

# Taiwan - Jr. High School Global School Personnel Survey (GSPS) FACT SHEET . . . . .

The Taiwan - Jr. High School 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 Taiwan could include in a comprehensive tobacco control program.

The Taiwan - Jr. High School GSPS was a school-based survey of school personnel from the schools that participated in the 2007 Taiwan - Jr. High School GYTS.

The GYTS was conducted in schools having students in junior high grades 1, 2 and 3. For the GYTS, a two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for all of Taiwan. 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, 68.6% of the school personnel completed the survey, for a total of 3,815 teachers and administrators.

## Prevalence of Tobacco Use among School Personnel

17.0% ever smoked cigarettes (Admin = 42.8%, Teachers = 16.7%)  
6.1% currently use any tobacco product (Admin = 23.4%, Teachers = 6.0%)  
6.1% currently smoke cigarettes (Admin = 23.4%, Teachers = 5.9%)  
0.6% currently use other tobacco products (Admin = 0.0%, Teachers = 0.6%)  
3.5% smoked on school property in the past year (Admin = 31.2%, Teachers = 3.2%)

## School Policies Prohibiting Tobacco Use

98.6% agree schools should have policy prohibiting tobacco use among students  
95.4% report school has policy prohibiting tobacco use among students  
89.0% agree schools should have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel  
64.0% report school has a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel  
99.2% report school enforces policies on tobacco use for students and personnel

## Access to Teaching Materials and Training

52.1% schools include tobacco use prevention in school curriculum  
78.5% think teachers need specific training to help students avoid tobacco use  
61.2% teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use  
11.0% teachers had ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention  
72.4% schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention

## Attitudes

95.4% think smoking should be banned from public places  
98.7% think smoke from others is harmful to them  
95.6% think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use  
64.2% think tobacco product advertising should be completely banned  
76.8% think the price of tobacco products should be increased  
80.2% think the tobacco industry deliberately encourages youth to use tobacco

## Highlights

- 6.1% of school personnel currently use any tobacco product; 6.1% currently smoke cigarettes and 0.6% currently use other tobacco products.
- Over nine in 10 schools have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among students; nearly two-thirds have a policy for personnel; almost all schools enforce their policies.
- Half of all schools include tobacco use prevention in school curriculum.
- Three in five of the teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use.
- 11.0% of teachers have ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention.
- Nearly three-quarters 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.