GYTS Objectives

The Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS), a component of the Global Tobacco Surveillance System (GTSS), is a global standard for systematically monitoring youth tobacco use (smoking and smokeless) and tracking key tobacco control indicators.

GYTS is a cross-sectional, nationally representative school-based survey of students in grades associated with ages 13 to 15 years. GYTS uses a standard core questionnaire, sample design, and data collection protocol. It assists countries in fulfilling their obligations under the World Health Organization (WHO) Framework Convention on Tobacco Control (FCTC) to generate comparable data within and across countries. WHO has developed MPOWER, a technical package of selected demand reduction measures contained in the WHO FCTC:



Monitor tobacco use & prevention policies

Protect people from tobacco smoke

Offer help to quit tobacco use

Warn about the dangers of tobacco

Enforce bans on tobacco advertising.

promotion, & sponsorship

Raise taxes on tobacco

GYTS Methodology

GYTS uses a global standardized methodology that includes a two-stage sample design with schools selected with a probability proportional to enrollment size. The classes within selected schools are chosen randomly and all students in selected classes are eligible to participate in the survey. The survey uses a standard core questionnaire with a set of optional questions that countries can adapt to measure and track key tobacco control indicators. The questionnaire covers the following topics: tobacco use (smoking and smokeless), cessation, secondhand smoke (SHS), pro- and anti-tobacco media and advertising, access to and availability of tobacco products, and knowledge and attitudes regarding tobacco use. The questionnaire is self-administered; using scannable paper-based bubble sheets, it is anonymous to ensure confidentiality.

In Indonesia, GYTS was conducted in 2019 by the National Health Research and Development (NHRD) under the Ministry of Health. The overall response rate was 91.0%. A total of 9,992 eligible students in grades 7- 12 completed the survey, of which 5,125 were aged 13-15 years. Data are reported for students aged 13-15 years.

GYTS Highlights

TOBACCO USE

- 19.2% of students, 35.6% of boys, and 3.5% of girls currently used any tobacco products.
- 18.8% of students, 35.5% of boys, and 2.9% of girls currently smoked tobacco.
- 1.0% of students, 1.4% of boys, and 0.7% of girls currently used smokeless tobacco.

CESSATION

- More than 8 in 10 (81.1%) students who currently smoke tobacco tried to stop smoking in the past 12 months.
- More than 8 in 10 (80.8%) students who currently smoke tobacco wanted to stop smoking now.

SECONDHAND SMOKE

- 57.8% of students were exposed to tobacco smoke at home.
- 66.2% of students were exposed to tobacco smoke inside enclosed public places.

ACCESS & AVAILABILITY

- 76.6% of students who currently smoke cigarettes bought cigarettes from a store, shop, street vendor, or kiosk.
- Among students who currently smoke cigarettes who tried to buy cigarettes, 60.6% were not prevented from buying them because of their age.

MEDIA

- Almost 8 in 10 (78.9%) students noticed anti-cigarette messages in the media.
- Almost 7 in 10 (65.2%) students noticed cigarette advertisements or promotions when visiting points of sale.
- More than 1 in 10 (10.5%) students had something with a cigarette brand logo on it.

KNOWLEDGE & ATTITUDES

- 72.9% of students definitely thought other people's cigarette smoking is harmful to them.
- 89.0% of students favored prohibiting smoking inside enclosed public places.







