

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



FACT SHEET

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

The Armenia GYTS was a school-based survey of students in grades 8, 9, and 10 conducted in 2009.

A two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for Armenia. 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 80.0%, and the overall response rate was 78.0%. A total of 2,610 students aged 13-15 participated in the Armenia GYTS.

Prevalence

- 19.1% of students had ever smoked cigarettes (Boys = 30.0%, Girls = 9.9%)
- 7.3% currently use any tobacco product (Boys = 10.9%, Girls = 4.3%)
- 3.3% currently smoke cigarettes (Boys = 6.1%, Girls = 1.0%)
- 1.2% currently daily cigarette smokers (Boys = 2.3%, Girls = 0.3%)
- 5.9% used any form of tobacco other than cigarettes in the past 30 days (Boys = 8.3%, Girls = 3.7%)
- 44.9% ever smokers initiated smoking before age ten (Boys = 40.4%, Girls = 57.3%)
- 13.7% of never smokers are likely to initiate smoking next year (Boys = 15.4%, Girls = 12.9%)

Access and Availability - Current Smokers

- 22.3% usually smoke in public places
- 61.7% buy cigarettes in a store
- 75.2% who bought cigarettes in a store were NOT refused purchase because of their age

Exposure to Secondhand Smoke (SHS)

- 70.6% live in homes where others smoke in their presence
- 78.3% are around others who smoke in places outside their home
- 86.0% think smoking should be banned from public places
- 71.5% think smoke from others is harmful to them
- 64.1% have one or more parents who smoke
- 7.2% have most or all friends who smoke

Cessation - Current Smokers

- 57.7% want to stop smoking
- 78.7% tried to stop smoking during the past year
- 82.0% have ever received help to stop smoking
- 22.7% always have or feel like having a cigarette first thing in the morning

Media and Advertising

- 99.5% saw anti-smoking media messages in the past 30 days
- 74.6% saw pro-cigarette ads at point of sale in the past 30 days
- 50.2% saw pro-cigarette ads in newspapers or magazines in the past 30 days
- 22.0% have an object with a cigarette brand logo
- 7.4% were offered free cigarettes by a tobacco company representative

School

- 64.1% had been taught in class, during the past year, about the dangers of smoking
- 43.4% had discussed in class, during the past year, reasons why people their age smoke
- 55.5% had been taught in class, during the past year, the effects of tobacco use

Highlights

- 7.3% of students currently use any form of tobacco; 3.3% currently smoke cigarettes; 5.9% currently use some other form of tobacco.
- SHS exposure is high – Seven in 10 students live in homes where others smoke, and close to 4 in 5 students are exposed to smoke around others outside of the home; Nearly two-thirds of the students have at least one parent who smokes.
- Seven in 10 students think smoke from others is harmful to them.
- Nearly 9 in 10 students think smoking in public places should be banned.
- Close to 3 in 5 current smokers want to stop smoking.
- More than 1 in 5 students have an object with a cigarette brand logo on it.
- Nearly all of the students saw anti-smoking media messages in the past 30 days; three-quarters of the students saw pro-cigarette ads at point of sale and half saw pro-tobacco ads in newspapers or magazines in the past 30 days.