

Palau (Ages 13-15) Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS)



FACT SHEET

The Palau 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 Palau could include in a comprehensive tobacco control program.

The Palau GYTS was a school-based survey of students in grades 6-12 conducted in 2009.

A census of all schools was used to produce representative data for Palau. The school response rate was 100.0%, the class response rate was 100.0%, the student response rate was 91.3%, and the overall response rate was 91.3%. A total of 883 students aged 13-15 participated in the Palau GYTS.

Prevalence

75.4% of students had ever smoked cigarettes (Boy = 78.2%, Girl = 72.7%)
50.3% currently use any tobacco product (Boy = 58.3%, Girl = 42.4%)
41.3% currently smoke cigarettes (Boy = 51.9%, Girl = 31.1%)

Access and Availability - Current Smokers

17.9% buy cigarettes in a store
47.8% who bought cigarettes in a store were NOT refused purchase because of their age

Cessation - Current Smokers

73.8% want to stop smoking

Highlights

- One-half of students currently use any form of tobacco; 4 in 10 currently smoke cigarettes.
- Nearly 3 in 4 current smokers want to stop smoking.
- Almost 5 in 10 current smokers bought cigarettes in a store and were not refused purchase because of their age.