Global Youth Tobacco Survey 2012

Results from the Finnish national report



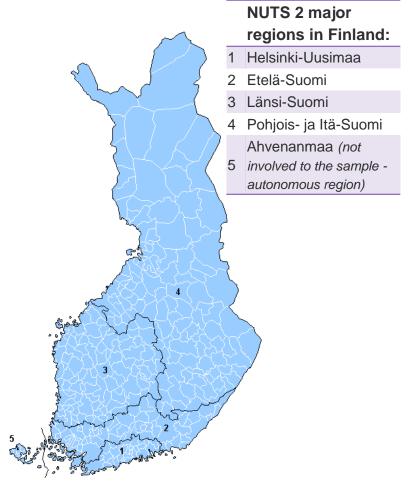
GYTS Finland sampling

Two-stage cluster sampling according to the GYTS study protocol:

- School selection with probability proportional to size (PPS) -sampling
 - List of upper comprehensive schools with grades 7-9, provided by the Statistics Finland
 - Independent sampling for four Eurostat major regions (NUTS 2, see picture)
 - Altogether 100 schools sampled (25 per major region): 98 eligible (one school had been shut down, one had merged with another school also sampled)

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2. Random class selection in the schools





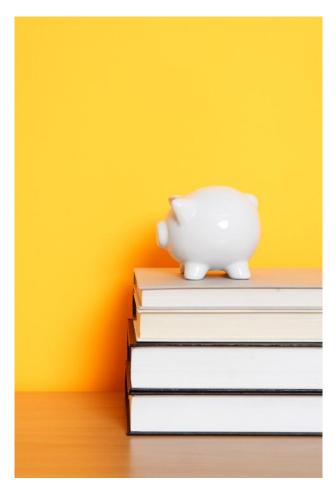
Picture: Statistics Finland

- Data collection Oct-Dec 2012
- Two options for conducting the survey:
 - According to the conventional GYTS study protocol: paper questionnaires and answering sheets (9% of participants)
 - Protected electronic survey with the school computers (91% of participants)



- Altogether 5031 participants in upper comprehensive schools (grades 7-9)
- Response rates:
 - School-level: 68 % (67/98 schools)
 - Class-level: 99.7 % (319/320 classes)
 - Student level: 86 % (5031/5837)
 - Overall response rate 59 %
- 4773 pupils were in the target group of the survey, 13-15year-olds
- The results are reported from the 13-15-year-olds only



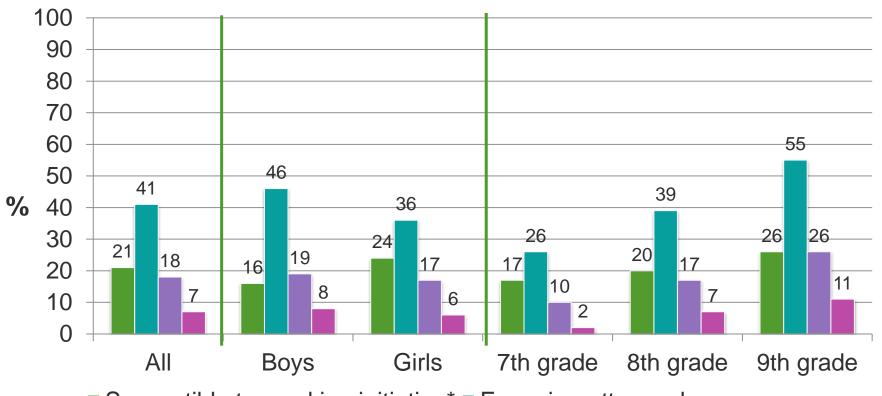


Selected graphs

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Prevalence of smoking in upper comprehensive schools

