

Lao People's Democratic Republic – Vientiane Capital

Global School Personnel Survey (GSPS)

FACT SHEET

The Lao People's Democratic Republic - Vientiane Capital 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 Lao People's Democratic Republic - Vientiane Capital could include in a comprehensive tobacco control program.

The Lao People's Democratic Republic - Vientiane Capital GSPS was a school-based survey of school personnel from the schools that participated in the 2007 Lao People's Democratic Republic - Vientiane Capital GYTS.

The GYTS was conducted in schools having students in 2nd & 3rd year of secondary school, and 1st & 2nd year of upper secondary school. For the GYTS, a two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for all of Lao People's Democratic Republic - Vientiane Capital. 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, 100.0% of the school personnel completed the survey, for a total of 504 teachers and administrators.

Prevalence of Tobacco Use among School Personnel

29.0% ever smoked cigarettes (Admin = 51.2%, Teachers = 26.7%)
 18.8% currently use any tobacco product (Admin = 27.7%, Teachers = 17.9%)
 17.8% currently smoke cigarettes (Admin = 27.7%, Teachers = 16.8%)
 4.2% currently use other tobacco products (Admin = 3.5%, Teachers = 4.3%)
 16.5% smoked on school property in the past year (Admin = 24.7%, Teachers = 15.6%)

School Policies Prohibiting Tobacco Use

95.7% agree schools should have policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
 84.5% report school has policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
 91.1% agree schools should have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
 74.0% report school has a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
 97.2% report school enforces policies on tobacco use for students and personnel

Access to Teaching Materials and Training

43.0% schools include tobacco use prevention in school curriculum
 98.4% think teachers need specific training to help students avoid tobacco use
 22.6% teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use
 33.0% teachers had ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention
 31.7% schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention

Attitudes

93.2% think smoking should be banned from public places
 98.7% think smoke from others is harmful to them
 86.9% think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use
 89.2% think tobacco product advertising should be completely banned
 62.4% think the price of tobacco products should be increased
 43.6% think the tobacco industry deliberately encourages youth to use tobacco

Highlights

- 18.8% of school personnel currently use any tobacco product; 17.8% currently smoke cigarettes and 4.2% currently use other tobacco products.
- Over 8 in 10 schools have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among students; three-quarters have a policy for personnel; Nearly all schools enforce their policies.
- More than 2 in 5 schools include tobacco use prevention in school curriculum.
- Over 1 in 5 teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use.
- One-third of the teachers have ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention.
- Over 3 in 10 schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention.
- More than 9 in 10 think smoking should be banned from public places.
- 86.9% think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use.