

Estonia

Global School Personnel Survey (GSPS)

FACT SHEET

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

The Estonia GSPS was a school-based survey of school personnel from the schools that participated in the 2007 Estonia GYTS.

The GYTS was conducted in schools having students in forms 7, 8 and 9. For the GYTS, a two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for all of Estonia. 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 80.0%. For the GSPS, 42.6% of the school personnel completed the survey, for a total of 851 teachers & administrators.

Prevalence of Tobacco Use among School Personnel

57.1% ever smoked cigarettes (Admin = 76.3%, Teachers = 55.8%)
 25.3% currently use any tobacco product (Admin = 22.7%, Teachers = 25.5%)
 21.7% currently smoke cigarettes (Admin = 13.0%, Teachers = 22.3%)
 9.6% currently use other tobacco products (Admin = 14.3%, Teachers = 9.3%)
 6.4% smoked on school property in the past year (Admin = 13.9%, Teachers = 5.9%)

School Policies Prohibiting Tobacco Use

97.4% agree schools should have policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
 98.0% report school has policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
 90.4% agree schools should have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
 77.5% report school has a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
 97.9% report school enforces policies on tobacco use for students and personnel

Access to Teaching Materials and Training

67.9% schools include tobacco use prevention in school curriculum
 74.3% think teachers need specific training to help students avoid tobacco use
 78.1% teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use
 25.0% teachers had ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention
 67.3% schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention

Attitudes

95.8% think smoke from others is harmful to them
 74.3% think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use
 63.5% think the price of tobacco products should be increased
 53.7% think the tobacco industry deliberately encourages youth to use tobacco

Highlights

- One-quarter of school personnel currently use any tobacco product; 21.7% currently smoke cigarettes and 9.6% currently use other tobacco products.
- Nearly all schools have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among students; over three-quarters have a policy for personnel; almost all schools enforce their policies.
- Two-thirds of the schools include tobacco use prevention in school curriculum.
- Nearly four in five teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use.
- One-quarter of the teachers have ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention.
- Two-thirds of the schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention.
- Three-quarters think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use.