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 San Marino, GYTS was conducted as a census in 2018 by the Health Authority. The overall response rate was 92.0%. A total of 624 eligible students in 3 media inferior, 1 superiore, and 2 superiore completed the survey, of which 544 were aged 13-15 years. Data are reported for students aged 13-15 years.

GYTS Highlights

TOBACCO USE

- 7.4% of students, 7.3% of boys, and 7.4% of girls currently used any tobacco products.
- 7.0% of students, 7.0% of boys, and 7.1% of girls currently smoked tobacco.
- 6.0% of students, 5.9% of boys, and 6.0% of girls currently smoked cigarettes.
- 0.6% of students, 0.7% of boys, and 0.4% of girls currently used smokeless tobacco.

ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES

• 8.9% of students, 9.9% of boys, and 7.6% of girls currently used electronic cigarettes.

CESSATION

- Almost 4 in 10 (38.3%) current tobacco smokers tried to stop smoking in the past 12 months.
- Almost 5 in 10 (45.7%) current tobacco smokers wanted to stop smoking now.

SECONDHAND SMOKE

- 33.2% of students were exposed to tobacco smoke at home.
- 41.4% of students were exposed to tobacco smoke inside enclosed public places.

ACCESS & AVAILABILITY

- 37.5% of current cigarette smokers bought cigarettes from a tobacconist, bar, street vendor, or kiosk.
- Among current cigarette smokers who tried to buy cigarettes, 74.8% were not prevented from buying them because of their age.

MEDIA

- More than 5 in 10 (51.6%) students noticed anti-tobacco messages in the media.
- Almost 3 in 10 (25.2%) students noticed tobacco advertisements or promotions when visiting points of sale.
- Almost 1 in 10 (8.0%) students had something with a tobacco brand logo on it.

KNOWLEDGE & ATTITUDES

• 49.3% of students definitely thought other people's tobacco smoking is harmful to them.

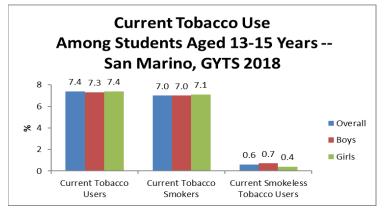








TOBACCO USE			
SMOKED TOBACCO	OVERALL (%)	BOYS (%)	GIRLS (%)
Current tobacco smokers ¹	7.0	7.0	7.1
Current cigarette smokers ²	6.0	5.9	6.0
Frequent cigarette smokers ³	0.9	0.7	1.2
Current smokers of other tobacco ⁴	1.2	1.2	1.2
Ever tobacco smokers ⁵	23.9	28.6	18.5
Ever cigarette smokers ⁶	20.0	23.5	16.0
Ever smokers of other tobacco ⁷	7.8	9.7	5.7
SMOKELESS TOBACCO			
Current smokeless tobacco users ⁸	0.6	0.7	0.4
Ever smokeless tobacco users ⁹	3.1	4.2	1.9
ANY TOBACCO USE (smoked and/or smokeless)			
Current tobacco users ¹⁰	7.4	7.3	7.4
Ever tobacco users ¹¹	25.4	30.8	19.3
SUSCEPTIBILITY			
Never to bacco users susceptible to to bacco use in the future $^{\rm 12}$	34.9	34.0	35.9
Never to bacco smokers who thought they might enjoy smoking a cigarette 13	10.2	7.9	12.5



ELECTRONIC CIGARETTES

	OVERALL (%)	BOYS (%)	GIRLS (%)
Current electronic cigarette users ¹⁴	8.9	9.9	7.6
Ever electronic cigarette users ¹⁵	21.3	24.2	17.9

CESSATION

	GEODITION			
		OVERALL (%)	BOYS (%)	GIRLS (%)
	Current tobacco smokers who tried to stop smoking in the past 12 months	38.3	33.1	43.2
	Current tobacco smokers who wanted to stop smoking now	45.7	50.4	41.9
	Current tobacco smokers who thought they would be able to stop smoking if they wanted to	86.3	86.9	85.7
	Current tobacco smokers who have ever received help/advice from a program or professional to stop smoking	0.0	0.0	0.0

