

**Youth Tobacco Survey (YTS)  
2006 Questionnaire**

**Please Note:**

**Key indicator numbers are in caps and underlined.**

**Supplementary questions are highlighted in blue noted as SUPPLEMENT.**

**Supplementary questions which include an asterisk (\*) were denoted as core questions on the previous version of the YTS**

**New questions are noted as NEW QUESTION**

**THE FIRST QUESTIONS ASK FOR SOME BACKGROUND INFORMATION ABOUT YOU.**

- 1. How old are you?**
  - a. 11 years old or younger
  - b. 12 years old
  - c. 13 years old
  - d. 14 years old
  - e. 15 years old
  - f. 16 years old
  - g. 17 years old
  - h. 18 years old or older
  
- 2. What is your sex?**
  - a. Female
  - b. Male
  
- 3. What grade are you in?**
  - a. 6th
  - b. 7th
  - c. 8th
  - d. 9th
  - e. 10th
  - f. 11th
  - g. 12th
  - h. Ungraded or other grade
  
- 4. How do you describe yourself?**  
**(You can CHOOSE ONE ANSWER, or MORE THAN ONE)**
  - a. American Indian or Alaskan Native
  - b. Asian
  - c. Black or African American
  - d. Hispanic or Latino
  - e. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
  - f. White
  
- 5. Which one of these groups BEST describes you?**  
**(CHOOSE ONLY ONE ANSWER)**
  - a. American Indian or Alaska Native
  - b. Asian
  - c. Black or African American
  - d. Hispanic or Latino
  - e. Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
  - f. White

6. **During the last 4 weeks, about how much money did you have each week to spend any way you want to?** **NEW QUESTION**
- a. None
  - b. Less than \$1
  - c. \$1 to \$5
  - d. \$6 to \$10
  - e. \$11 to \$20
  - f. \$21 to \$50
  - g. More than \$50

**THE NEXT GROUP OF QUESTIONS ASK ABOUT TOBACCO USE.**

**Cigarette Smoking**

7. **Have you ever tried cigarette smoking, even one or two puffs?** **KEY INDICATOR 1.13.2, KEY INDICATOR 1.10.5**
- a. Yes
  - b. No
8. **How old were you when you smoked a whole cigarette for the first time?** **KEY INDICATOR 1.13.1**
- a. I have never smoked a whole cigarette
  - b. 8 years old or younger
  - c. 9 or 10 years old
  - d. 11 or 12 years old
  - e. 13 or 14 years old
  - f. 15 or 16 years old
  - g. 17 years old or older
9. **About how many cigarettes have you smoked in your entire life?** **USED IN CALCULATION OF KEY INDICATOR 1.14.1, KEY INDICATOR 1.14.2**
- a. None
  - b. 1 or more puffs but never a whole cigarette
  - c. 1 cigarette
  - d. 2 to 5 cigarettes
  - e. 6 to 15 cigarettes (about 1/2 a pack total)
  - f. 16 to 25 cigarettes (about 1 pack total)
  - g. 26 to 99 cigarettes (more than 1 pack, but less than 5 packs)
  - h. 100 or more cigarettes (5 or more packs)
10. **Have you ever smoked cigarettes daily, that is, at least one cigarette every day for 30 days?** **SUPPLEMENT\***
- a. Yes
  - b. No

