

# St. Kitts and Nevis (Ages 13-15) Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS)



## FACT SHEET . . . . .

The St. Kitts and Nevis 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 St. Kitts and Nevis could include in a comprehensive tobacco control program.

The St. Kitts and Nevis GYTS was a school-based survey of students in Forms 1-4 conducted in 2010.

A census was done of all schools containing Forms 1-4. A selection of students in all schools was surveyed. The school response rate was 100.0%, the class response rate was 100.0%, the student response rate was 73.9%, and the overall response rate was 73.9%. A total of 770 students aged 13-15 participated in the St. Kitts and Nevis GYTS.

### Prevalence

- 21.0% of students had ever smoked cigarettes (Boy = 24.7%, Girl = 16.8%)
- 9.2% currently use any tobacco product (Boy = 10.4%, Girl = 7.8%)
- 4.0% currently smoke cigarettes (Boy = 4.8%, Girl = 3.2%)
- 6.2% currently use other tobacco products (Boy = 6.9%, Girl = 5.3%)

### Knowledge and Attitudes

- 37.6% think boys and 15.1% think girls who smoke have more friends
- 8.8% think boys and 5.8% think girls who smoke look more attractive

### Exposure to Secondhand Smoke (SHS)

- 20.7% live in homes where others smoke in their presence
- 71.6% think smoking should be banned from public places
- 63.6% think smoke from others is harmful to them
- 13.8% have one or more parents who smoke
- 4.3% have most or all friends who smoke

### Media and Advertising

- 33.1% saw pro-cigarette ads in newspapers or magazines, in the past 30 days
- 10.9% have an object with a cigarette brand logo
- 7.9% were offered free cigarettes by a tobacco company representative

### School

- 34.4% had been taught in class, during the past year, about the dangers of smoking
- 18.8% had discussed in class, during the past year, reasons why people their age smoke
- 32.6% had been taught in class, during the past year, the effects of tobacco use

### Highlights

- Almost one in 10 students currently use any form of tobacco; 4.0% currently smoke cigarettes; 6.2% currently use some other form of tobacco.
- SHS exposure is moderate – one in five students live in homes where others smoke; 13.8% of students have at least one parent who smokes.
- Over six in 10 students think smoke from others is harmful to them.
- More than seven in 10 students think smoking in public places should be banned.
- One in 10 students have an object with a cigarette brand logo on it.
- One-third of students saw pro-tobacco ads in newspapers or magazines in the past 30 days.