

Turkey 2012 (Ages 13-15) Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS) FACT SHEET



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

The Turkey GYTS was a school-based survey of students in grades 7, 8, prep, and 9 conducted in 2012.

A two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for Turkey. 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 5,308 students participated in the Turkey GYTS of which 4,074 were ages 13 to 15 years. The overall response rate of all students surveyed was 84.7%.

Prevalence

- 32.4% of students had ever smoked cigarettes (Boy = 36.2%, Girl = 26.9%)
- 16.8% currently use any tobacco product (Boy = 20.3%, Girl = 12.8%)
- 10.4% currently smoke cigarettes (Boy = 12.1%, Girl = 8.3%)
- 2.7% currently daily manufactured cigarette smokers (Boy = 3.1%, Girl = 1.9%)
- 10.5% currently use other tobacco products (Boy = 13.6%, Girl = 7.0%)
- 25.3% ever smokers initiated smoking before age ten (Boy = 27.9%, Girl = 22.1%)
- 13.7% of never smokers are likely to initiate smoking next year (Boy = 15.7%, Girl = 11.2%)

Access and Availability - Current Smokers

- 19.8% usually smoke at home
- 53.7% buy cigarettes in a store
- 79.1% who bought cigarettes in a store were NOT refused purchase because of their age

Exposure to Secondhand Smoke (SHS)

- 47.3% live in homes where others smoke in their presence
- 67.3% are around others who smoke in places outside their home over the last seven days
- 87.9% think smoking should be banned from public places
- 84.7% think smoke from others is harmful to them
- 58.2% have one or more parents who smoke
- 12.8% have most or all friends who smoke

Cessation - Current Smokers

- 48.9% want to stop smoking
- 56.6% tried to stop smoking during the past year
- 58.5% have ever received help to stop smoking
- 15.2% always have or feel like having a cigarette first thing in the morning

Media and Advertising

- 98.6% saw anti-smoking media messages, in the past 30 days
- 29.2% saw pro-cigarette ads in newspapers or magazines, in the past 30 days
- 10.7% have an object with a cigarette brand logo
- 10.2% were offered free cigarettes by a tobacco company representative

School

- 55.2% had been taught in class, during the past year, about the dangers of smoking
- 34.7% had discussed in class, during the past year, reasons why people their age smoke

Highlights

- 16.8% of students currently use any form of tobacco; 10.4% currently smoke cigarettes; 10.5% currently use some other form of tobacco
- SHS exposure – Almost half of the students live in homes where others smoke, and two-thirds of the students are around others who smoke in places outside their home; nearly six in 10 of the students have at least one parent who smokes
- Almost nine in 10 students think smoking in public places should be banned
- 84.7% of students think smoke from others is harmful to them
- Almost half of the current smokers want to stop smoking
- 10.7% of students have an object with a cigarette brand logo on it
- Almost all students saw anti-smoking media messages in the past 30 days; three in 10 saw pro-cigarette ads in newspapers or magazines in the past 30 days