

Hungary (Ages 13-15)

Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS)

FACT SHEET



The Hungary 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, secondhand smoke exposure (SHS), cessation, media and advertising, and school curriculum. These determinants are components Hungary could include in a comprehensive tobacco control program.

The Hungary GYTS was a school-based survey of students in 7th, 8th and 9th grade conducted in 2008.

A two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for Hungary. 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 92.5%, the class response rate was 100%, the student response rate was 88.2% and the overall response rate was 81.6%. A total of 3,861 students completed the 2008 Hungary GYTS of which 3,139 were aged 13-15.

Prevalence

- 57.9% of students had ever smoked cigarettes (Boys = 56.5%, Girls = 58.4%)
- 27.8% currently use any tobacco product (Boys = 27.9%, Girls = 26.7%)
- 23.2% currently smoke cigarettes (Boys = 21.5%, Girls = 23.6%)
- 5.9% currently daily cigarette smokers (Boys = 6.2%, Girls = 4.9%)
- 13.8% used any form of tobacco other than cigarettes in the past 30 days (Boys = 16.8%, Girls = 10.4%)
- 18.0% ever smokers initiated smoking before age ten (Boys = 19.7%, Girls = 15.7%)
- 18.5% of never smokers are likely to initiate smoking next year (Boys = 16.2%, Girls = 21.0%)

Access and Availability - Current Smokers

- 5.3% usually smoke at home
- 47.9% buy cigarettes in a store
- 51.7% who bought cigarettes in a store were NOT refused purchase because of their age

Exposure to Secondhand Smoke (SHS)

- 43.0% live in homes where others smoke in their presence
- 72.6% are around others who smoke in places outside their home
- 76.9% think smoking should be banned from public places
- 61.5% think smoke from others is harmful to them
- 50.7% have one or more parents who smoke
- 22.2% have most or all friends who smoke

Cessation - Current Smokers

- 41.0% want to stop smoking
- 66.3% tried to stop smoking during the past year
- 48.1% have ever received help to stop smoking
- 17.4% always have or feel like having a cigarette first thing in the morning

Media and Advertising

- 94.1% saw anti-smoking media messages in the past 30 days
- 15.8% have an object with a cigarette brand logo
- 6.2% were offered free cigarettes by a tobacco company representative

School

- 57.2% had been taught in class, during the past year, about the dangers of smoking
- 41.2% had discussed in class, during the past year, reasons why people their age smoke
- 51.8% had been taught in class, during the past year, the effects of tobacco use

Highlights

- Almost 3 in 10 students currently use any form of tobacco; 23.2% currently smoke cigarettes; 13.8% currently use some form of tobacco other than cigarettes.
- SHS exposure is very high – over 4 in 10 students live in homes where others smoke, approximately three-quarters of the students are around others who smoke in places outside of their home; half of the students have one or more parent who smoke.
- Over three-quarters of the students think smoking should be banned from public places.
- Over 4 in 10 students who are currently smoking indicated that they want to stop smoking now; almost two-thirds of students currently smoking tried to stop during the past year.
- More than 9 in 10 students saw anti-smoking messages in the past 30 days.
- One in 6 students has an object with a cigarette brand logo.