

# Ukraine 2011 (Ages 13-15)

## Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS)

### FACT SHEET . . . . .



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

The Ukraine GYTS was a school-based survey of students in grades 7 through 9 conducted in 2011.

A two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for Ukraine. 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 3,762 students participated in the Ukraine GYTS of which 3,550 were ages 13 to 15 years. The overall response rate of all students surveyed was 91.6%.

### Prevalence

- 48.5% of students had ever smoked cigarettes (Boys = 53.9%, Girls = 42.8%)
- 19.3% currently use any tobacco product (Boys = 22.6%, Girls = 15.7%)
- 16.6% currently smoke cigarettes (Boys = 18.7%, Girls = 14.4%)
  - 4.4% currently daily manufactured cigarette smokers (Boys = 5.0%, Girls = 3.7%)
  - 7.2% currently smoke cigars (Boys = 8.0%, Girls = 6.3%)
- 28.3% ever smokers initiated smoking before age ten (Boys = 36.8%, Girls = 17.3%)
- 55.3% of never smokers are likely to initiate smoking next year (Boys = 48.1%, Girls = 61.4%)

### Access and Availability - Current Smokers

- 12.1% usually smoke at home
- 54.2% buy cigarettes in a store
- 55.7% who bought cigarettes in a store were NOT refused purchase because of their age

### Exposure to Secondhand Smoke (SHS)

- 22.2% live in homes where others smoke in their presence
- 57.2% around others who smoke in places outside their home
- 86.6% think smoking should be banned from public places
- 72.6% think smoke from others is harmful to them
- 50.0% have one or more parents who smoke
- 16.8% have most or all friends who smoke

### Cessation - Current Smokers

- 70.9% want to stop smoking
- 79.9% tried to stop smoking during the past year
- 80.1% have ever received help to stop smoking
  - 3.7% always have or feel like having a cigarette first thing in the morning

### Media and Advertising

- 76.6% saw anti-smoking media messages vs. 62.1% saw pro-cigarettes media messages on TV
- 61.4% saw anti-smoking messages vs. 66.6% saw pro-cigarettes messages on billboards
- 53.8% saw anti-smoking ads vs. 57.7% saw pro-cigarette ads in newspapers or magazines
- 19.2% have an object with a cigarette brand logo
  - 7.6% were offered free cigarettes by a tobacco company representative

### School

- 75.7% had been taught in class, during the past year, about the dangers of smoking
- 70.9% had discussed in class, during the past year, reasons why people their age smoke
- 82.6% had been taught in class, during the past year, the effects of tobacco use

### Highlights

- 19.3% of students currently uses any form of tobacco; 16.6% currently smoke cigarettes; 7.2% currently smoke cigars
- SHS exposure – Over one in five students live in homes where others smoke, and almost three in five students are exposed to smoke around others outside of the home; half the students have at least one parent who smokes
- Over seven in 10 students think smoke from others is harmful to them
- 86.6% of the students think smoking in public places should be banned
- Seven in 10 current smokers want to stop smoking
- One in five students has an object with a cigarette brand logo on it
- 76.6% of students saw anti-smoking messages vs. 62.1% saw pro-cigarette messages on TV; 61.4% saw anti-smoking messages on billboards vs. 66.6% saw pro-cigarette messages; 53.8% saw anti-smoking ads in newspapers or magazines vs. 57.7% saw pro-cigarette ads