11. **During the past 30 days, on how many days did you smoke cigarettes?** USED IN KEY INDICATOR 1.14.1
- a. 0 days
  - b. 1 or 2 days
  - c. 3 to 5 days
  - d. 6 to 9 days
  - e. 10 to 19 days
  - f. 20 to 29 days
  - g. All 30 days
12. **During the past 30 days, on the days you smoked, how many cigarettes did you smoke per day?** KEY INDICATOR 1.14. KEY INDICATOR 2, 2.8.2
- a. I did not smoke cigarettes during the past 30 days
  - b. Less than 1 cigarette per day
  - c. 1 cigarette per day
  - d. 2 to 5 cigarettes per day
  - e. 6 to 10 cigarettes per day
  - f. 11 to 20 cigarettes per day
  - g. More than 20 cigarettes per day
13. **During the past 30 days, what brand of cigarettes did you usually smoke?** USED IN KEY INDICATOR 1.14.2  
(CHOOSE ONLY ONE ANSWER)
- a. I did not smoke cigarettes during the past 30 days
  - b. I do not have a usual brand
  - c. Camel
  - d. Marlboro
  - e. Newport
  - f. Virginia Slims
  - g. GPC, Basic, or Doral
  - h. Some other brand
14. **Are the cigarettes you usually smoke menthol cigarettes?** **SUPPLEMENT\***
- a. I do not smoke cigarettes
  - b. Yes
  - c. No
15. **During the past 30 days, how did you usually get your own cigarettes?** KEY INDICATOR 1.11.2, KEY INDICATOR 1.11.5. 1.11.4  
(CHOOSE ONLY ONE ANSWER)
- a. I did not smoke cigarettes during the past 30 days
  - b. I bought them in a store such as a convenience store, supermarket, discount store, or gas station
  - c. I bought them from a vending machine
  - d. I gave someone else money to buy them for me
  - e. I borrowed (or bummed) them from someone else
  - f. A person 18 years old or older gave them to me
  - g. I took them from a store or family member
  - h. I got them some other way

16. **During the past 30 days, where did you buy the last pack of cigarettes you bought?** **KEY**  
**INDICATOR 1.11.2, KEY INDICATOR 1.11.5**  
**(CHOOSE ONLY ONE ANSWER)**
- I did not buy a pack of cigarettes during the past 30 days
  - A gas station
  - A convenience store
  - A grocery store
  - A drugstore
  - A vending machine
  - I bought them over the Internet
  - Other
17. **When you bought or tried to buy cigarettes in a store during the past 30 days, were you ever asked to show proof of age?** **SUPPLEMENT\***
- I did not try to buy cigarettes in a store during the past 30 days
  - Yes, I was asked to show proof of age
  - No, I was not asked to show proof of age
18. **During the past 30 days, did anyone ever refuse to sell you cigarettes because of your age?** **KEY**  
**INDICATOR 1.11.3**
- I did not try to buy cigarettes in a store during the past 30 days
  - Yes, someone refused to sell me cigarettes because of my age
  - No, no one refused to sell me cigarettes because of my age
19. **In the area where you live, do you know of any places that sell single or loose cigarettes?**  
**SUPPLEMENT**
- Yes
  - No
20. **During the past 30 days, on how many days did you smoke cigarettes on school property?** **KEY**  
**INDICATOR 1.7.10, KEY INDICATOR 2.6.5**
- 0 days
  - 1 or 2 days
  - 3 to 5 days
  - 6 to 9 days
  - 10 to 19 days
  - 20 to 29 days
  - All 30 days
21. **When was the last time you smoked a cigarette, even one or two puffs?** **KEY INDICATOR 3.13.1,**  
**with QUESTION 29, KEY INDICATOR 3.13.2**
- I have never smoked even one or two puffs
  - Earlier today
  - Not today but sometime during the past 7 days
  - Not during the past 7 days but sometime during the past 30 days
  - Not during the past 30 days but sometime during the past 6 months
  - Not during the past 6 months but sometime during the past year
  - 1 to 4 years ago
  - 5 or more years ago

