

Seychelles Global School Personnel Survey (GSPS)

FACT SHEET

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

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

The GYTS was conducted in schools having students in S1, S2, S3, S4 and S5. For the GYTS, a two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for all of Seychelles. 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, 82.4% of the school personnel completed the survey, for a total of 516 teachers & administrators.

Prevalence of Tobacco Use among School Personnel

50.5% ever smoked cigarettes (Admin = 46.3%, Teachers = 51.8%)
14.2% currently use any tobacco product (Admin = 11.2%, Teachers = 15.1%)
13.4% currently smoke cigarettes (Admin = 10.5%, Teachers = 14.3%)
3.1% currently use other tobacco products (Admin = 3.1%, Teachers = 3.1%)
4.5% smoked on school property in the past year (Admin = 3.8%, Teachers = 4.8%)

School Policies Prohibiting Tobacco Use

97.9% agree schools should have policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
93.7% report school has policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
94.1% agree schools should have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
68.2% report school has a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
97.0% report school enforces policies on tobacco use for students and personnel

Access to Teaching Materials and Training

53.2% schools include tobacco use prevention in school curriculum
72.8% think teachers need specific training to help students avoid tobacco use
38.9% teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use
15.9% teachers had ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention
46.3% schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention

Attitudes

91.9% think smoking should be banned from public places
97.3% think smoke from others is harmful to them
75.7% think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use
82.1% think tobacco product advertising should be completely banned
77.3% think the price of tobacco products should be increased
64.2% think the tobacco industry deliberately encourages youth to use tobacco

Highlights

- 14.2% of school personnel currently use any tobacco product; 13.4% currently smoke cigarettes and 3.1% currently use other tobacco products.
- Over 9 in 10 schools have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among students; two-thirds have a policy for personnel; Nearly all of the schools enforce their policies.
- More than half the schools include tobacco use prevention in school curriculum.
- Close to 2 in 5 teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use.
- 15.9% of teachers have ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention.
- Nearly half the schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention.
- Over 9 in 10 think smoking should be banned from public places.
- Three-quarters think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use.