

Tobacco Education and Prevention Technical Support Center (TEPTS)
Youth Tobacco Survey (YTS)
2003 Core Questionnaire

THE FIRST QUESTIONS ASK FOR SOME BACKGROUND INFORMATION ABOUT YOURSELF.

1. How old are you?

- a. 12 years old or younger
- b. 13 years old
- c. 14 years old
- d. 15 years old
- e. 16 years old
- f. 17 years old
- g. 18 years old
- h. 19 years old or older

2. What is your sex?

- a. Female
- b. Male

3. In what grade are you?

- a. 6th
- b. 7th
- c. 8th
- d. 9th
- e. 10th
- f. 11th
- g. 12th
- h. Ungraded or other grade

4. Are you of Hispanic, Latino, or Spanish origin or descent?

- a. Yes
- b. No

5. Which one of these groups BEST describes you? (CHOOSE ONLY ONE ANSWER)

- a. American Indian
- b. Alaska Native

What is your tribal affiliation? _____

THE NEXT GROUP OF QUESTIONS ASK ABOUT COMMERCIAL TOBACCO USE.

Cigarette Smoking (Commercial Tobacco)

6. Have you ever tried cigarette smoking, even one or two puffs?

- a. Yes
- b. No

7. How old were you when you smoked a whole cigarette for the first time?

- 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
- 8. About how many cigarettes have you smoked in your entire life?**
 - 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 ½ 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)

- 9. Have you ever smoked cigarettes daily, that is, at least one cigarette (daily)?**
 - a. Yes
 - b. No

- 10. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you smoke cigarettes?**
 - 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

- 11. During the past 30 days, on the days you smoke**
 - a. I did not smoke cigarettes during the past
 - b. Less than 1 cigarette per day 1 cigarette per day
 - c. 1 per day
 - d. 2 to 5 days
 - e. 6 to 10 days
 - f. 11 to 20 days
 - g. more then 20 days

THE NEXT GROUP OF QUESTIONS ASK ABOUT COMMERCIAL TOBACCO USE.

- 12. During the past 30 days, what brand of cigarettes did you usually smoke?
(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 _____

- 13. During the past 30 days, how did you usually get your own cigarettes?
(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, 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 them from someone else
 - f. I stole them
 - g. A person 18 years old or older gave them to me
 - h. I got them some other way
- 14. During the past 30 days, where did you buy the last pack of cigarettes you bought?**
- a. I did not buy a pack of cigarettes during the past 30 days
 - b. A gas station
 - c. A convenience store
 - d. A discount store
 - e. A grocery store
 - f. A drugstore
 - g. A vending machine
 - h. A restaurant
- 15. 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?**
- a. I did not try to buy cigarettes in a store during the past 30 days
 - b. Yes, I was asked to show proof of age
 - c. No, I was not asked to show proof of age
- 16. During the past 30 days, did anyone ever refuse to sell you cigarettes because of your age?**
- a. I did not try to buy cigarettes in a store during the past 30 days
 - b. Yes, someone refused to sell me cigarettes because of my age
 - c. No, no one refused to sell me cigarettes because of my age
- 17. When was the last time you smoked a cigarette, even one or two puffs?**
- a. I have never smoked even one or two puffs
 - b. Earlier today
 - c. Not today but sometime during the past 7 days
 - d. Not during the past 7 days but sometime during the past 30 days
 - e. Not during the past 30 days but sometime during the past 6 months
 - f. Not during the past 6 months but sometime during the past year
 - g. 1 to 4 years ago
 - h. 5 or more years ago
- 18. During the past 12 months, did you ever seriously try to quit smoking cigarettes?**
- a. I did not smoke during the past 12 months
 - b. Yes
 - c. No
- 19. Do you want to completely stop smoking cigarettes?**
- a. I do not smoke now
 - b. Yes
 - c. No

20. **How many times, if any, have you tried to quit smoking?**
- None
 - 1 time
 - 2 times
 - 3 to 5 times
 - 6 to 9 times
 - 10 or more times
21. **When you last tried to quit, how long did you stay off cigarettes?**
- I have never smoked cigarettes
 - I have never tried to quit
22. **Have you ever used chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip, such as Redman, Levi Garrett, Beechnut, Skoal, Skoal Bandits, or Copenhagen?**
- Yes
 - No
23. **How old were you when you used chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip for the first time?**
- I have never used chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip
 - 8 years old or younger
 - 9 or 10 years old
 - 11 or 12 years old
 - 13 or 14 years old
 - 15 or 16 years old
 - 17 years old or older
24. **During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip?**
- 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
25. **During the past 30 days, how did you usually get your own chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip? (CHOOSE ONLY ONE ANSWER)**
- I did not use chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip during the past 30 days
 - I bought it in a store such as a convenience store, supermarket, or gas station
 - I gave someone else money to buy it for me
 - I borrowed it from someone else
 - I stole it
 - A person 18 years old or older gave it to me
 - I got it some other way

