

Nigeria- Lagos (Ages 13-15)

Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS)

FACT SHEET



The Nigeria-Lagos 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-Lagos could include in a comprehensive tobacco control program.

The Nigeria-Lagos 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-Lagos. 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 95.0%, the class response rate was 100%, the student response rate was 93.8%, and the overall response rate was 89.1%. A total of 712 students aged 13-15 participated in the Nigeria-Lagos GYTS.

Prevalence

7.7% of students had ever smoked cigarettes (Boy =9.1%, Girl =5.5%)
14.6% currently use any tobacco product (Boy =14.7%, Girl =14.1%)
2.6% currently smoke cigarettes (Boy =2.8%, Girl =1.8%)
13.1% currently use other tobacco products (Boy =13.2%, Girl =12.9%)
16.2% of never smokers are likely to initiate smoking next year

Knowledge and Attitudes

30.6% think boys and 23.7% think girls who smoke have more friends
13.3% think boys and 13.3% think girls who smoke look more attractive

Exposure to Secondhand Smoke (SHS)

25.9% live in homes where others smoke in their presence
43.1% are around others who smoke in places outside their home
52.9% think smoking should be banned from public places
38.9% think smoke from others is harmful to them
5.0% have one or more parents who smoke
2.4% have most or all friends who smoke

Media and Advertising

61.7% saw anti-smoking media messages, in the past 30 days
42.9% saw pro-cigarette ads on billboards, in the past 30 days
52.4% saw pro-cigarette ads in newspapers or magazines, in the past 30 days
14.2% have an object with a cigarette brand logo
7.1% were offered free cigarettes by a tobacco company representative

School

44.0% had been taught in class, during the past year, about the dangers of smoking
24.0% had discussed in class, during the past year, reasons why people their age smoke
52.3% had been taught in class, during the past year, the effects of tobacco use

Highlights

- Over 1 in 10 students currently use any form of tobacco; 2.6% currently smoke cigarettes; 13.1% currently use some other form of tobacco.
- SHS exposure is moderate – about 1 in 4 students live in homes where others smoke, 4 in 10 students are around others who smoke in places outside of their home; 5.0% of students have one or more parent who smoke.
- Nearly 4 in 10 students think smoke from others is harmful to them.
- Over half of the students think smoking should be banned from public places.
- One in 7 students has an object with a cigarette brand logo on it.
- Six in 10 students saw anti-smoking messages while 4 in 10 saw pro-cigarette ads on billboards, and over half saw pro-cigarette ads in newspapers or magazines in the past 30 days.