



Libya

2007 Fact Sheet

The **2007 Libya GSHS** measured unintentional injuries and violence; hygiene; dietary behaviours and overweight; physical activity; tobacco use; and protective factors.

The 2007 Libya GSHS was a school-based survey of students in Grade 7, Grade 8, and Grade 9. A two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce data representative of all students in Grade 7, Grade 8, and Grade 9 in Libya. 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%, the student response rate was 98%, and the overall response rate was 98%. A total of 2,242 students participated in the Libya GSHS. Students self-reported their responses to each question on a computer scannable answer sheet. For comparison purposes, only students aged 13-15 years are included in the analyses for this fact sheet.

Results for students aged 13-15 years	Total	Boys	Girls
Dietary Behaviours and Overweight			
Percentage of students who went hungry most of the time or always during the past 30 days because there was not enough food in their home	13.6 ± 2.4	15.9 ± 4.0	11.4 ± 1.8
Percentage of students who are overweight*	26.0 ± 2.9	23.4 ± 3.7	28.7 ± 3.9
Percentage of students who are obese**	8.2 ± 1.3	7.6 ± 2.1	8.7 ± 2.1
Hygiene			
Percentage of students who never or rarely washed their hands before eating during the past 30 days	8.6 ± 2.3	11.1 ± 3.2	5.9 ± 2.2
Percentage of students who never or rarely washed their hands after using the toilet or latrine during the past 30 days	6.9 ± 1.8	8.1 ± 2.5	5.5 ± 1.8
Physical Activity			
Percentage of students who were physically active for a total of at least 60 minutes per day on all 7 days during the past 7 days	16.1 ± 2.9	21.0 ± 4.1	10.8 ± 2.4
Percentage of students who spent three or more hours per day during a typical or usual day sitting and watching television, playing computer games, talking with friends, or doing other sitting activities	28.6 ± 3.4	29.7 ± 3.8	27.4 ± 4.2
Protective Factors			
Percentage of students who missed classes or school without permission on one or more days during the past 30 days	37.5 ± 2.8	42.1 ± 4.6	32.0 ± 3.4
Percentage of students who reported that most of the students in their school were never or rarely kind and helpful during the past 30 days	40.6 ± 3.3	45.3 ± 5.3	35.0 ± 4.3
Percentage of students whose parents or guardians never or rarely really knew what they were doing with their free time during the past 30 days	39.6 ± 3.0	42.2 ± 3.8	36.8 ± 3.9
Tobacco Use			
Percentage of students who smoked cigarettes on one or more days during the past 30 days	4.2 ± 1.1	7.1 ± 1.9	1.1 ± 0.9
Percentage of students who used any tobacco products other than cigarettes on one or more days during the past 30 days	6.0 ± 1.8	8.8 ± 2.6	2.8 ± 1.4
Percentage of students who reported people smoking in their presence on one or more days during the past 7 days	45.5 ± 2.8	45.1 ± 3.6	45.7 ± 5.4



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Unintentional Injuries and Violence			
Percentage of students who were physically attacked one or more times during the past 12 months	29.5 ± 3.4	42.4 ± 5.8	16.0 ± 2.8
Percentage of students who were in a physical fight one or more times during the past 12 months	39.8 ± 4.5	55.7 ± 5.6	23.0 ± 4.0
Percentage of students who were seriously injured one or more times during the past 12 months	40.3 ± 3.6	49.5 ± 4.1	30.6 ± 4.0
Percentage of students who were bullied on one or more days during the past 30 days	35.3 ± 3.8	40.0 ± 5.0	30.5 ± 4.9

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