

Federated States of Micronesia (Ages 13-15)

Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS)

FACT SHEET



The Federated States of Micronesia 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 Federated States of Micronesia could include in a comprehensive tobacco control program.

The Federated States of Micronesia GYTS was a school-based survey of students in grades 7-11 conducted in 2007.

A two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for Federated States of Micronesia. 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 class response rate was 99.2%, the student response rate was 84.7%, and the overall response rate was 84%. A total of 1,363 students ages 13-15 participated in the Federated States of Micronesia GYTS.

Prevalence

45.6% of students had ever smoked cigarettes (Boy = 56.2%, Girl = 34.7%)
 46.2% currently use any tobacco product (Boy = 51.9%, Girl = 39.8%)
 28.3% currently smoke cigarettes (Boy = 36.9%, Girl = 19.8%)
 37.0% currently use other tobacco products (Boy = 41.8%, Girl = 32.1%)
 30.1% of never smokers are likely to initiate smoking next year

Knowledge and Attitudes

42.9% think boys and 32.2% think girls who smoke have more friends
 21.6% think boys and 20.2% think girls who smoke look more attractive

Access and Availability - Current Smokers

22.0% usually smoke at home
 25.2% buy cigarettes in a store
 31.3% who bought cigarettes in a store were NOT refused purchase because of their age

Exposure to Secondhand Smoke (SHS)

60.7% live in homes where others smoke in their presence
 71.3% are around others who smoke in places outside their home
 32.5% think smoking should be banned from public places
 37.0% think smoke from others is harmful to them
 48.8% have one or more parents who smoke
 15.4% have most or all friends who smoke

Cessation - Current Smokers

86.5% want to stop smoking
 83.2% tried to stop smoking during the past year
 91.7% have ever received help to stop smoking

Media and Advertising

70.0% saw anti-smoking media messages, in the past 30 days
 69.6% saw pro-cigarette ads on billboards, in the past 30 days
 63.2% saw pro-cigarette ads in newspapers or magazines, in the past 30 days
 25.1% have an object with a cigarette brand logo
 21.7% were offered free cigarettes by a tobacco company representative

School

41.4% had been taught in class, during the past year, about the dangers of smoking
 32.0% had discussed in class, during the past year, reasons why people their age smoke
 47.1% had been taught in class, during the past year, the effects of tobacco use

Highlights

- More than 4 in 10 students currently use any form of tobacco; Close to 3 in 10 students currently smoke cigarettes; Over one-third currently use some other form of tobacco.
- SHS exposure is high – 6 in 10 students live in homes where others smoke, and over 7 in 10 students are exposed to smoke around others outside of the home; nearly half of the students have one or more parents who smoke, and approximately 1 in 6 students have friends who smoke.
- Over one-third of students think smoke from others is harmful to them.
- Three in 10 students think smoking in public places should be banned.
- More than 8 in 10 current smokers want to stop smoking.
- One-quarter of the students has an object with a cigarette brand logo on it.
- Seven in 10 students saw anti-smoking media messages in the past 30 days; Two-thirds of the students saw pro-cigarette ads in the past 30 days.