

Mongolia (Ages 13-15)

Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS)

FACT SHEET



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

The Mongolia GYTS was a school-based survey of students in forms 6-8, conducted in 2003.

A two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for all of Mongolia. 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 100%, the class response rate was 100%, the student response rate was 92.6%, and the overall response rate was 92.6%. A total of 3,521 students aged 13-15 participated in the Mongolia GYTS.

Prevalence

38.8% of students had ever smoked cigarettes (Boy = 53.6%, Girl = 26.9%)
 14.9% currently use any tobacco product (Boy = 20.7%, Girl = 10.3%)
 8.5% currently smoke cigarettes (Boy = 14.4%, Girl = 4.0%)
 8.0% currently use other tobacco products (Boy = 9.5%, Girl = 6.8%)
 14.4% of never smokers are likely to initiate smoking next year

Knowledge and Attitudes

23.6% think boys and 17.5% think girls who smoke have more friends
 33.7% think boys and 46.1% think girls who smoke look more attractive

Access and Availability - Current Smokers

4.1% usually smoke at home
 80.6% buy cigarettes in a store
 91.4% who bought cigarettes in a store were NOT refused purchase because of their age

Exposure to Secondhand Smoke (SHS)

63.7% live in homes where others smoke in their presence
 48.4% are around others who smoke in places outside their home
 83.2% think smoking should be banned from public places
 88.3% think smoke from others is harmful to them
 58.2% have one or more parents who smoke
 8.9% have most or all friends who smoke

Cessation - Current Smokers

86.2% want to stop smoking
 76.8% tried to stop smoking during the past year
 65.1% have ever received help to stop smoking

Media and Advertising

82.9% saw anti-smoking media messages, in the past 30 days
 75.4% saw pro-cigarette ads on billboards, in the past 30 days
 74.1% saw pro-cigarette ads in newspapers or magazines, in the past 30 days
 8.2% have an object with a cigarette brand logo
 7.5% were offered free cigarettes by a tobacco company representative

School

48.9% had been taught in class, during the past year, about the dangers of smoking
 28.7% had discussed in class, during the past year, reasons why people their age smoke
 43.7% had been taught in class, during the past year, the effects of tobacco use

Highlights

- Almost 1 in 7 students currently use any form of tobacco; 8.5% currently smoke cigarettes; 8% currently use some other form of tobacco.
- SHS exposure is high – close to two-thirds of the students live in homes where others smoke in their presence; Nearly half of students are exposed to smoke around others outside of the home; Almost 6 in 10 have one or more parents who smoke.
- Nearly 9 in 10 of students think smoke from others is harmful to them.
- Over 8 in 10 students think smoking in public places should be banned.
- Almost 9 in 10 smokers want to quit.
- Over 8 in 10 students saw anti-smoking media messages in the past 30 days; Three-quarters of the students saw pro-cigarette ads on billboards and in newspapers or magazines in the past 30 days.