

# global youth tobacco survey

## Country fact sheets

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# Lebanon 2011 (Ages 13-15)

## Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS)

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

The Lebanon GYTS was a school-based survey of students in grades 8 to 10 conducted in 2011.

A two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for Lebanon. 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. A total of 2,339 students participated in the Lebanon GYTS of which 1,651 were ages 13 to 15 years. The overall response rate of all students surveyed was 87.4%.

#### Prevalence

- 28.3% of students had ever smoked cigarettes (Boys = 38.9%, Girls = 19.4%)
- 59.2 % of students had ever smoked cigarettes or water-pipe (Boys=65.5%, Girls=53.8%)
- 36.2% currently use any smoked tobacco product (Boys = 41.9%, Girls = 31.4%)
- 11.3% currently smoke cigarettes (Boys = 17.7%, Girls = 6.0%)
- 34.8% currently smoke water-pipe (Boys = 39.3%, Girls = 31.0%)
- 14.7% of never smokers are likely to initiate smoking cigarettes next year

#### Knowledge and Attitudes

- 18.0% think boys and 11.9% think girls who smoke cigarettes have more friends
- 13.5% think boys and 9.3% think girls who smoke cigarettes look more attractive

#### Access and Availability - Current Smokers

- 20.3% usually smoke at home
- 29.5% buy cigarettes in a store
- 89.5% who bought cigarettes in a store were NOT refused purchase because of their age

#### Exposure to Secondhand Smoke (SHS)

- 68.6% live in homes where others smoke cigarettes in their presence
- 65.2% are around others who smoke cigarettes in places outside their home
- 75.7% think smoke cigarettes from others is harmful to them
- 62.1% have one or more parents who smoke cigarettes
- 15.9% have most or all friends who smoke cigarettes

#### Cessation - Current Smokers

- 55.7% want to stop smoking cigarettes
- 51.2% tried to stop smoking cigarettes during the past year
- 75.6% have ever received help to stop smoking cigarettes

#### Media and Advertising

- 68.5% saw anti-smoking media messages, in the past 30 days
- 82.4% saw pro-cigarette ads on billboards, in the past 30 days
- 71.5% saw pro-cigarette ads in newspapers or magazines, in the past 30 days
- 11.6% have an object with a cigarette brand logo
- 8.6% were offered free cigarettes by a tobacco company representative

#### School

- 59.7% had been taught in class, during the past year, about the dangers of smoking cigarettes
- 38.4% had discussed in class, during the past year, reasons why people their age smoke cigarettes
- 51.9% had been taught in class, during the past year, the effects of tobacco use cigarettes

#### Highlights

- 36.2% of students currently use any smoked tobacco products; 11.3% currently smoke cigarettes; 34.8% currently smoke water-pipe
- SHS exposure– almost seven in 10 students live in homes where others smoke cigarettes; and two-thirds of the students are exposed to cigarette smoke around others outside of the home; over six in 10 students have at least one parent who smokes cigarettes
- Three-quarters of the students think cigarette smoke from others is harmful to them
- 55.7% of current smokers want to stop smoking cigarettes
- 11.6% of students have an object with a cigarette brand logo on it
- Close to seven in 10 students saw anti-smoking media messages in the past 30 days; more than eight in 10 students saw pro-cigarette ads on billboards and more than seven in 10 saw pro-cigarette ads in newspapers or magazines in the past 30 days