

# Uzbekistan-Tashkent (Ages 13-15)

## Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS)

### FACT SHEET . . . . .



The Uzbekistan-Tashkent 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 Uzbekistan-Tashkent could include in a comprehensive tobacco control program.

The Uzbekistan-Tashkent GYTS was a school-based survey of students in grade 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup>, 9<sup>th</sup>, and 1<sup>st</sup> year of college/lyceum conducted in 2008.

A two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for Uzbekistan-Tashkent. 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 student response rate was 95.4%, the class response rate was 100.0% and the overall response rate was 95.4%. A total of 2,133 students participated in the Uzbekistan-Tashkent GYTS of which 1,375 were aged 13 to 15 years.

#### Prevalence

- 7.7% of students had ever smoked cigarettes (Boys = 10.4%, Girls = 5.0%)
- 2.2% currently use any tobacco product (Boys = 2.7%, Girls = 1.6%)
- 1.8% currently smoke cigarettes (Boys = 2.4%, Girls = 1.2%)
- 0.6% currently daily cigarette smokers (Boys = 0.7%, Girls = 0.5%)
- 0.6% used any form of tobacco other than cigarettes in the past 30 days (Boys = 0.3%, Girls = 0.8%)
- 17.1% ever smokers initiated smoking before age ten (Boys = 25.2%)
- 45.1% of never smokers are likely to initiate smoking next year (Boys = 46.0%, Girls = 45.9%)

#### Exposure to Secondhand Smoke (SHS)

- 17.3% live in homes where others smoke in their presence
- 46.7% are around others who smoke in places outside their home
- 91.7% think smoking should be banned from public places
- 56.1% think smoke from others is harmful to them
- 43.8% have one or more parents who smoke
- 1.6% have most or all friends who smoke

#### Media and Advertising

- 90.6% saw anti-smoking media messages in the past 30 days
- 52.1% saw pro-cigarette ads on billboards in the past 30 days
- 42.1% saw pro-cigarette ads in newspapers or magazines in the past 30 days
- 6.9% have an object with a cigarette brand logo
- 5.3% were offered free cigarettes by a tobacco company representative

#### School

- 71.8% had been taught in class, during the past year, about the dangers of smoking
- 45.5% had discussed in class, during the past year, reasons why people their age smoke
- 58.2% had been taught in class, during the past year, the effects of tobacco use

#### Highlights

- 2.2% students currently use any form of tobacco; 1.8% currently smoke cigarettes.
- SHS exposure is moderate - 17.3% of students live in homes where others smoke, about half of the students are around others who smoke in places outside of their home; over 4 in 10 students have one or more parent who smoke.
- Over 9 in 10 students think smoking should be banned from public places.
- About 9 in 10 students saw anti-smoking media messages while 52.1% saw pro-cigarette ads on billboards, and 42.1% of the students saw pro-cigarettes ads in newspapers & magazines.