22. **How long can you go without smoking before you feel like you need a cigarette?** **SUPPLEMENT\***
- a. I have never smoked cigarettes
  - b. I do not smoke now
  - c. Less than an hour
  - d. 1 to 3 hours
  - e. More than 3 hours but less than a day
  - f. A whole day
  - g. Several days
  - h. A week or more
23. **Do you want to stop smoking cigarettes?** **KEY INDICATOR 3.8.3**
- a. I do not smoke now
  - b. Yes
  - c. No
24. **During the past 12 months, did any doctor, dentist, nurse, or other health professional ask you if you smoke?** **KEY INDICATOR 3.9.2 NEW QUESTION**
- a. Yes
  - b. No
  - c. Don't know / not sure
25. **During the past 12 months, did any doctor, dentist, nurse, or other health professional advise you not to smoke?** **KEY INDICATOR 3.9.3 NEW QUESTION**
- a. Yes
  - b. No
  - c. Don't know / not sure
26. **During the past 12 months, have you had an episode of asthma or an asthma attack?** **SUPPLEMENT**
- a. Yes
  - b. No
27. **During the past 12 months, did you ever try to quit smoking cigarettes?** **SUPPLEMENT\***
- a. I did not smoke during the past 12 months
  - b. Yes
  - c. No
28. **How many times during the past 12 months have you stopped smoking for one day or longer because you were trying to quit smoking?** **KEY INDICATOR 3.11.2, KEY INDICATOR 3.13.2**
- a. I have not smoked in the past 12 months
  - b. I have not tried to quit
  - c. 1 time
  - d. 2 times
  - e. 3 to 5 times
  - f. 6 to 9 times
  - g. 10 or more times

29. **When you last tried to quit, how long did you stay off cigarettes?** KEY INDICATOR 3.13.1 with QUESTION 21
- a. I have never smoked cigarettes
  - b. I have never tried to quit
  - c. Less than a day
  - d. 1 to 7 days
  - e. More than 7 days but less than 30 days
  - f. 30 days or more but less than 6 months
  - g. 6 months or more but less than a year
  - h. 1 year or more

**Smokeless Tobacco: Chewing Tobacco, Snuff, or Dip**

30. **Have you ever used chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip, such as Redman, Levi Garrett, Beechnut, Skoal, Skoal Bandits, or Copenhagen?** USED FOR MEASURE OF TOTAL TOBACCO USE
- a. Yes
  - b. No
31. **How old were you when you used chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip for the first time?** SUPPLEMENT\*
- a. I have never used chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip
  - b. 8 years old or younger
  - c. 9 or 10 years old
  - d. 11 or 12 years old
  - e. 13 or 14 years old
  - f. 15 or 16 years old
  - g. 17 years old or older
32. **During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip?** USED TO MEASURE CURRENT TOTAL USE
- a. 0 days
  - b. 1 or 2 days
  - c. 3 to 5 days
  - d. 6 to 9 days
  - e. 10 to 19 days
  - f. 20 to 29 days
  - g. All 30 days
33. **During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip on school property?** KEY INDICATOR 1.7.10
- a. 0 days
  - b. 1 or 2 days
  - c. 3 to 5 days
  - d. 6 to 9 days
  - e. 10 to 19 days
  - f. 20 to 29 days
  - g. All 30 days

34. **During the past 30 days, how did you usually get your own chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip?**

**SUPPLEMENT\***

**(CHOOSE ONLY ONE ANSWER)**

- a. I did not use chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip during the past 30 days
- b. I bought them in a store such as a convenience store, supermarket, discount store, or gas station
- c. I gave someone else money to buy them for me
- d. I borrowed (or bummed) them from someone else
- e. A person 18 years old or older gave them to me
- f. I took them from a store or family member
- g. I got them some other way

### Cigars

35. **Have you ever tried smoking cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars, even one or two puffs?** **USED FOR MEASURE OF TOTAL TOBACCO USE**

- a. Yes
- b. No

36. **How old were you when you smoked a cigar, cigarillo, or little cigar for the first time?**

**SUPPLEMENT\***

- a. I have never smoked a cigar, cigarillo or little cigar
- b. 8 years old or younger
- c. 9 or 10 years old
- d. 11 or 12 years old
- e. 13 or 14 years old
- f. 15 or 16 years old
- g. 17 years old or older

