

# Senegal - Nursing Students (3<sup>rd</sup> Year Students Only) Global Health Professions Student Survey (GHPSS)

## FACT SHEET . . . . .

The Senegal nursing students GHPSS includes data on prevalence of cigarette smoking and use of other tobacco products, knowledge and attitudes about tobacco use, exposure to second-hand smoke, desire for smoking cessation, and training received during nursing school regarding patient counseling on smoking cessation techniques.

This information could be very useful in monitoring and developing Senegal's comprehensive tobacco control program. The Senegal nursing students GHPSS was a census of 3<sup>rd</sup> year nursing students attending the 1 nursing school in Senegal conducted in 2009. A total of 176 3<sup>rd</sup> year students participated in the Senegal nursing students GHPSS. The overall response rate of all nursing students surveyed was 96.3%.

### Prevalence

42.3% ever smoked cigarettes (Males = 67.9%, Females = 20.4%)  
8.0% currently smoke cigarettes (Males = 15.0%, Females = 2.1%)  
14.5% ever used any form of tobacco other than cigarettes (Males = 15.4%, Females = 13.9%)  
2.3% currently use any form of tobacco other than cigarettes (Males = 2.5%, Females = 2.2%)  
37.0% of ever smokers smoked on school premises/property during the past year  
25.6% of ever smokers smoked in school buildings during the past year

### Factors Influencing Tobacco Use

29.0% were exposed to second-hand smoke at home, during the past week  
64.5% were exposed to second-hand smoke in public places during the past week  
36.7% reported that their school had a ban on smoking in school buildings and clinics  
58.6% who have an official policy banning smoking in school buildings and clinics and the policy is enforced  
95.9% thought smoking should be banned in all enclosed public places  
96.0% thought tobacco sales to adolescents should be banned  
85.2% thought there should be a complete ban on advertising tobacco products  
84.4% were taught about the dangers of smoking during nursing school training

### Role Model and Cessation Training

76.0% thought health professionals serve as role models for their patients  
98.3% thought health professionals have a role in giving advice about smoking cessation to patients  
24.7% received formal training in smoking cessation approaches during nursing school  
98.9% thought health professionals should get specific training on cessation techniques

### Highlights

**8.0% currently smoke cigarettes and 2.3% currently use other tobacco products**

**64.5% were exposed to smoke in public places**

**95.9% support a ban on smoking in all enclosed public places**

**24.7% received training to provide patients with cessation approaches**

**98.9% think health professionals should get specific training on cessation techniques to use with patients**

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