

# Iraq - Kurdistan

## Global School Personnel Survey (GSPS)

### FACT SHEET . . . . .

The Iraq - Kurdistan 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 Iraq - Kurdistan could include in a comprehensive tobacco control program.

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

The GYTS was conducted in schools having students in first, second, third and fourth preparatory. For the GYTS, a two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for all of Iraq - Kurdistan. 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, 90.8% of the school personnel completed the survey, for a total of 542 teachers & administrators.

### Prevalence of Tobacco Use among School Personnel

41.4% ever smoked cigarettes (Admin = 69.3%, Teachers = 39.5%)  
 20.0% currently use any tobacco product (Admin = 24.1%, Teachers = 19.7%)  
 26.1% currently smoke cigarettes (Admin = 28.6%, Teachers = 25.9%)  
 3.6% currently use other tobacco products (Admin = 4.6%, Teachers = 3.5%)  
 18.4% smoked on school property in the past year (Admin = 16.9%, Teachers = 18.5%)

### School Policies Prohibiting Tobacco Use

95.2% agree schools should have policy prohibiting tobacco use among students  
 52.8% report school has policy prohibiting tobacco use among students  
 90.3% agree schools should have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel  
 27.5% report school has a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel  
 59.7% report school enforces policies on tobacco use for students and personnel

### Access to Teaching Materials and Training

94.6% think teachers need specific training to help students avoid tobacco use  
 7.0% teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use  
 11.8% teachers had ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention  
 24.4% schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention

### Attitudes

94.2% think smoke from others is harmful to them  
 94.4% think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use  
 91.4% think tobacco product advertising should be completely banned  
 83.7% think the price of tobacco products should be increased  
 55.3% think the tobacco industry deliberately encourages youth to use tobacco

### Highlights

- One in 5 school personnel currently use any tobacco product; 26.1% currently smoke cigarettes and 3.6% currently use other tobacco products.
- Over half the schools have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among students; nearly 3 in 10 have a policy for personnel; 3 in 5 schools enforce their policies.
- 7.0% of teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use.
- 11.8% of teachers have ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention.
- Close to one-quarter of the schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention.
- Over 9 in 10 think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use.