37. **During the past 30 days, on how many days did you smoke cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars?** **USED FOR CURRENT TOBACCO USE**

- a. 0 days
- b. 1 or 2 days
- c. 3 to 5 days
- d. 6 to 9 days
- e. 10 to 19 days
- f. 20 to 29 days
- g. All 30 days

38. **During the past 30 days, how did you usually get your own cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars?**

**SUPPLEMENT\***

**(CHOOSE ONLY ONE ANSWER)**

- a. I did not smoke cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars during the past 30 days
- b. I bought them in a store such as a convenience store, supermarket, discount store, or gas station
- c. I gave someone else money to buy them for me
- d. I borrowed (or bummed) them from someone else
- e. A person 18 years old or older gave them to me
- f. I took them from a store or family member
- g. I got them some other way

**Pipe**

39. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you smoke tobacco in a pipe? **USED FOR MEASURE OF TOTAL TOBACCO USE**
- a. 0 days
  - b. 1 or 2 days
  - c. 3 to 5 days
  - d. 6 to 9 days
  - e. 10 to 19 days
  - f. 20 to 29 days
  - g. All 30 days

**Bidis and Kreteks**

**THE NEXT QUESTIONS ARE ABOUT BIDIS (OR “BEEDIES”) AND KRETEKS (ALSO CALLED “CLOVE CIGARETTES”). BIDIS ARE SMALL BROWN CIGARETTES FROM INDIA CONSISTING OF TOBACCO WRAPPED IN A LEAF TIED WITH A THREAD. KRETEKS ARE CIGARETTES CONTAINING TOBACCO AND CLOVE EXTRACT.**

40. Have you ever tried smoking any of the following: **USED FOR MEASURE OF TOTAL TOBACCO USE**
- a. Bidis
  - b. Kreteks
  - c. I have tried both bidis and kreteks
  - d. I have never smoked bidis or kreteks
41. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you smoke bidis? **USED FOR MEASURE OF CURRENT USE**
- a. 0 days
  - b. 1 or 2 days
  - c. 3 to 5 days
  - d. 6 to 9 days
  - e. 10 to 19 days
  - f. 20 to 29 days
  - g. All 30 days

**THE NEXT QUESTIONS ASK ABOUT YOUR THOUGHTS ABOUT TOBACCO.**

42. Do you think that you will try a cigarette soon? **KEY INDICATOR 1.10.5**
- a. I have already tried smoking cigarettes
  - b. Yes
  - c. No
43. Do you think you will smoke a cigarette at anytime during the next year? **KEY INDICATOR 1.10.5**
- a. Definitely yes
  - b. Probably yes
  - c. Probably not
  - d. Definitely not

44. **Do you think you will be smoking cigarettes 5 years from now?** **SUPPLEMENT\***
- a. I definitely will
  - b. I probably will
  - c. I probably will not
  - d. I definitely will not
45. **If one of your best friends offered you a cigarette, would you smoke it?** **KEY INDICATOR 1.10.5**
- a. Definitely yes
  - b. Probably yes
  - c. Probably not
  - d. Definitely not
46. **In the past 12 months, how often have your parents or guardians discussed the dangers of tobacco use with you?** **KEY INDICATOR 1.10.3**
- a. Never
  - b. Rarely
  - c. Sometimes
  - d. Often
  - e. Very often
47. **Do your parents know that you smoke cigarettes?** **SUPPLEMENT**
- a. I do not smoke cigarettes
  - b. Yes
  - c. No
  - d. Don't know / not sure
48. **Do you think people can get addicted to using tobacco just like they can get addicted to using cocaine or heroin?** **SUPPLEMENT\***
- a. Definitely yes
  - b. Probably yes
  - c. Probably not
  - d. Definitely not
49. **Do you think young people who smoke cigarettes have more friends?** **KEY INDICATOR 1.10.2**
- a. Definitely yes
  - b. Probably yes
  - c. Probably not
  - d. Definitely not
50. **Do you think smoking cigarettes makes young people look cool or fit in?** **KEY INDICATOR 1.10.1**
- a. Definitely yes
  - b. Probably yes
  - c. Probably not
  - d. Definitely not

