

# Cyprus 2011 (Ages 13-15) Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS) FACT SHEET . . . . .



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

The Cyprus GYTS was a school-based survey of students in middle school grades 7-9 and high school grades 10-12 conducted in 2011.

A two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for Cyprus. 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. A total of 1,318 students participated in the Cyprus GYTS of which 748 were ages 13 to 15 years. The overall response rate of all students surveyed was 31.1%. The results were not weighted due to the lower overall response rate.

## Prevalence

- 30.4% of students had ever smoked cigarettes (Boys = 39.8%, Girls = 21.5%)
- 19.5% currently use any tobacco product (Boys = 28.7%, Girls = 10.8%)
- 13.9% currently smoke cigarettes (Boys = 20.7%, Girls = 7.5%)
  - 4.8% currently daily manufactured cigarette smokers (Boys = 7.5%, Girls = 2.4%)
  - 5.9% currently smoke cigars (Boys = 10.4%, Girls = 1.6%)
- 20.3% ever smokers initiated smoking before age ten (Boys = 22.0%, Girls = 17.3%)
- 19.1% of never smokers are likely to initiate smoking next year (Boys = 21.0%, Girls = 17.8%)

## Access and Availability - Current Smokers

- 20.7% usually smoke at home
- 46.7% buy cigarettes in a store

## Exposure to Secondhand Smoke (SHS)

- 81.4% live in homes where others smoke in their presence
- 90.1% are around others who smoke in places outside their home
- 19.4% think smoking should be banned from public places
- 63.6% think smoke from others is harmful to them
- 50.3% have one or more parents who smoke
- 13.8% have most or all friends who smoke

## Cessation - Current Smokers

- 32.2% want to stop smoking
- 55.6% tried to stop smoking during the past year
- 72.0% have ever received help to stop smoking
- 27.4% always have or feel like having a cigarette first thing in the morning

## Media and Advertising

- 15.9% have an object with a cigarette brand logo
- 19.4% were offered free cigarettes by a tobacco company representative

## School

- 56.0% had been taught in class, during the past year, about the dangers of smoking
- 45.9% had discussed in class, during the past year, reasons why people their age smoke

## Highlights

- 19.5% of students currently use any form of tobacco; 13.9% currently smoke cigarettes; 5.9% currently smoke cigars
- SHS exposure – eight in 10 students live in homes where others smoke, and nine in 10 students are around others who smoke in places outside their home; half the students have at least one parent who smokes
- One in 5 students think smoking in public places should be banned
- Over three in 5 students think smoke from others is harmful to them
- One-third of the current smokers want to stop smoking
- 15.9% of students have an object with a cigarette brand logo on it
- One in 5 were offered free cigarettes by a tobacco company representative