

# Nigeria-Cross River State (Ages 13-15)

## Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS)

### FACT SHEET . . . . .



The Nigeria-Cross River State 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 Nigeria-Cross River State could include in a comprehensive tobacco control program.

The Nigeria-Cross River State GYTS was a school-based survey of students in Junior Secondary 2 and 3, and Senior Secondary 1

conducted in 2008. A two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for Nigeria-Cross River State. 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%, the class response rate was 100%, the student response rate was 96.0%, and the overall response rate was 96.0%. A total of 349 students aged 13-15 participated in the Nigeria-Cross River State GYTS.

### Prevalence

13.4% of students had ever smoked cigarettes (Boy =13.9%, Girl=9.9%)  
 26.1% currently use any tobacco product (Boy =29.6%, Girl=18.6%)  
 4.1% currently smoke cigarettes (Boy=6.8%, Girl=1.2%)  
 23.3% currently use other tobacco products (Boy=23.9%, Girl=17.5%)  
 10.4% of never smokers are likely to initiate smoking next year

### Knowledge and Attitudes

47.4% think boys and 32.9% think girls who smoke have more friends  
 14.4% think boys and 14.8% think girls who smoke look more attractive

### Exposure to Secondhand Smoke (SHS)

31.3% live in homes where others smoke in their presence  
 46.9% are around others who smoke in places outside their home  
 70.8% think smoking should be banned from public places  
 38.2% think smoke from others is harmful to them  
 17.4% have one or more parents who smoke  
 5.0% have most or all friends who smoke

### Media and Advertising

66.5% saw anti-smoking media messages, in the past 30 days  
 47.6% saw pro-cigarette ads on billboards, in the past 30 days  
 53.7% saw pro-cigarette ads in newspapers or magazines, in the past 30 days  
 15.4% have an object with a cigarette brand logo  
 14.2% were offered free cigarettes by a tobacco company representative

### School

52.1% had been taught in class, during the past year, about the dangers of smoking  
 28.9% had discussed in class, during the past year, reasons why people their age smoke  
 53.6% had been taught in class, during the past year, the effects of tobacco use

### Highlights

- One-quarter of students currently use any form of tobacco; 4.1% currently smoke cigarettes; over 2 in 10 students currently use some other form of tobacco.
- SHS exposure is moderate – 3 in 10 students live in homes where others smoke, almost 5 in 10 students are around others who smoke in places outside of their home; almost 2 in 10 students have one or more parent who smoke.
- Nearly 4 in 10 students think smoke from others is harmful to them.
- Seven in 10 students think smoking should be banned from public places.
- One in 7 students has an object with a cigarette brand logo on it.
- Two-thirds of students saw anti-smoking messages while nearly half of students saw pro-cigarette ads on billboards, and more than half of the students saw pro-cigarette ads in newspapers or magazines in the past 30 days.