



High School FACT SHEET



The Louisiana Youth Tobacco Survey (LYTS) includes data on the prevalence of the use of cigarette and other tobacco products, as well as information on second hand smoke (SHS), cessation, tobacco advertising, school tobacco prevention education, community participation, and access and availability of tobacco products. Each of these areas is a major focus for a comprehensive tobacco control program in Louisiana.

The Louisiana Youth Tobacco Survey is a public school-based survey of students in grades 6th - 12th, conducted in 2007 and 2008. A two-stage cluster sample design was used to produce representative data for middle and high school students for all of Louisiana. Schools were selected with the probability proportional to enrollment size. Classes were randomly selected and all students in selected classes were eligible to participate. The 2007 -2008 LYTS school district response rate was 86.2%, the high school student response rate was 88.4% and the overall response rate was 76.2%. A total of 1,324 high school students participated and completed the LYTS.

Prevalence

19% currently smoke cigarettes

9 % currently use smokeless tobacco

57% had ever used any tobacco product

51% of students had ever smoked cigarettes

27% currently use any tobacco product

Secondhand Smoke (SHS)

42% live in a home where others smoke

64% are in the same room while others smoke at least once a week

47% are in car while others smoke at least once a week

93% think smoke from others is harmful to them

Cessation-Current Smokers

45% want to quit smoking

47% attempted to stop smoking in the past year

11% ever participated in a program to help quit using tobacco

Pro-health Media vs. Tobacco Advertising

74% saw or heard anti-smoking media messages in the past month regarding the dangers of smoking

31% would wear or use an object with a tobacco brand logo

School

40% were taught the dangers of tobacco

5% smoked on school property in the past month

2% practiced ways to say NO to tobacco in their classes

Access and Availability

29% buy cigarettes in stores

36% got their cigarettes via giving money to someone else or getting 18+ year old to buy it

High School Highlights

Nearly **19% currently smoke cigarettes**; 9% currently use smokeless tobacco (chew, spit or dip)

Nearly 6 out of 10 students have ever used tobacco; 28% currently use some form of tobacco.

SHS exposure is extremely high – More than 6 out of 10 students were in the same room with smokers at least once during the week; almost half are in car while others smoke at least once a week

More than 90% of students think smoke from others is harmful to them.

Less than half of current smokers want to quit (45%)

7 out of 10 students saw or heard media messages about the dangers of tobacco use.

Nearly 60% (6 out of 10) of students were not taught the dangers of tobacco at school.

Over 5% of students report smoking on school campus.

4 out of 10 students report getting their cigarettes from social sources.

1 2007-08, LYTS results at www.latobaccocontrol.com

2 Detailed 2007-08 LYTS including 95% confidence intervals are available upon request.