

St. Kitts and Nevis (Ages 13-15) Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS)



FACT SHEET

The St. Kitts and Nevis 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 St. Kitts and Nevis could include in a comprehensive tobacco control program.

The St. Kitts and Nevis GYTS was a school-based survey of students in Forms 1-4 conducted in 2010.

A census was done of all schools containing Forms 1-4. A selection of students in all schools was surveyed. The school response rate was 100.0%, the class response rate was 100.0%, the student response rate was 73.9%, and the overall response rate was 73.9%. A total of 770 students aged 13-15 participated in the St. Kitts and Nevis GYTS.

Prevalence

- 21.0% of students had ever smoked cigarettes (Boy = 24.7%, Girl = 16.8%)
- 9.2% currently use any tobacco product (Boy = 10.4%, Girl = 7.8%)
- 4.0% currently smoke cigarettes (Boy = 4.8%, Girl = 3.2%)
- 6.2% currently use other tobacco products (Boy = 6.9%, Girl = 5.3%)

Knowledge and Attitudes

- 37.6% think boys and 15.1% think girls who smoke have more friends
- 8.8% think boys and 5.8% think girls who smoke look more attractive

Exposure to Secondhand Smoke (SHS)

- 20.7% live in homes where others smoke in their presence
- 71.6% think smoking should be banned from public places
- 63.6% think smoke from others is harmful to them
- 13.8% have one or more parents who smoke
- 4.3% have most or all friends who smoke

Media and Advertising

- 33.1% saw pro-cigarette ads in newspapers or magazines, in the past 30 days
- 10.9% have an object with a cigarette brand logo
- 7.9% were offered free cigarettes by a tobacco company representative

School

- 34.4% had been taught in class, during the past year, about the dangers of smoking
- 18.8% had discussed in class, during the past year, reasons why people their age smoke
- 32.6% had been taught in class, during the past year, the effects of tobacco use

Highlights

- Almost one in 10 students currently use any form of tobacco; 4.0% currently smoke cigarettes; 6.2% currently use some other form of tobacco.
- SHS exposure is moderate – one in five students live in homes where others smoke; 13.8% of students have at least one parent who smokes.
- Over six in 10 students think smoke from others is harmful to them.
- More than seven in 10 students think smoking in public places should be banned.
- One in 10 students have an object with a cigarette brand logo on it.
- One-third of students saw pro-tobacco ads in newspapers or magazines in the past 30 days.