

Czech Republic 2011 (Ages 13-15)

Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS)

FACT SHEET



The Czech Republic 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 Czech Republic could include in a comprehensive tobacco control program.

The Czech Republic GYTS was a school-based survey of students in Grade 7–9 (ZS schools), Grade 1–2 (Gym 6 schools) and Grade 2-4 (Gym 8 schools) conducted in 2011.

A two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for Czech Republic. 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 3,799 students participated in the Czech Republic GYTS of which 3,350 were ages 13 to 15 years. The overall response rate of all students surveyed was 83.1%.

Prevalence

- 69.8% of students had ever smoked cigarettes (Boys = 69.3%, Girls = 70.2%)
- 36.5% currently use any tobacco product (Boys = 39.8%, Girls = 42.7%)
- 30.6% currently smoke cigarettes (Boys = 28.0%, Girls = 33.1%)
- 21.4% ever smokers initiated smoking before age ten (Boys = 27.4%, Girls = 15.6%)
- 27.2% of never smokers are likely to initiate smoking next year (Boys = 22.2%, Girls = 32.2%)

Access and Availability - Current Smokers

- 47.6% buy cigarettes in a store
- 67.9% 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
- 45.8% are around others who smoke in enclosed public places
- 75.6% are around others who smoke in outdoor public places
- 71.8% think smoking should be banned from public places
- 63.0% think smoke from others is harmful to them
- 53.3% have one or more parents who smoke
- 27.1% have most or all friends who smoke

Cessation - Current Smokers

- 44.9% want to stop smoking
- 70.3% tried to stop smoking during the past year
- 46.1% have ever received help to stop smoking
- 17.5% always have or feel like having a cigarette first thing in the morning

Media and Advertising

- 72.4% saw any cigarette brand names when watching TV
- 59.0% saw pro-cigarette ads in newspapers or magazines
- 14.5% have an object with a cigarette brand logo
- 7.6% were offered free cigarettes by a tobacco company representative

School

- 64.4% had been taught in class, during the past year, about the dangers of smoking
- 49.2% had discussed in class, during the past year, reasons why people their age smoke

Highlights

- 36.5% of students currently use any form of tobacco; 30.6% of students currently smoke cigarettes
- SHS exposure – More than two in five students live in homes where others smoke, and 45.8% of students are exposed to smoke in enclosed public places; 53.3% of the students have one or more parents who smoke
- More than three in five students think smoke from others is harmful to them
- Over seven in 10 students think smoking in public places should be banned
- 44.9% of current smokers want to stop smoking
- 14.5% of students have an object with a cigarette brand logo on it
- 7.6% of students were offered a free cigarette by a tobacco company representative
- Six in 10 saw pro-cigarette ads in newspapers or magazines