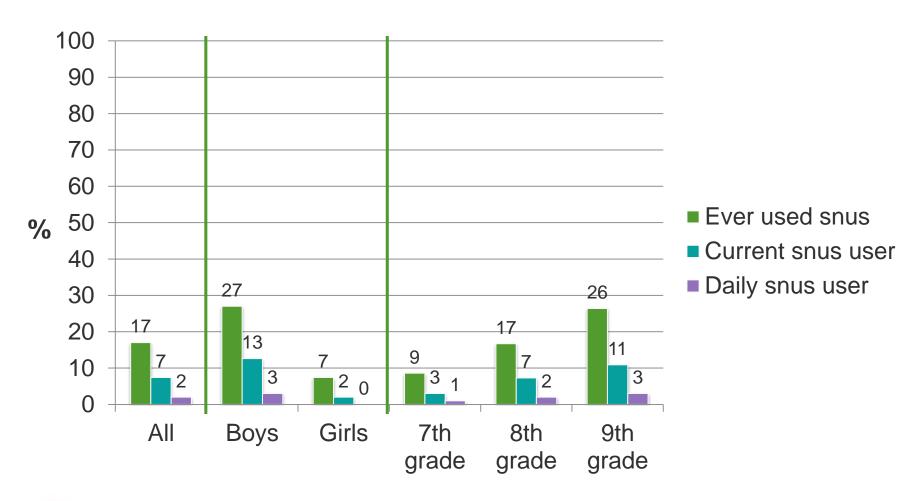


- Susceptible to smoking initiation* Ever cigarette smoker
- Current cigarette smokerDaily cigarette smoker



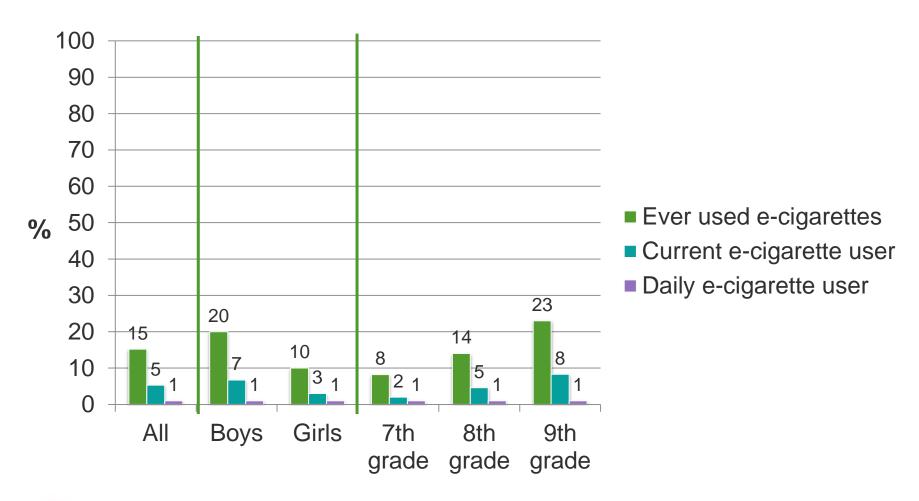
*Among never tobacco users.

Use of smokeless tobacco (snus)