TOBACCO USE			
ANY TOBACCO USE (smoked and/or smokeless)	OVERALL (%)	BOYS (%)	GIRLS (%)
Current tobacco users ¹	19.2	35.6	3.5*
Ever tobacco users ²	40.6	68.2	14.3*
SMOKED TOBACCO			
Current tobacco smokers ³	18.8	35.5	2.9*
Ever tobacco smokers ⁴	39.6	67.7	12.8*
SMOKELESS TOBACCO			
Current smokeless tobacco users ⁵	1.0	1.4	0.7*
Ever smokeless tobacco users ⁶	2.9	3.9	1.8*
SUSCEPTIBILITY			
Never cigarette smokers susceptible to cigarette use in the future ⁷	7.9	12.2	6.4*
ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES			
SOURCE OF ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES	OVERALL (%)	BOYS (%)	GIRLS (%)
Students who bought them at a shop ^{8,9}	12.6	13.1	8.8
Students who bought them from an online shop ^{8,9}	14.5	14.5	14.4
Students who bought them from someone ^{8,9}	56.3	56.0	58.7
ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES ADVERTISING			
Students who found out about electronic cigarette advertisements at street and shop ¹⁰	1.5	1.7	
Students who found out about electronic cigarettes on the internet ¹⁰	15.7	17.3	14.1*
Students who found out about electronic cigarettes from a friend ¹⁰	41.5	51.5	31.7*
CESSATION			
	OVERALL (%)	BOYS (%)	GIRLS (%)
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MEDIA			
TOBACCO ADVERTISING	OVERALL (%)	BOYS (%)	GIRLS (%)
Students who noticed cigarette advertisements or promotions at points of sale 16	65.2	68.8	61.7*
Students who saw anyone using tobacco on television, videos, or movies ¹⁷	56.8	60.1	53.6*
Students who were ever offered a free tobacco product from a tobacco company representative	6.0	8.9	3.1*
Students who had something with a cigarette brand logo on it	10.5	13.7	7.4*
Students who noticed cigarette advertisements or promotions on television ⁸	65.2	65.1	65.3
Students who noticed cigarette advertisements or promotions in outdoor media ⁸	60.9	64.8	57.4*
Students who noticed cigarette advertisements or promotions on the internet or social media ⁸	36.2	37.0	35.5
Students who noticed cigarette advertisements or promotions in newspapers or magazines ⁸	23.9	27.1	20.9*
ANTI-TOBACCO ADVERTISING			
Students who noticed anti-cigarette messages in the media ⁸	78.9	76.0	81.6*
Students who noticed anti-cigarette messages at sporting or community events 18	54.7	57.4	51.3*
Current tobacco smokers who noticed health warnings on cigarette packages ⁸	86.0	86.7	78.6
Current tobacco smokers who thought about quitting because of a warning label 19	59.4	60.5	46.3
Never tobacco smokers who thought about not starting smoking because of health warnings on cigarette packages ⁸	39.4	48.3	35.8*
Students who were taught in school about the dangers of tobacco use in the past 12 months	61.7	58.8	64.5*
KNOWLEDGE & ATTITUDES			
	OVERALL (%)	BOYS (%)	GIRLS (%)
Students who definitely thought it is difficult to quit once someone starts smoking tobacco	27.8	28.8	26.9
Students who thought smoking tobacco helps people feel more comfortable at celebrations, parties, and social gatherings	12.1	16.3	8.1*
Students who definitely thought other people's cigarette smoking is harmful to them	72.9	67.3	78.4*

Students who favored increasing the price of cigarettes

1 Smoked cigarettes, smoked other type of tobacco, and/or used smokeless tobacco anytime during the past 30 days. 2 Ever smoked tobacco and/or used smokeless tobacco. 3 Smoked cigarettes or other type of tobacco anytime during the past 30 days. 4 Ever smoked cigarettes or other type of tobacco, even one or two puffs. 5 Used smokeless tobacco anytime during the past 30 days. 6 Ever used smokeless tobacco. 7 Susceptible to future cigarette use includes those who answered "definitely yes", "probably yes", or "probably not" to using cigarette if one of their best friends offered it to them, or "definitely yes", "probably yes", or "probably not" to using tobacco during the next 12 months. 9 During the past 30 days. 9 Among students who consumed ecigarettes. 10 Among all students. 11 During the past 7 days. 12 Outlet from which current cigarette smokers bought cigarettes the last time they smoked cigarettes in the past 30 days. 13 Among those who tought cigarettes during the past 30 days. 14 Based on the last purchase, among those who bought cigarettes during the past 30 days. 15 Rp. = Indonesian rupiah. 16 Among those who visited a point of sale in the past 30 days. 17 Among those who watched television, videos, or movies in the past 30 days. 18 Among those who attended sporting or community events in the past 30 days. 19 Among those who noticed warning labels on cigarette packages in the past 30 days.

89.0

81.7

67.6

74.5

86.3

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91.5*

86.0*

73.2*

82.5*

NOTE: Data are weighted to be nationally representative of all students aged 13-15 years who are enrolled in school. Percentages reflect the prevalence of each indicator in each group, not the distribution across groups.

Students who favored prohibiting smoking

Students who favored prohibiting smoking at

Students who favored tobacco advertising ban

Students who favored prohibiting the sale of

inside enclosed public places

outdoor public places

cigarettes as single sticks

⁻⁻Estimates based on unweighted cases less than 35 are not presented.

^{*}Gender comparisons are significant at p < 0.05.