

Uganda 2011 (Ages 13-15) Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS) FACT SHEET



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

The Uganda GYTS was a school-based survey of students in forms Primary 7, and Secondary 1 through 3 conducted in 2011.

A two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for Uganda. 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. A total of 3,450 students participated in the Uganda GYTS of which 2,026 were ages 13 to 15 years. The overall response rate of all students surveyed was 83.3%.

Prevalence

- 10.9% of students had ever smoked cigarettes (Boys = 11.5%, Girls = 10.3%)
- 17.3% currently use any tobacco product (Boys = 19.3%, Girls = 15.8%)
- 4.8% currently smoke cigarettes (Boys = 5.0%, Girls = 4.7%)
- 15.6% currently use other tobacco products (Boys = 17.8%, Girls = 14.1%)
- 8.3% of never smokers are likely to initiate smoking next year

Knowledge and Attitudes

- 27.1% think boys and 17.6% think girls who smoke have more friends
- 13.6% think boys and 10.4% think girls who smoke look more attractive

Access and Availability - Current Smokers

- 32.9% usually smoke at home
- 22.6% buy cigarettes in a store

Exposure to Secondhand Smoke (SHS)

- 21.6% live in homes where others smoke in their presence
- 26.3% are around others who smoke in enclosed public places
- 38.3% are around others who smoke in outdoor public places
- 49.2% think smoking in public places should be banned
- 61.5% think smoke from others is harmful to them
- 10.7% have one or more parents who smoke
- 2.5% have most or all friends who smoke

Cessation - Current Smokers

- 90.9% want to stop smoking
- 77.0% tried to stop smoking during the past year
- 86.6% have ever received help to stop smoking

Media and Advertising

- 64.4% saw anti-smoking media messages, in the past 30 days
- 52.1% saw pro-cigarette ads on billboards, in the past 30 days
- 46.5% saw pro-cigarette ads in newspapers or magazines, in the past 30 days
- 11.3% have an object with a cigarette brand logo
- 10.7% were offered free cigarettes by a tobacco company representative

School

- 73.8% had been taught in class, during the past year, about the dangers of smoking
- 65.2% had discussed in class, during the past year, reasons why people their age smoke
- 75.0% had been taught in class, during the past year, the effects of tobacco use

Highlights

- 17.3% currently use any form of tobacco; 4.8% currently smoke cigarettes; 15.6% currently use other tobacco products
- SHS exposure – One in 5 students live in homes where others smoke, and over one-quarter of the students are around others who smoke in enclosed public places; one in 10 students has at least one parent who smokes
- Six in 10 students think smoke from others is harmful to them
- Half the students think smoking in public places should be banned
- Nine in 10 current smokers want to stop smoking
- 11.3% of students have an object with a cigarette brand logo on it
- 64.4% of the students saw anti-smoking media messages in the past 30 days; 52.1% of the students saw pro-cigarette ads on billboards and 46.5% saw pro-cigarette ads in newspapers or magazines in the past 30 days