51. **Do you think young people risk harming themselves if they smoke from 1 - 5 cigarettes per day?**  
**SUPPLEMENT\***
- Definitely yes
  - Probably yes
  - Probably not
  - Definitely not
52. **Do you think it is safe to smoke for only a year or two, as long as you quit after that?**  
**SUPPLEMENT\***
- Definitely yes
  - Probably yes
  - Probably not
  - Definitely not
53. **Do you believe that light (low tar) cigarettes are somewhat less risky than regular (full flavor) cigarettes?** **SUPPLEMENT**
- Yes, they are somewhat less risky
  - No, they pose the same risk
  - No, they are more risky
54. **Do you think you would be able to quit smoking cigarettes now if you wanted to?** **SUPPLEMENT\***
- I do not smoke now
  - Yes
  - No
55. **Have you ever participated in a program to help you quit using tobacco?** **SUPPLEMENT\***
- I have never used tobacco
  - Yes
  - No
56. **Does your school have any special groups or classes for students who want to quit using tobacco?**  
**SUPPLEMENT**
- Yes
  - No
  - Not sure
57. **During this school year, were you taught in any of your classes about the dangers of tobacco use?**  
**KEY INDICATOR 1.7.9**
- Yes
  - No
  - Not sure
58. **During this school year, did you practice ways to say NO to tobacco in any of your classes (for example by role-playing)?** **KEY INDICATOR 1.7.9**
- Yes
  - No
  - Not sure

**THE NEXT QUESTIONS ASK ABOUT EVENTS YOU MAY HAVE ATTENDED OR WHAT YOU HAVE SEEN ON TV, AT THE MOVIES, OR ON THE INTERNET.**

59. During the past 12 months, have you participated in any community activities to discourage people your age from using cigarettes, chewing tobacco, snuff, dip, or cigars? **KEY INDICATOR 1.7.8**
- a. Yes
  - b. No
  - c. I did not know about any activities
60. During the past 30 days, have you seen or heard commercials on TV, the Internet, or on the radio about the dangers of cigarette smoking? **THIS IS ONE WAY TO MEASURE KEY INDICATOR 1.6.1**
- a. Not in the past 30 days
  - b. 1-3 times in the past 30 days
  - c. 1-3 times per week
  - d. Daily or almost daily
  - e. More than once a day
61. When you watch TV or go to movies, how often do you see actors using tobacco? **SUPPLEMENT\***
- a. I don't watch TV or go to movies
  - b. Most of the time
  - c. Some of the time
  - d. Hardly ever
  - e. Never
62. When you watch TV, how often do you see athletes using tobacco? **SUPPLEMENT\***
- a. I don't watch TV
  - b. Most of the time
  - c. Some of the time
  - d. Hardly ever
  - e. Never
63. When you are using the Internet, how often do you see ads for tobacco products? **SUPPLEMENT\***
- a. I don't use the Internet
  - b. Most of the time
  - c. Some of the time
  - d. Hardly ever
  - e. Never

**SOME TOBACCO COMPANIES MAKE ITEMS LIKE SPORTS GEAR, T-SHIRTS, LIGHTERS, HATS, JACKETS, AND SUNGLASSES THAT PEOPLE CAN BUY OR RECEIVE FREE.**

64. During the past 12 months, did you buy or receive anything that has a tobacco company name or picture on it? **SUPPLEMENT\***
- a. Yes
  - b. No
65. Would you ever use or wear something that has a tobacco company name or picture on it such as a lighter, t-shirt, hat, or sunglasses? **KEY INDICATOR 1.6.3**
- a. Definitely yes
  - b. Probably yes
  - c. Probably not
  - d. Definitely not
66. Do you think that tobacco companies have tried to mislead young people to buy their products more than other companies? **SUPPLEMENT**
- a. Definitely yes
  - b. Probably yes
  - c. Probably not
  - d. Definitely not

