)
19.6% currently smoke cigarettes (Admin = 7.7%, Teachers = 20.3%)
20.5% currently use other tobacco products (Admin = 14.5%, Teachers = 20.8%)
15.6% smoked on school property in the past year (Admin = 10.3%, Teachers = 15.9%)

School Policies Prohibiting Tobacco Use

95.0% agree schools should have policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
66.9% report school has policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
95.2% agree schools should have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
57.1% report school has a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
93.1% report school enforces policies on tobacco use for students and personnel

Access to Teaching Materials and Training

42.0% schools include tobacco use prevention in school curriculum
88.5% think teachers need specific training to help students avoid tobacco use
34.6% teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use
16.7% teachers had ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention
36.3% schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention

Attitudes

94.3% think smoking should be banned from public places
95.4% think smoke from others is harmful to them
84.3% think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use
90.2% think tobacco product advertising should be completely banned
83.9% think the price of tobacco products should be increased
80.5% think the tobacco industry deliberately encourages youth to use tobacco

Highlights

- Nearly 3 in 10 school personnel currently use any tobacco product; 19.6% currently smoke cigarettes and 20.5% currently use other tobacco products.
- Two-thirds of the schools have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among students; nearly 3 in 5 have a policy for personnel; 9 in 10 schools enforce their policies.
- More than 2 in 5 schools include tobacco use prevention in school curriculum.
- Over one-third of teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use.
- 16.7% of teachers have ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention.
- More one-third of the schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention.
- 94.3% think smoking should be banned from public places.
- Over 4 in 5 think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use.