

LYTS

Middle 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 the comprehensive tobacco control programs in Louisiana.

The Louisiana Youth Tobacco Survey is a public school-based survey of students in grades 6th - 8th, 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 rates were 100%, the middle school student response rate was 87.6% and the overall response rate was 87.6%. A total of 1618 middle school students participated and completed the LYTS.

<p>Prevalence</p> <p>10% currently smoke cigarettes</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 6% currently use smokeless tobacco 41% have ever used any tobacco product 34% have ever smoked cigarettes 18% currently use any tobacco product <p>Secondhand Smoke (SHS)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 48% live in a home where others smoke 55% are in the same room while others smoke at least once a week 46% are in a car while others smoke at least once a week 90% think smoke from others is harmful to them <p>Cessation-Current Smokers</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 53% want to quit smoking 62% attempted to stop smoking in the past year 10% ever participated in a program to help quit using tobacco <p>Pro-health Media vs. Tobacco Advertising</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 62% saw or heard anti-smoking media messages in the past month regarding the dangers of smoking 24% would wear or use an object with a tobacco brand logo <p>School</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 57% were taught the danger of tobacco 3% smoked on school property in the past month 43% practiced ways to say NO to tobacco in their classes <p>Access and Availability</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5% buy cigarettes in stores 35% got their cigarettes via giving money to someone else or getting 18+ year old to buy it 	<p>Middle School Highlights</p> <p><i>10% currently smoke cigarettes; 6% currently use smokeless tobacco (chew, spit, or dip);</i></p> <p>4 out of 10 students have ever used tobacco: Nearly 18% currently use some form of tobacco;</p> <p>SHS exposure is extremely high- More than half of these students were in the same room or car with smokers at least once during the week.</p> <p>9 in 10 students think smoke from others is harmful to them.</p> <p>Over half of current smokers want to quit. (53%)</p> <p>6 out of 10 students saw or heard media messages about the dangers of tobacco use.</p> <p>Over 40% (4 out of 10) of students were not taught the dangers of tobacco at school.</p> <p>Over 2% of students report smoking on school campus.</p> <p>4 out of 10 students report getting their cigarettes from social sources.</p>
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1 2007-08 LYTS results at www.latobaccocontrol.com

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

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