

Niger (Ages 13-15) Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS)



FACT SHEET

The Niger GYTS includes data on prevalence of cigarette and other tobacco use as well as information on five determinants of tobacco use: access/availability and price, exposure to secondhand smoke (SHS), cessation, media and advertising, and school curriculum. These determinants are components Niger could include in a comprehensive tobacco control program.

The Niger GYTS was a school-based survey of students in 6ème, 5ème, and 4ème conducted in 2009.

A two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for Niger. 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%, the class response rate was 100.0%, the student response rate was 95.9%, and the overall response rate was 95.9%. A total of 1,307 students aged 13-15 participated in the Niger GYTS.

Prevalence

- 12.8% of students had ever smoked cigarettes (Boy = 20.5%, Girl = 5.8%)
- 8.6% currently use any tobacco product (Boy = 11.8%, Girl = 5.6%)
- 3.5% currently smoke cigarettes (Boy = 6.8%, Girl = 0.6%)
- 5.4% currently use other tobacco products (Boy = 5.9%, Girl = 5.0%)
- 9.9% of never smokers are likely to initiate smoking next year

Knowledge and Attitudes

- 40.0% think boys and 31.5% think girls who smoke have more friends
- 35.2% think boys and 30.2% think girls who smoke look more attractive

Access and Availability - Current Smokers

- 40.0% buy cigarettes in a store

Exposure to Secondhand Smoke (SHS)

- 24.1% live in homes where others smoke in their presence
- 54.3% are around others who smoke in places outside their home
- 64.3% think smoking should be banned from public places
- 72.6% think smoke from others is harmful to them
- 8.7% have one or more parents who smoke
- 4.0% have most or all friends who smoke

Cessation - Current Smokers

- 76.5% have ever received help to stop smoking

Media and Advertising

- 74.0% saw anti-smoking media messages, in the past 30 days
- 18.5% have an object with a cigarette brand logo
- 6.0% were offered free cigarettes by a tobacco company representative

School

- 19.3% had discussed in class, during the past year, reasons why people their age smoke
- 26.7% had been taught in class, during the past year, the effects of tobacco use

Highlights

- 8.6% of students currently use any form of tobacco; 3.5% currently smoke cigarettes; 5.4% currently use some other form of tobacco.
- SHS exposure is moderate – nearly one-quarter of the students live in homes where others smoke, and over half of the students are exposed to smoke around others outside of the home; almost one in 10 students have at least one parent who smokes.
- More than seven in 10 students think smoke from others is harmful to them.
- Over six in 10 students think smoking in public places should be banned.
- 18.5% of students have an object with a cigarette brand logo on it.
- Nearly three-quarters of the students saw anti-smoking media messages in the past 30 days.