

New Zealand (Ages 13-15) Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS) FACT SHEET



The New Zealand 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 New Zealand could include in a comprehensive tobacco control program.

The New Zealand GYTS was a school-based survey of students in grades 9, 10, and 11 conducted in 2008.

A two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for New Zealand. 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 71.1%, the class response rate was 98.5%, the student response rate was 83.1%, and the overall response rate was 58.2%. A total of 1,254 students aged 13-15 participated in the New Zealand GYTS.

Prevalence

- 39.7% of students had ever smoked cigarettes (Male = 40.0%, Female = 39.4%)
- 20.1% currently use any tobacco product (Male = 18.7%, Female = 21.5%)
- 17.6% currently smoke cigarettes (Male = 14.5%, Female = 20.6%)
- 7.7% currently use other tobacco products (Male = 10.1%, Female = 5.1%)
- 26.5% of never smokers are likely to initiate smoking next year

Access and Availability - Current Smokers

30.6% usually smoke at home

Exposure to Secondhand Smoke (SHS)

- 36.0% live in homes where others smoke in their presence
- 67.2% are around others who smoke in places outside their home
- 61.3% think smoke from others is harmful to them
- 37.6% have one or more parents who smoke

Cessation - Current Smokers

- 42.6% want to stop smoking
- 52.0% tried to stop smoking during the past year

School

- 58.7% had been taught in class, during the past year, about the dangers of smoking
- 37.8% had discussed in class, during the past year, reasons why people their age smoke

Highlights

- 20.1% of students currently use any form of tobacco; 17.6% currently smoke cigarettes; 7.7% currently use some other form of tobacco.
- SHS exposure is low – more than one-third of the students live in homes where others smoke, and two-thirds of the students are exposed to smoke around others outside of the home; More than one-third of the students have at least one parent who smokes.
- Three in five students think smoke from others is harmful to them.
- Two in five current smokers want to stop smoking.