

Islamic Republic of Iran

Global School Personnel Survey (GSPS)

FACT SHEET

The Islamic Republic of Iran 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 Islamic Republic of Iran could include in a comprehensive tobacco control program.

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

The GYTS was conducted in schools having students in 2nd and 3rd grade in middle school, and 1st grade in high school. For the GYTS, a two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for all of Islamic Republic of Iran. 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 83.7%. For the GSPS, 75.4% of the school personnel completed the survey, for a total of 387 teachers & administrators.

Prevalence of Tobacco Use among School Personnel

24.1% ever smoked cigarettes (Admin = 28.3%, Teachers = 23.4%)
 27.8% ever smoked shisha (Admin = 32.9%, Teachers = 26.9%)
 12.3% currently use any tobacco product (Admin = 7.7%, Teachers = 13.1%)
 8.8% currently smoke cigarettes (Admin = 5.4%, Teachers = 9.4%)
 7.0% currently use other tobacco products (Admin = 4.5%, Teachers = 7.4%)
 6.4% smoked on school property in the past year (Admin = 5.8%, Teachers = 6.5%)

School Policies Prohibiting Tobacco Use

94.6% agree schools should have policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
 61.3% report school has policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
 91.4% agree schools should have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
 55.0% report school has a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
 87.4% report school enforces policies on tobacco use for students and personnel

Access to Teaching Materials and Training

19.1% schools include tobacco use prevention in school curriculum
 77.1% think teachers need specific training to help students avoid tobacco use
 26.0% teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use
 12.1% teachers had ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention
 17.9% schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention

Attitudes

91.6% think smoking should be banned from public places
 96.5% think smoke from others is harmful to them
 77.1% think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use
 90.1% think tobacco product advertising should be completely banned
 72.5% think the price of tobacco products should be increased
 68.4% think the tobacco industry deliberately encourages youth to use tobacco

Highlights

- 12.3% of school personnel currently use any tobacco product; 8.8% currently smoke cigarettes and 7.0% currently use other tobacco products.
- Six in 10 schools have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among students; over half have a policy for personnel; Over 4 in 5 schools enforce their policies.
- One in five schools include tobacco use prevention in school curriculum.
- One-quarter of the teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use.
- 12.1% of teachers have ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention.
- One in five schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention.
- Nine in 10 think smoking should be banned from public places.
- Over three-quarters think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use.