**THE NEXT QUESTIONS ASK ABOUT YOUR EXPOSURE TO TOBACCO USE.**

67. During the past 7 days, on how many days were you in the same room with someone who was smoking cigarettes? **KEY INDICATOR 2.7.5**
- a. 0 days
  - b. 1 or 2 days
  - c. 3 or 4 days
  - d. 5 or 6 days
  - e. 7 days
68. Which of these best describes the rules about smoking inside the house where you live? Smoking is... **NEW QUESTION KEY INDICATOR 2.4.4**
- a. Never allowed inside my home
  - b. Allowed only at some times or in some places
  - c. Always allowed inside my home
69. What do you think people should do about smoking inside their home? People should ... **SUPPLEMENT NEW QUESTION**
- a. Never allow smoking inside their home
  - b. Allow smoking at some times or in some places
  - c. Always allow smoking inside their home.

70. Which of the following best describes the rules about smoking in the vehicle you drive or ride in the most? Smoking is **NEW QUESTION KEY INDICATOR 2.4.4**
- Never allowed inside the vehicle
  - Sometimes allowed inside the vehicle
  - Always allowed inside the vehicle.
71. What do you think people should do about smoking in their vehicles? People should ... **SUPPLEMENT NEW QUESTION**
- Never allow smoking in their vehicles
  - Allow smoking at some times in their vehicles
  - Always allow smoking in their vehicles.
72. During the past 7 days, on how many days did you ride in a car with someone who was smoking cigarettes? **KEY INDICATOR 2.7.3, KEY INDICATOR 2.7.5**
- 0 days
  - 1 or 2 days
  - 3 or 4 days
  - 5 or 6 days
  - 7 days
73. What do you think employers should do about smoking in indoor areas in places where people work? Employers should... **NEW QUESTION KEY INDICATOR 2.3.7**
- Never allow smoking in places where people work
  - Allow smoking only at some times or in some places
  - Always allow smoking in places where people work
74. Which of these best describes smoking where you work? Smoking is... **NEW QUESTION KEY INDICATOR 2.4.3**
- I do not have a job
  - Never allowed where I work
  - Allowed but only at some times or in some places
  - Always allowed where I work
75. On how many of the past 7 days did you breathe the smoke from someone who was smoking in the place where you work? **NEW QUESTION KEY INDICATOR 2.7.1**
- I do not have a job
  - I have a job but did not work in the past 7 days.
  - 0 days
  - 1 to 3 days
  - 4 to 6 days
  - all 7 days
76. Now think about indoor public places such as malls, movie theaters, clubs or restaurants. Which of these best describes what you think about smoking in indoor public places/ Smoking should... **NEW QUESTION KEY INDICATOR 2.3.7**
- Never be allowed in indoor public places
  - Be allowed in indoor public places but only at some times or in some areas
  - Always be allowed in indoor public places

77. **Do you think the smoke from other people's cigarettes is harmful to you?** **KEY INDICATOR 2.3.5**
- a. Definitely yes
  - b. Probably yes
  - c. Probably not
  - d. Definitely not
78. **Does anyone who lives with you now smoke cigarettes?** **SUPPLEMENT\***
- a. Yes
  - b. No
79. **Does anyone who lives with you now use chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip?** **SUPPLEMENT\***
- a. Yes
  - b. No
80. **How many of your four closest friends smoke cigarettes?** **SUPPLEMENT\***
- a. None
  - b. One
  - c. Two
  - d. Three
  - e. Four
  - f. Not sure
81. **How many of your four closest friends use chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip?** **SUPPLEMENT\***
- a. None
  - b. One
  - c. Two
  - d. Three
  - e. Four
  - f. Not sure