

Niger

Global School Personnel Survey (GSPS)

FACT SHEET

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

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

The GYTS was conducted in schools having students in 6eme, 5eme and 4eme. For the GYTS, a two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for all of Niger. 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, 98.4% of the school personnel completed the survey, for a total of 940 teachers & administrators.

Prevalence of Tobacco Use among School Personnel

33.8% ever smoked cigarettes (Admin = 23.4%, Teachers = 36.3%)
46.4% currently use any tobacco product (Admin = 32.8%, Teachers = 49.6%)
24.2% currently smoke cigarettes (Admin = 17.9%, Teachers = 25.7%)
12.2% currently use other tobacco products (Admin = 6.8%, Teachers = 13.5%)
18.6% smoked on school property in the past year (Admin = 23.7%, Teachers = 17.8%)

School Policies Prohibiting Tobacco Use

97.9% agree schools should have policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
41.6% report school has policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
88.9% agree schools should have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
11.4% report school has a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
71.4% report school enforces policies on tobacco use for students and personnel

Access to Teaching Materials and Training

95.8% think teachers need specific training to help students avoid tobacco use
5.0% teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use
4.4% teachers had ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention
7.6% schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention

Attitudes

98.2% think smoke from others is harmful to them
97.6% think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use
88.9% think tobacco product advertising should be completely banned
81.9% think the price of tobacco products should be increased
83.2% think the tobacco industry deliberately encourages youth to use tobacco

Highlights

- Close to half the school personnel currently use any tobacco product; 24.2% currently smoke cigarettes and 12.2% currently use other tobacco products.
- Over two in five schools have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among students; 11.4% have a policy for personnel; seven in 10 schools enforce their policies.
- 5.0% of teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use.
- 4.4% of teachers have ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention.
- 7.6% of schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention.
- Nearly all think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use.