

Mongolia

Global School Personnel Survey (GSPS)

FACT SHEET

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

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

The GYTS was conducted in schools having students in grades 5, 6, 7, 8, 9 and 10. For the GYTS, a two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for all of Mongolia. 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 92.0%. For the GSPS, 95.5% of the school personnel completed the survey, for a total of 1,645 teachers and administrators.

Prevalence of Tobacco Use among School Personnel

23.2% ever smoked cigarettes (Admin = 23.1%, Teachers = 23.2%)
 19.4% currently use any tobacco product (Admin = 19.8%, Teachers = 19.3%)
 16.6% currently smoke cigarettes (Admin = 19.3%, Teachers = 16.4%)
 5.6% currently use other tobacco products (Admin = 6.3%, Teachers = 5.5%)
 12.6% smoked on school property in the past year (Admin = 13.3%, Teachers = 12.6%)

School Policies Prohibiting Tobacco Use

94.7% agree schools should have policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
 71.5% report school has policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
 94.4% agree schools should have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
 65.7% report school has a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
 86.8% report school enforces policies on tobacco use for students and personnel

Access to Teaching Materials and Training

41.9% schools include tobacco use prevention in school curriculum
 82.3% think teachers need specific training to help students avoid tobacco use
 46.1% teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use
 25.7% teachers had ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention
 36.8% schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention

Attitudes

91.3% think smoking should be banned from public places
 96.4% think smoke from others is harmful to them
 93.3% think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use
 82.4% think tobacco product advertising should be completely banned
 67.4% think the price of tobacco products should be increased
 51.7% think the tobacco industry deliberately encourages youth to use tobacco

Highlights

- 19.4% of school personnel currently use any tobacco product; 16.6% currently smoke cigarettes and 5.6% currently use other tobacco products.
- Seven in 10 schools have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among students; nearly two-thirds have a policy for personnel; nearly nine in 10 schools enforce their policies.
- Two in 5 schools include tobacco use prevention in school curriculum.
- Close to half the teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use.
- One-quarter of the teachers have ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention.
- Over one-third of the schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention.
- 91.3% think smoking should be banned from public places.
- More than 9 in 10 think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use.