

New Zealand (Ages 13-15)

Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS)

FACT SHEET



The New Zealand 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 New Zealand could include in a comprehensive tobacco control program.

The New Zealand GYTS was a school-based survey of students in grades 7-11 conducted in 2007.

A two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for New Zealand. 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 73.3%, the class response rate was 100%, the student response rate was 83.3%, and the overall response rate was 61.1%. A total of 1,310 students aged 13-15 participated in the New Zealand GYTS.

Prevalence

46.0% of students had ever smoked cigarettes (Male = 43.0%, Female = 48.9%)
 20.1% currently use any tobacco product (Male = 15.3%, Female = 25.2%)
 17.9% currently smoke cigarettes (Male = 13.4%, Female = 22.6%)
 6.3% currently use other tobacco products (Male = 5.8%, Female = 6.7%)
 22.6% of never smokers are likely to initiate smoking next year

Access and Availability - Current Smokers

25.5% usually smoke at home
 13.4% buy cigarettes in a store
 88.3%* who bought cigarettes in a store were NOT refused purchase because of their age

Exposure to Secondhand Smoke (SHS)

37.0% live in homes where others smoke in their presence
 64.5% are around others who smoke in places outside their home
 40.7% have one or more parents who smoke

Cessation - Current Smokers

48.5% want to stop smoking
 65.1% tried to stop smoking during the past year

School

59.8% had been taught in class, during the past year, about the dangers of smoking
 41.2% had discussed in class, during the past year, reasons why people their age smoke

Highlights

- About 1 in 5 students currently use any form of tobacco; 17.9% currently smoke cigarettes; 6.3% currently use some other form of tobacco.
- SHS exposure is moderate – More than one-third of the students live in homes where others smoke, and nearly two-thirds of students are exposed to smoke around others outside of the home.
- More than 2 in 5 students have a parent who smokes and almost half have friends who smoke.
- Nearly half of the current smokers want to stop smoking.

* indicates cell size <35