

Russian Federation - Sarov (Ages 13-15)

Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS)



FACT SHEET

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

The Russian Federation - Sarov GYTS was a school-based survey of students in technical college - 1 course and grades 7 through 10 conducted in 2002.

A two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for Russian Federation - Sarov. 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 100.0%, the class response rate was 100.0%, the student response rate was 97.2%, and the overall response rate was 97.2%. A total of 1,121 students aged 13-15 participated in the Russian Federation - Sarov GYTS.

Prevalence

62.2% of students had ever smoked cigarettes (Boy = 71.4%, Girl = 53.2%)
33.9% currently use any tobacco product (Boy = 40.3%, Girl = 27.4%)
32.9% currently smoke cigarettes (Boy = 38.4%, Girl = 27.4%)
8.8% currently use other tobacco products (Boy = 13.8%, Girl = 3.9%)
34.8% of never smokers are likely to initiate smoking next year

Knowledge and Attitudes

24.3% think boys and 17.1% think girls who smoke have more friends
12.7% think boys and 5.2% think girls who smoke look more attractive

Access and Availability - Current Smokers

6.2% usually smoke at home
72.2% buy cigarettes in a store
37.1% who bought cigarettes in a store were NOT refused purchase because of their age

Exposure to Secondhand Smoke (SHS)

36.5% live in homes where others smoke in their presence
73.6% are around others who smoke in places outside their home
77.6% think smoking should be banned from public places
52.5% think smoke from others is harmful to them
56.4% have one or more parents who smoke
37.5% have most or all friends who smoke

Cessation - Current Smokers

71.0% want to stop smoking
73.3% tried to stop smoking during the past year
75.4% have ever received help to stop smoking

Media and Advertising

72.4% saw anti-smoking media messages, in the past 30 days
69.2% saw pro-cigarette ads on billboards, in the past 30 days
65.6% saw pro-cigarette ads in newspapers or magazines, in the past 30 days
16.1% have an object with a cigarette brand logo
6.1% were offered free cigarettes by a tobacco company representative

School

57.8% had been taught in class, during the past year, about the dangers of smoking
44.3% had discussed in class, during the past year, reasons why people their age smoke
54.8% had been taught in class, during the past year, the effects of tobacco use

Highlights

- 33.9% of students currently use any form of tobacco; 32.9% currently smoke cigarettes; 8.8% currently use some other form of tobacco.
- SHS exposure is high – over one-third of the students live in homes where others smoke, and nearly three-quarters of the students are exposed to smoke around others outside of the home; close to 6 in 10 students have at least one parent who smokes.
- Over half the students think smoke from others is harmful to them.
- Nearly 8 in 10 students think smoking in public places should be banned.
- Seven in 10 current smokers want to stop smoking.
- One in 6 students has an object with a cigarette brand logo on it.
- More than 7 in 10 students saw anti-smoking media messages in the past 30 days; two-thirds of the students saw pro-cigarette ads on billboards and in newspapers or magazines in the past 30 days.