

Republika Srpska (Ages 13-15)

Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS)

FACT SHEET



GYTS in Republika Srpska includes data on prevalence of cigarette and other tobacco use as well as information on five determinants of tobacco use: access/availability and price, secondhand smoke exposure (SHS), cessation, media and advertising, and school curriculum. These determinants are components Republika Srpska could include in a comprehensive tobacco control program.

The Republika Srpska GYTS was a school-based survey of students in 7, 8 and 9 grades in primary schools and 1 grade in secondary schools conducted in 2008.

A two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for Republika Srpska. 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 98.3% the class response rate was 100.0%, the student response rate was 93.7%, and the overall response rate was 92.1%. A total of 6,141 students completed the 2008 Republika Srpska GYTS of which 4,421 were aged 13-15.

Prevalence

- 36.4% of students had ever smoked cigarettes (Boy = 39.5%, Girl = 33.7%)
 - 9.6 % currently use any tobacco product (Boy = 11.1%, Girl = 8.2%)
 - 7.7% currently smoke cigarettes (Boy = 8.9%, Girl = 6.6%)
 - 1.7% currently daily cigarette smokers (Boy = 2.5%, Girl = 1.0%)
 - 5.5% used any form of tobacco other than cigarettes in the past 30 days (Boy = 6.7%, Girl = 4.4%)
- 44.5% ever smokers initiated smoking before age ten (Boy = 45.2%, Girl = 43.9%)
- 29.3% of never smokers are likely to initiate smoking next year (Boy = 26.3%, Girl = 31.2%)

Access and Availability - Current Smokers

- 12.2% current smokers who usually smoke at home
- 60.3% buy cigarettes in a store
- 86.3 who bought cigarettes in a store were NOT refused purchase because of their age

Exposure to Secondhand Smoke (SHS)

- 74.7% live in homes where others smoke in their presence
- 82.4% are around others who smoke in places outside their home
- 89.1% think smoking should be banned from public places
- 68.2% think smoke from others is harmful to them
- 57.8% have one or more parents who smoke
 - 9.6% have most or all friends who smoke

Cessation - Current Smokers

- 59.1% want to stop smoking
- 71.7% tried to stop smoking during the past year
- 68.6% have ever received help to stop smoking

Media and Advertising

- 88.8% saw anti-smoking media messages in the past 30 days
- 63.0% saw pro-cigarette ads on billboards in the past 30 days
- 68.1% saw pro-cigarette ads in newspapers or magazines in the past 30 days
- 16.1% have an object with a cigarette brand logo
 - 6.4% were offered free cigarettes by a tobacco company representative

School

- 58.6% had been taught in class, during the past year, about the dangers of smoking

Highlights

- Less than 1 in 10 students currently use any form of tobacco; 7.7% currently smoke cigarettes; less than 1 of 10 currently use some other form of tobacco.
- SHS exposure is HIGH – over 7 in 10 students live in homes where others smoke, over 8 in 10 of the students are around others who smoke in places outside of their home; almost 6 in 10 students have one or more parent who smoke.
- Nearly 9 in 10 students think smoking should be banned from public places.
- Almost 6 in 10 students who are currently smoking indicated that they want to stop smoking now; 7 in 10 students currently smoking tried to stop during the past year.
- Nearly 9 in 10 students saw anti-smoking messages while more than 6 in 10 saw pro-cigarette ads on billboards, and approximately 7 in 10 students saw pro-cigarettes ads in newspapers or magazines.

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