

Oman

Global School Personnel Survey (GSPS)

FACT SHEET

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

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

The GYTS was conducted in schools having students in grades 7th, 8th, 9th and 10th. For the GYTS, a two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for all of Oman. 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 1,903 teachers & administrators.

Prevalence of Tobacco Use among School Personnel

19.7% ever smoked cigarettes (Admin = 36.1%, Teachers = 19.0%)
 12.6% ever smoked shisha (Admin = 12.4%, Teachers = 12.7%)
 11.6% currently use any tobacco product (Admin = 19.6%, Teachers = 11.2%)
 9.7% currently smoke cigarettes (Admin = 16.7%, Teachers = 9.4%)
 7.2% currently use other tobacco products (Admin = 15.7%, Teachers = 6.8%)
 3.2% smoked on school property in the past year (Admin = 14.8%, Teachers = 2.7%)

School Policies Prohibiting Tobacco Use

96.2% agree schools should have policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
 87.1% report school has policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
 94.6% agree schools should have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
 78.1% report school has a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
 92.9% report school enforces policies on tobacco use for students and personnel

Access to Teaching Materials and Training

69.5% schools include tobacco use prevention in school curriculum
 80.8% think teachers need specific training to help students avoid tobacco use
 42.3% teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use
 9.8% teachers had ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention
 36.6% schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention

Attitudes

90.4% think smoking should be banned from public places
 96.6% think smoke from others is harmful to them
 95.6% think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use
 93.2% think tobacco product advertising should be completely banned
 84.5% think the price of tobacco products should be increased
 94.1% think the tobacco industry deliberately encourages youth to use tobacco

Highlights

- 11.6% of school personnel currently use any tobacco product; 9.7% currently smoke cigarettes and 7.2% currently use other tobacco products.
- More than four in five schools have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among students; over three-quarters have a policy for personnel; Nine in 10 schools enforce their policies.
- Seven in 10 schools include tobacco use prevention in school curriculum.
- Two in 5 teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use.
- 9.8% of teachers have ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention.
- More than one-third of the schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention.
- Nine in 10 think smoking should be banned from public places.
- 95.6% think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use.