

Poland - Rural (Ages 13-15)

Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS)

FACT SHEET



The Poland - Rural 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 Poland - Rural could include in a comprehensive tobacco control program.

The Poland - Rural GYTS was a school-based survey of students in 1ST CL GYM, 8 CL PS, 1ST CL T-SS, 1ST CL CO, 1ST CL CO W/P and 1ST CL T-CO conducted in 1999.

A two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for Poland - Rural. 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 student response rate was 90.9%, and the overall response rate was 90.9%. A total of 1,525 students aged 13-15 participated in the Poland - Rural GYTS.

Prevalence

57.6% of students had ever smoked cigarettes (Boy = 68.0%, Girl = 43.8%)
 18.4% currently use any tobacco product (Boy = 24.0%, Girl = 13.0%)
 15.2% currently smoke cigarettes (Boy = 20.2%, Girl = 10.4%)
 5.4% currently use other tobacco products (Boy = 7.1%, Girl = 3.8%)
 21.1% of never smokers are likely to initiate smoking next year

Knowledge and Attitudes

23.7% think boys and 15.1% think girls who smoke have more friends
 7.1% think boys and 4.0% think girls who smoke look more attractive

Access and Availability - Current Smokers

11.2% usually smoke at home
 36.6% buy cigarettes in a store
 60.2% who bought cigarettes in a store were NOT refused purchase because of their age

Exposure to Secondhand Smoke (SHS)

68.4% live in homes where others smoke in their presence
 62.1% are around others who smoke in places outside their home
 86.5% think smoking should be banned from public places
 63.7% think smoke from others is harmful to them
 67.0% have one or more parents who smoke
 20.3% have most or all friends who smoke

Cessation - Current Smokers

80.9% want to stop smoking
 80.1% tried to stop smoking during the past year
 65.2% have ever received help to stop smoking

Media and Advertising

90.1% saw anti-smoking media messages, in the past 30 days
 84.2% saw pro-cigarette ads on billboards, in the past 30 days
 89.5% saw pro-cigarette ads in newspapers or magazines, in the past 30 days
 20.4% have an object with a cigarette brand logo
 42.2% were offered free cigarettes by a tobacco company representative

School

53.8% had been taught in class, during the past year, about the dangers of smoking
 44.9% had discussed in class, during the past year, reasons why people their age smoke
 41.6% had been taught in class, during the past year, the effects of tobacco use

Highlights

- 18.4% of students currently use any form of tobacco; 15.2% currently smoke cigarettes; 5.4% currently use some other form of tobacco.
- SHS exposure is high – close to 7 in 10 students live in homes where others smoke, and over 6 in 10 students are exposed to smoke around others outside of the home; two-thirds of the students have at least one parent who smokes.
- Nearly two-thirds of the students think smoke from others is harmful to them.
- More than 8 in 10 students think smoking in public places should be banned.
- Eight in 10 current smokers want to stop smoking.
- One in 5 students has an object with a cigarette brand logo on it.
- Nine in 10 students saw anti-smoking media messages in the past 30 days; nearly 9 in 10 students saw pro-cigarette ads on billboards and in newspapers or magazines in the past 30 days.