

Qatar

Global School Personnel Survey (GSPS)

FACT SHEET

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

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

The GYTS was conducted in schools having students in 7th, 8th and 9th grades. For the GYTS, a two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for all of Qatar. 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 96.0%. For the GSPS, 85.7% of the school personnel completed the survey, for a total of 84 administrators.

Prevalence of Tobacco Use among School Personnel

35.4% ever smoked cigarettes (Admin = 35.4%)
 4.2% ever used Swaika (Admin = 4.2%)
 25.8% currently use any tobacco product (Admin = 25.8%)
 19.6% currently smoke cigarettes (Admin = 19.6%)
 13.3% currently use other tobacco products (Admin = 13.3%)
 11.8% smoked on school property in the past year (Admin = 11.8%)

School Policies Prohibiting Tobacco Use

95.7% agree schools should have policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
 94.3% report school has policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
 94.3% agree schools should have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
 87.9% report school has a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
 93.6% report school enforces policies on tobacco use for students and personnel

Access to Teaching Materials and Training

45.4% schools include tobacco use prevention in school curriculum
 89.5% think teachers need specific training to help students avoid tobacco use
 39.5% schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention

Attitudes

93.3% think smoking should be banned from public places
 93.6% think smoke from others is harmful to them
 93.8% think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use
 92.7% think tobacco product advertising should be completely banned
 76.3% think the price of tobacco products should be increased
 83.1% think the tobacco industry deliberately encourages youth to use tobacco

Highlights

- 25.8% of school personnel currently use any tobacco product; 19.6% currently smoke cigarettes and 13.3% currently use other tobacco products.
- Nine in 10 schools have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among students and personnel; More than nine in 10 schools enforce their policies.
- Half of the schools include tobacco use prevention in school curriculum.
- Two in five schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention.
- More than nine in 10 think smoking should be banned from public places.
- 93.8% think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use.