The Liberia-Monrovia 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 Liberia-Monrovia could include in a comprehensive tobacco control program.

The Liberia-Monrovia GYTS was a school-based survey of students in grades 6, 7, 8, and 9 conducted in 2008.

Prevalence
8.3% of students had ever smoked cigarettes (Boys = 8.4%, Girls = 7.3%)
13.6% currently use any tobacco product (Boys = 14.2%, Girls = 11.8%)
2.1% currently smoke cigarettes (Boys = 2.0%, Girls = 1.2%)
4.8% of never smokers are likely to initiate smoking next year

Exposure to Secondhand Smoke (SHS)
23.6% live in homes where others smoke in their presence
45.5% are around others who smoke in places outside their home
78.5% think smoking should be banned from public places
67.6% think smoke from others is harmful to them
5.2% have one or more parents who smoke
1.2% have most or all friends who smoke

Knowledge and Attitudes
38.6% think boys and 31.3% think girls who smoke have more friends
26.8% think boys and 27.5% think girls who smoke look more attractive

Cessation - Current Smokers
81.8% want to stop smoking
77.4% tried to stop smoking during the past year
72.2% have ever received help to stop smoking

School
47.7% had been taught in class, during the past year, about the dangers of smoking
36.0% had discussed in class, during the past year, reasons why people their age smoke
53.7% had been taught in class, during the past year, the effects of tobacco use

Media and Advertising
73.0% saw anti-smoking media messages, in the past 30 days
58.6% 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
16.3% have an object with a cigarette brand logo
19.4% were offered free cigarettes by a tobacco company representative

HIGHLIGHTS
- More than 1 in 10 students currently use any tobacco product; 2.1% of students currently smoke cigarettes.
- SHS exposure is moderate – over 1 in 5 students live in homes where others smoke; almost half of students are exposed to smoke of others outside their home; 5.2% of students have at least one parent who smokes.
- Almost 8 in 10 students think smoking should be banned in public places.
- Nearly 1 in 5 students was offered a free cigarette by a tobacco company representative.
- Almost 3 in 4 students saw anti-smoking media messages in the past 30 days; 58.6% of students saw pro-cigarette ads on billboards and 52.4% of students saw pro-cigarette ads in newspapers or magazines in the past 30 days.

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