

Mauritania

Global School Personnel Survey (GSPS)

FACT SHEET

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

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

The GYTS was conducted in schools having students in 1ere AS, 2eme AS and 3eme AS. For the GYTS, a two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for all of Mauritania. 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 71.7%. For the GSPS, 82.2% of the school personnel completed the survey, for a total of 702 teachers & administrators.

Prevalence of Tobacco Use among School Personnel

51.4% ever smoked cigarettes (Admin = 49.3%, Teachers = 52.3%)
 22.3% currently use any tobacco product (Admin = 25.8%, Teachers = 22.7%)
 17.9% currently smoke cigarettes (Admin = 19.7%, Teachers = 18.5%)
 10.5% currently use other tobacco products (Admin = 15.9%, Teachers = 10.1%)
 19.4% smoked on school property in the past year (Admin = 17.7%, Teachers = 20.1%)

School Policies Prohibiting Tobacco Use

97.1% agree schools should have policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
 50.2% report school has policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
 89.3% agree schools should have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
 18.6% report school has a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
 85.4% report school enforces policies on tobacco use for students and personnel

Access to Teaching Materials and Training

24.5% schools include tobacco use prevention in school curriculum
 89.3% think teachers need specific training to help students avoid tobacco use
 7.5% teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use
 9.1% teachers had ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention
 13.0% schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention

Attitudes

87.4% think smoking should be banned from public places
 88.6% think smoke from others is harmful to them
 94.2% think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use
 93.1% think tobacco product advertising should be completely banned
 85.0% think the price of tobacco products should be increased
 89.3% think the tobacco industry deliberately encourages youth to use tobacco

Highlights

- 22.3% of school personnel currently use any tobacco product; 17.9% currently smoke cigarettes and 10.5% currently use other tobacco products.
- Half the schools have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among students; 1 in 5 have a policy for personnel; nearly 9 in 10 schools enforce their policies.
- One-quarter of the schools include tobacco use prevention in school curriculum.
- 7.5% of teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use.
- 9.1% of teachers have ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention.
- 13.0% of schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention.
- Close to nine in 10 think smoking should be banned from public places.
- Over nine in 10 think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use.