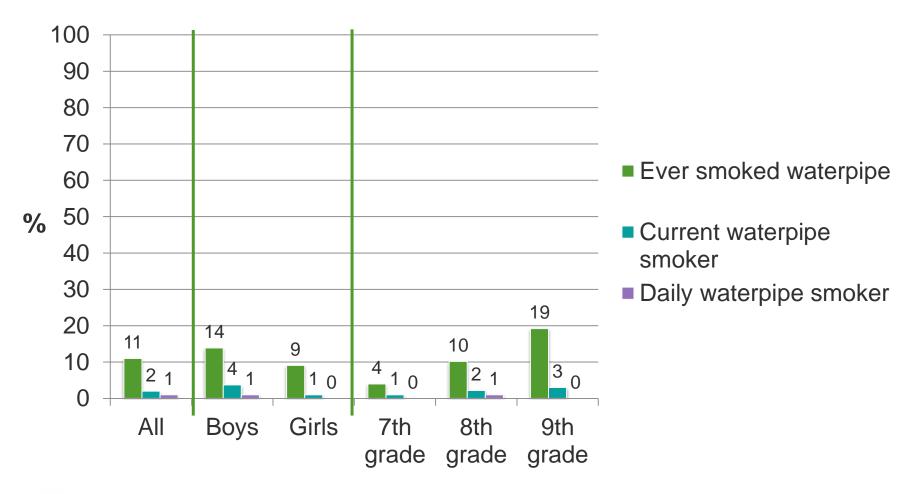


Use of electronic cigarettes



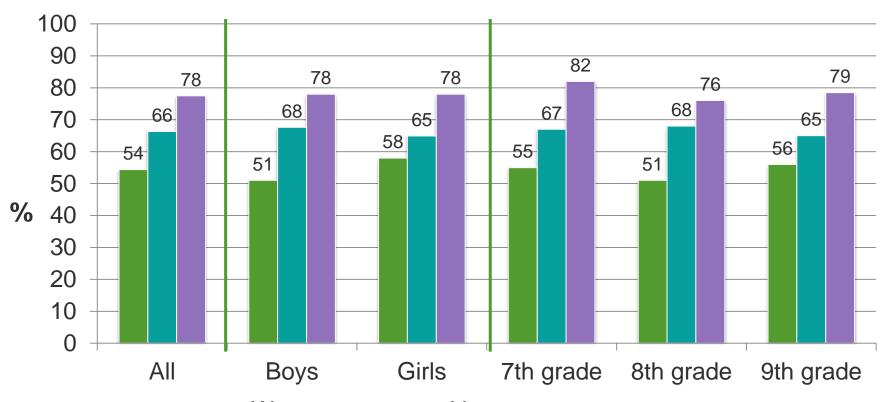


Use of waterpipe (shisha)





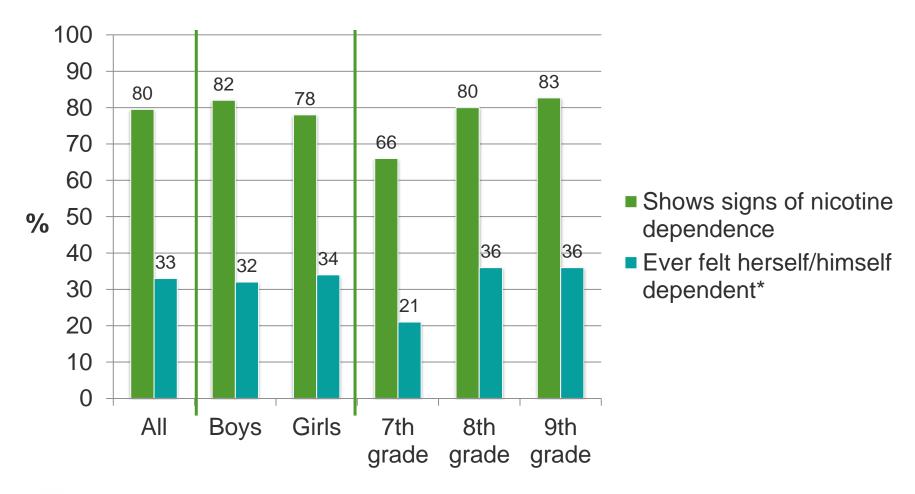
Smoking cessation among current smokers



- Wants to stop smoking
- Tried to quit in previous 12 months
- Feels able to quit whenever she/he wants



Dependence among current smokers

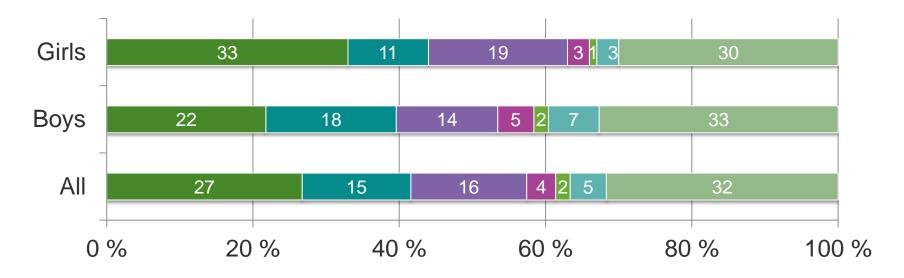




*Also among those who have already quit smoking.

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Ever received advice to quit



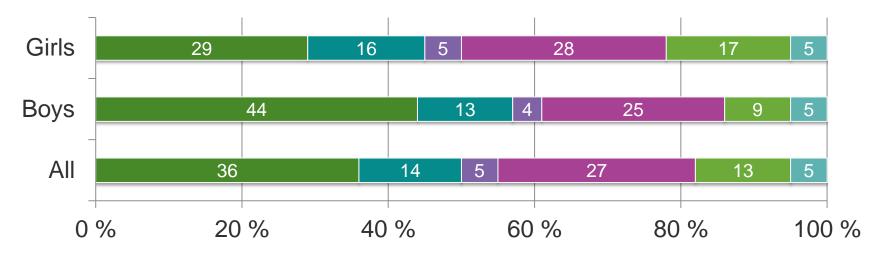
- From a friend
- From a family member
- From multiple sources
- From school health care
- From school class or program, theme day or competition
- From elsewhere



Among current and former smokers.



