

Antigua and Barbuda 2009 (Teachers & Administrators) Global School Personnel Survey (GSPS)

FACT SHEET

The Antigua and Barbuda 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 Antigua and Barbuda could include in a comprehensive tobacco control program.

The Antigua and Barbuda GSPS was a school-based survey of school personnel from the schools that participated in the 2009 Antigua and Barbuda GYTS.

The GYTS was conducted in schools having students in Grade 6, Grade 7/Form 1, Grade 8/Form 2, Grade 9/Form 3, and Form 4. For the GYTS, a two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for all of Antigua and Barbuda. 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. For the GSPS, a total of 578 school personnel (teachers and administrators) completed the survey. The overall response rate of all school personnel surveyed was 67.7%.

Prevalence of Tobacco Use

21.0% ever smoked cigarettes (Teachers = 21.7%)
3.2% currently use any tobacco product (Teachers = 3.4%)
1.6% currently smoke cigarettes (Teachers = 1.7%)
2.2% currently use other tobacco products (Teachers = 2.4%)
0.7% smoked on school property in the past year (Teachers = 0.8%)

School Policies Prohibiting Tobacco Use

97.6% agree schools should have policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
72.0% report school has policy prohibiting tobacco use among students
96.2% agree schools should have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
58.3% report school has a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel
90.4% report school enforces policies on tobacco use for students and personnel

Access to Teaching Materials and Training

37.1% schools include tobacco use prevention in school curriculum
64.6% think teachers need specific training to help students avoid tobacco use
30.2% teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use
8.7% teachers had ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention
30.3% schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention

Attitudes

94.0% think smoking should be banned from public places
97.3% think smoke from others is harmful to them
82.3% think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use
66.7% think tobacco product advertising should be completely banned
78.3% think the price of tobacco products should be increased
61.3% think the tobacco industry deliberately encourages youth to use tobacco

Highlights

- 3.2% of teachers and administrators currently use any tobacco product; 1.6% currently smokes cigarettes and 2.2% currently use other tobacco products.
- 97.6% schools have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among students; 58.3% have a policy for personnel; nine in 10 schools enforce their policies.
- Almost four in 10 schools include tobacco use prevention in school curriculum.
- Three in 10 teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use.
- 8.7% of teachers have ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention.
- Three in 10 schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention.
- More than nine in 10 think smoking should be banned from public places.
- More than four in five think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use