

Russian Federation - Moscow (Ages 13-15)

Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS)



FACT SHEET

The Russian Federation - Moscow 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 Russian Federation - Moscow could include in a comprehensive tobacco control program.

The Russian Federation - Moscow GYTS was a school-based survey of students in grades 7 through 10 conducted in 1999.

A two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for Russian Federation - Moscow. 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 99.0%, the student response rate was 86.0%, and the overall response rate was 85.2%. A total of 3,157 students aged 13-15 participated in the Russian Federation - Moscow GYTS.

Prevalence

67.2% of students had ever smoked cigarettes (Boy = 72.0%, Girl = 62.3%)
35.1% currently use any tobacco product (Boy = 40.9%, Girl = 29.5%)
33.4% currently smoke cigarettes (Boy = 38.5%, Girl = 28.4%)
10.7% currently use other tobacco products (Boy = 15.4%, Girl = 6.0%)
33.0% of never smokers are likely to initiate smoking next year

Knowledge and Attitudes

24.1% think boys and 15.6% think girls who smoke have more friends
10.8% think boys and 4.6% think girls who smoke look more attractive

Access and Availability - Current Smokers

4.8% usually smoke at home
62.8% buy cigarettes in a store
79.4% who bought cigarettes in a store were NOT refused purchase because of their age

Exposure to Secondhand Smoke (SHS)

55.3% live in homes where others smoke in their presence
72.5% are around others who smoke in places outside their home
71.0% think smoking should be banned from public places
51.0% think smoke from others is harmful to them
62.5% have one or more parents who smoke
34.9% have most or all friends who smoke

Cessation - Current Smokers

69.2% want to stop smoking
76.1% tried to stop smoking during the past year
44.3% have ever received help to stop smoking

Media and Advertising

74.8% saw anti-smoking media messages, in the past 30 days
94.9% saw pro-cigarette ads on billboards, in the past 30 days
77.0% saw pro-cigarette ads in newspapers or magazines, in the past 30 days
22.9% have an object with a cigarette brand logo
16.7% were offered free cigarettes by a tobacco company representative

School

35.6% had been taught in class, during the past year, about the dangers of smoking
23.0% had discussed in class, during the past year, reasons why people their age smoke
32.3% had been taught in class, during the past year, the effects of tobacco use

Highlights

- 35.1% of students currently use any form of tobacco; 33.4% currently smoke cigarettes; 10.7% currently use some other form of tobacco.
- SHS exposure is high – over half the students live in homes where others smoke, and close to three-quarters of the students are exposed to smoke around others outside of the home; more than 6 in 10 students have at least one parent who smokes.
- Half the students think smoke from others is harmful to them.
- Seven in 10 students think smoking in public places should be banned.
- Seven in 10 current smokers want to stop smoking.
- Nearly one-quarter of the students have an object with a cigarette brand logo on it.
- Three-quarters of the students saw anti-smoking media messages in the past 30 days; over 9 in 10 students saw pro-cigarette ads on billboards and close to 8 in 10 saw pro-tobacco ads in newspapers or magazines in the past 30 days.

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