

# global school personnel survey

## Country fact sheets

The World Health Organization (WHO) and the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC), Atlanta, developed the Global School Personnel Survey to track tobacco use among school personnel across countries using a common methodology and core questionnaire. Information from the Survey is compiled within the participating country by a Research Coordinator nominated by the Ministry of Health, and technically reviewed by WHO and CDC. The content has not otherwise been edited by WHO or CDC.

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# Tunisia Global School Personnel Survey (GSPS) FACT SHEET . . . . .

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

The Tunisia GSPS was a school-based survey of school personnel from the schools that participated in the 2007 Tunisia 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 Tunisia. 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, 67.3% of the school personnel completed the survey, for a total of 1,754 teachers & administrators.

## Prevalence of Tobacco Use among School Personnel

41.6% ever smoked cigarettes (Admin = 67.2%, Teachers = 40.1%)  
23.0% ever used shisha (Admin = 32.8%, Teachers = 22.5%)  
29.8% currently use any tobacco product (Admin = 37.8%, Teachers = 29.4%)  
29.1% currently smoke cigarettes (Admin = 36.9%, Teachers = 28.6%)  
5.5% currently use other tobacco products (Admin = 8.8%, Teachers = 5.3%)  
20.0% smoked on school property in the past year (Admin = 27.7%, Teachers = 19.6%)

## School Policies Prohibiting Tobacco Use

94.0% agree schools should have policy prohibiting tobacco use among students  
64.8% report school has policy prohibiting tobacco use among students  
86.2% agree schools should have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel  
31.4% report school has a policy prohibiting tobacco use among personnel  
80.5% report school enforces policies on tobacco use for students and personnel

## Access to Teaching Materials and Training

46.5% schools include tobacco use prevention in school curriculum  
81.3% think teachers need specific training to help students avoid tobacco use  
24.1% teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use  
6.1% teachers had ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention  
11.5% schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention

## Attitudes

90.7% think smoking should be banned from public places  
94.8% think smoke from others is harmful to them  
94.5% think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use  
89.1% think tobacco product advertising should be completely banned  
69.0% think the price of tobacco products should be increased  
83.5% think the tobacco industry deliberately encourages youth to use tobacco

## Highlights

- Three in 10 school personnel currently use any tobacco product; 29.1% currently smoke cigarettes and 5.5% currently use other tobacco products.
- Nearly two-thirds of the schools have a policy prohibiting tobacco use among students; one-third has a policy for personnel; eight in 10 schools enforce their policies.
- Close to half the schools include tobacco use prevention in school curriculum.
- One-quarter of the teachers have access to teaching materials on tobacco use.
- 6.1% of teachers have ever received training on youth tobacco use prevention.
- 11.5% of schools use non-classroom programs to teach youth tobacco use prevention.
- Nine in 10 think smoking should be banned from public places.
- 94.5% think teacher tobacco use influences youth tobacco use.