Encouraged others to quit smoking



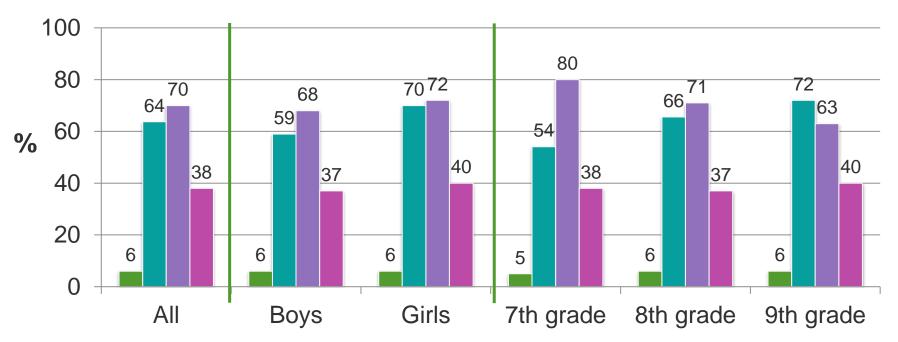
- Has never encouraged anyone to quit
- Parents or siblings
- Other relatives
- A friend
- More than one of the mentioned
- Other person



Among those who knew someone who smokes.

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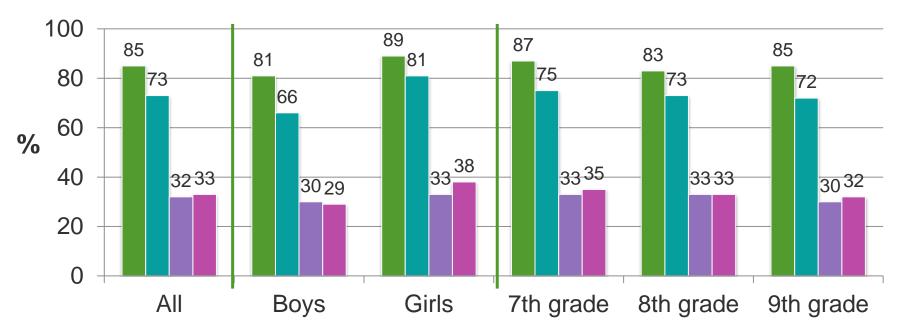
Exposure to environmental tobacco smoke



- Exposed daily to ETS inside home
- Exposed daily to ETS in public outdoor areas
- Feels unpleasant, when someone smokes near
- Perceives ETS caused by others definitely harmful to herself/himself



Perceived harms of tobacco products and electronic cigarettes

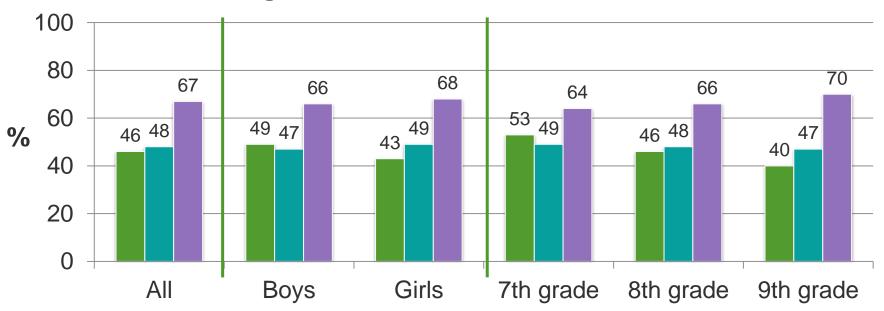


- Cigarettes are definitely harmful to health
- Smokeless tobacco is definitely harmful to health
- Waterpipe is definitely harmful to health
- E-cigarettes are definitely harmful to health



Attitudes towards tobacco control policies

Smoking initiation would be less common if...



- ...school smoking bans were strictly supervised
- ...cigarette packs had pictures of health problems caused by tobacco
- ...the price of tobacco products was raised considerably

