

Lebanon - UNRWA

Global School Personnel Survey (GSPS)

FACT SHEET

The Lebanon - UNRWA 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 Lebanon - UNRWA could include in a comprehensive tobacco control program.

The Lebanon - UNRWA GSPS was a school-based survey of school personnel from the schools that participated in the 2008 Lebanon - UNRWA GYTS. The GYTS was conducted in schools

having students in grades 7, 8, and 9. For the GYTS, a two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for all of Lebanon - UNRWA. 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 341 teachers & administrators.

Prevalence of Tobacco Use among School Personnel

38.4% ever smoked cigarettes (Admin = 27.4%, Teachers = 39.0%)
 33.5% ever smoked shisha (Admin = 49.1%, Teachers = 32.7%)
 34.7% currently use any tobacco product (Admin = 49.7%, Teachers = 33.9%)
 22.9% currently smoke cigarettes (Admin = 22.6%, Teachers = 22.9%)
 20.9% currently use other tobacco products (Admin = 35.9%, Teachers = 20.2%)
 13.3% smoked on school property in the past year (Admin = 8.6%, Teachers = 13.6%)

School Policies Prohibiting Tobacco Use

97.8% agree schools should have policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
 87.0% report school has policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
 86.5% agree schools should have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
 70.7% report school has a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
 75.1% report school enforces policies on tobacco use for students and personnel

Access to Teaching Materials and Training

65.4% schools include tobacco use prevention in school curriculum
 68.9% think teachers need specific training to help students avoid tobacco use
 52.1% teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use
 13.8% teachers had ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention
 30.0% schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention

Attitudes

87.8% think smoking should be banned from public places
 94.5% think smoke from others is harmful to them
 84.1% think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use
 87.9% think tobacco product advertising should be completely banned
 76.4% think the price of tobacco products should be increased
 89.8% think the tobacco industry deliberately encourages youth to use tobacco

Highlights

- Two in five school personnel have ever smoked cigarettes; 22.9% currently smoke cigarettes and 33.5% have ever smoked shisha.
- Nine in 10 schools have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among students; seven in 10 have a policy for personnel; three-quarters enforce their policies.
- More than six in 10 of the schools include tobacco use prevention in school curriculum.
- Five in 10 teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use.
- 13.8% of the teachers have ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention.
- Three in 10 schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention.
- Nearly nine in 10 think smoking should be banned from public places.
- More than eight in 10 think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use.