SECONDHAND SMOKE

	OVERALL (%)	BOYS (%)	GIRLS (%)
Exposure to tobacco smoke at home ¹⁶	33.2	30.2	36.6
Exposure to tobacco smoke inside any enclosed public place 16	41.4	36.1	47.5
Exposure to tobacco smoke at any outdoor public place ¹⁶	73.0	65.8	81.1

ACCESS & AVAILABILITY			
	OVERALL (%)	BOYS (%)	GIRLS (%)
Current cigarette smokers who bought cigarettes from a tobacconist, bar, street vendor, or kiosk ¹⁷	37.5	44.1	30.0
Current cigarette smokers who were not prevented from buying cigarettes because of their age ¹⁸	74.8	87.3	62.6

MEDIA			
TOBACCO ADVERTISING	OVERALL (%)	BOYS (%)	GIRLS (%)
Students who noticed to bacco advertisements or promotions at points of ${\rm sale^{19}}$	25.2	24.5	26.0
Students who saw anyone using to bacco on television, videos, or movies $^{\!20}$	81.3	77.3	85.8
Students who were ever offered a free tobacco product from a tobacco company representative	5.3	5.9	4.5
Students who had something with a tobacco brand logo on it	8.0	11.4	4.1
ANTI-TOBACCO ADVERTISING			
Students who noticed anti-tobacco messages in the \mbox{media}^{21}	51.6	52.6	50.5
Students who noticed anti-tobacco messages at sporting or community events 22	45.1	46.3	43.4
Current tobacco smokers who thought about quitting because of a warning label ²³	37.7	31.0	43.6
Students who were taught in school about the dangers of tobacco use in the past 12 months	65.9	62.4	69.9

KNOWLEDGE & ATTITUDES

	OVERALL (%)	BOYS (%)	GIRLS (%)
Students who definitely thought it is difficult to quit once someone starts smoking tobacco	39.6	37.9	41.5
Students who thought smoking tobacco helps people feel more comfortable at celebrations, parties, and social gatherings	43.3	45.1	41.2
Students who definitely thought other people's tobacco smoking is harmful to them	49.3	49.5	49.2
Students who favored prohibiting smoking at outdoor public places	73.1	70.5	76.0

¹ Smoked cigarettes or other type of tobacco anytime during the past 30 days. ² Smoked cigarettes anytime during the past 30 days. ³ Smoked cigarettes on 20 or more days of the past 30 days. ⁴ Smoked tobacco other than cigarettes anytime during the past 30 days. ⁵ Ever smoked cigarettes or other type of tobacco, even one or two puffs. ⁶ Ever smoked cigarettes, even one or two puffs. ⁶ Ever smoked cigarettes, even one or two puffs. ⁸ Used smokeless tobacco anytime during the past 30 days. ⁹ Ever used smokeless tobacco tobacco. ¹⁰ Smoked cigarettes, smoked other type of tobacco, and/or used smokeless tobacco anytime during the past 30 days. ¹¹ Ever smoked tobacco and/or used smokeless tobacco anytime during the past 30 days. ¹² Ever smoked tobacco and/or used smokeless tobacco. ¹² Susceptible to future tobacco use includes those who answered "definitely yes", "probably yes", or "probably not" to using tobacco 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. ¹³ Those who answered "Agree" or "Strongly Agree" to the statement: "I think I might enjoy smoking a cigarette. ¹⁴ Used electronic cigarettes anytime during the past 30 days. Current use of electronic cigarettes is assessed separately from cigarettes anytime during the past 30 days. Current use of electronic cigarettes in their entire life. ¹⁶ During the past 7 days. ¹⁷ Outlet from which current cigarettes smokers bought cigarettes the last time they smoked cigarettes in the past 30 days. ¹⁸ Among those who watched television, videos, or movies in the past 30 days. ²¹ During the past 30 days. ²² Among those who watched television, videos, or movies in the past 30 days. ²³ Among those who noticed warning labels on cigarette packages in the past 30 days. ²⁴ During the past 30 days. ²⁵ During the past 30 days. ²⁶ During the past 30 days. ²⁷ During the past 30 days. ²⁸ During those who attended sporting or community

NOTE: Data are representative of all students aged 13-15 years who are enrolled in school. A national census was done of all schools containing students in 3 media inferior, 1 superiore, and 2 superiore, and all students within all schools were surveyed. Percentages reflect the prevalence of each indicator in each group, not the distribution across groups.