

Ukraine – Kiev City (13-15)

Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS)

FACT SHEET



The Ukraine - Kiev City 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 Ukraine - Kiev City could include in a comprehensive tobacco control program.

The Ukraine - Kiev City GYTS was a school-based survey of students in Forms 8-10 and professional/technical schools

(course 1 or 2), conducted in 1999. A two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for all of Ukraine - Kiev City. 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 81.4%, and the overall response rate was 81.4%. A total of 4,156 students aged 13-15 participated in the Ukraine - Kiev City GYTS.

Prevalence

77.3% of students had ever smoked cigarettes (Boys = 84.0%, Girls = 69.1%)
 41.2% currently use any tobacco product (Boys = 46.1%, Girls = 34.6%)
 41.1% currently smoke cigarettes (Boys = 46.8%, Girls = 33.8%)
 8.0% currently use other tobacco products (Boys = 9.9%, Girls = 5.6%)
 26.3% of never smokers are likely to initiate smoking next year

Knowledge and Attitudes

23.2% think boys and 14.8% think girls who smoke have more friends
 10.6% think boys and 4.3% think girls who smoke look more attractive

Access and Availability - Current Smokers

6.7% usually smoke at home
 39.2% buy cigarettes in a store
 94.4% who bought cigarettes in a store were NOT refused purchase because of their age

Exposure to Secondhand Smoke (SHS)

49.9% live in homes where others smoke
 74.2% are around others who smoke in places outside their home
 64.2% think smoking should be banned from public places
 50.3% definitely think smoke from others is harmful to them
 58.9% have one or more parents who smoke
 42.8% have most or all friends who smoke

Cessation - Current Smokers

58.0% want to stop smoking
 62.3% tried to stop smoking during the past year
 45.4% have ever received help to stop smoking

Media and Advertising

78.7% saw anti-smoking media messages, in the past 30 days
 87.4% saw pro-cigarette ads in newspapers or magazines, in the past 30 days
 26.1% have an object with a cigarette brand logo
 8.1% were offered free cigarettes by a tobacco company representative

School

51.6% had been taught in class, during the past year, about the dangers of smoking
 36.1% had discussed in class, during the past year, reasons why people their age smoke
 45.7% had been taught in class, during the past year, the effects of tobacco use

Highlights

- 41.2% of students currently use some form of tobacco; 41.1% currently smoke cigarettes; 8% currently use other forms of tobacco.
- SHS exposure is very high – half the students live in homes where others smoke; three-quarters are exposed to smoke in public places; almost 6 in 10 have parents who smoke.
- Over 6 in 10 students think smoking should be banned from public places.
- Half of students think smoke from others is harmful to them.
- Almost 6 in 10 smokers want to stop smoking.
- More than three-quarters of the students saw anti-smoking media messages in the past 30 days; almost 9 in 10 saw pro-cigarette ads in the past 30 days.

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