Cigars

26. **Have you ever tried smoking cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars, even one or two puffs?**
- Yes
 - No

- 27. How old were you when you smoked a cigar, cigarillo, or little cigar for the first time?**
- 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
- 28. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you smoke cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars?**
- a. 0 days
 - b. 1 or 2 days
 - c. 3 to 5 days
 - d. 6 to 9 days
 - e. 1 to 19 days
 - f. 20 to 29 days
 - g. All 30 days
- 29. During the past 30 days, how did you usually get your own cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars?
(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, or gas station
 - c. I gave someone else money to buy them for me
 - d. I borrowed them from someone else
 - e. I stole them
 - f. A person 18 years old or older gave them to me
 - g. I got them some other way
- 30. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you smoke tobacco in a pipe?**
- 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 ON COMMERCIAL TOBACCO.

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

- 33. Do you think you will be smoking cigarettes 5 years from now?**
- a. I definitely will
 - b. I probably will
 - c. I probably will not
 - d. I definitely will not
- 34. If one of your best friends offered you a cigarette, would you smoke it?**
- a. Definitely yes
 - b. Probably yes
 - c. Probably not
 - d. Definitely not
- 35. Can people get addicted to cigarette smoking just like they can get addicted to cocaine or heroin?**
- a. Definitely yes
 - b. Probably yes
 - c. Probably not
 - d. Definitely not
- 36. Do you think young people who smoke cigarettes have more friends?**
- a. Definitely yes
 - b. Probably yes
 - c. Probably not
 - d. Definitely not
- 37. Do you think smoking cigarettes makes young people look cool or fit in?**
- a. Definitely yes
 - b. Probably yes
 - c. Probably not
 - d. Definitely not
- 38. Do you think it is safe to smoke for only a year or two, as long as you quit after that?**
- a. Definitely yes
 - b. Probably yes
 - c. Probably not
 - d. Definitely not
- 39. Do you think you would be able to quit smoking cigarettes if you wanted to?**
- a. I do not smoke now
 - b. Yes
 - c. No
- 40. Do you think people risk harming themselves if they smoke one or more packs of cigarettes per day?**
- a. Definitely yes
 - b. Probably yes
 - c. Probably not
 - d. Definitely not
- 41. Has a doctor or someone in a doctor's office talked to you about the danger of tobacco use, in the past 12 months?**
- a. I have not visited a doctor's office in the past 12 months
 - b. Yes
 - c. No

- 42. Has a dentist or someone in a dentist's office talked to you about the danger of tobacco use, in the past 12 months?**
- I have not visited a dentist's office in the past 12 months
 - Yes
 - No
- 43. Have you ever attended a program to help you quit using tobacco?**
- I have never used tobacco
 - I use tobacco and have never tried to quit
 - Yes, only in my school
 - Yes, only in my community
 - Yes, in both my school and community
 - No
- 44. During this school year, did you practice in any of your classes ways to say 'no' to tobacco (for example, in role plays)?**
- 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.

- 45. During the past 12 months, have you participated in any community events to discourage people your age from using cigarettes, chewing tobacco, snuff, dip, or cigars?**
- Yes
 - No
- 46. During the past 30 days, about how often have you seen anti-smoking commercials on TV, or heard them on the radio?**
- None
 - 1-3 times in the past 30 days
 - 1-3 times per week
 - Daily or almost daily
 - More than once a day
- 47. When you watch TV or go to movies, how often do you see actors smoking?**
- I don't watch TV or go to movies
 - Most of the time
 - Some of the time
 - Hardly ever
 - Never
- 48. When you watch TV, how often do you see athletes smoking?**
- I don't watch TV
 - Most of the time
 - Some of the time
 - Hardly ever
 - Never

- 49. When you are searching the Internet on a computer, how often do you see ads for tobacco products?**
- a. I don't search 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.

- 50. During the past 12 months, did you buy or receive anything that has a tobacco company name or picture on it?**
- a. Yes
 - b. No
- 51. 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?**
- a. Definitely yes
 - b. Probably yes
 - c. Probably not
 - d. Definitely not
- 52. During the past 7 days, on how many days were you in the same room with someone who was smoking cigarettes?**
- a. 0 days
 - b. 1 or 2 days
 - c. 3 or 4 days
 - d. 5 or 6 days
 - e. 7 days
- 53. During the past 7 days, on how many days did you ride in a car with someone who was smoking cigarettes?**
- a. 0 days
 - b. 1 or 2 days
 - c. 3 or 4 days
 - d. 5 or 6 days
 - e. 7 days
- 54. Do you think the smoke from other people's cigarettes is harmful to you?**
- a. Definitely yes
 - b. Probably yes
 - c. Probably not
 - d. Definitely not
- 55. Besides yourself, does anyone who lives in your home smoke cigarettes now?**
- a. Yes
 - b. No

- 56. Besides yourself, does anyone who lives in your home use chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip now?**
- a. Yes
 - b. No
- 57. How many of your four closest friends smoke cigarettes?**
- a. None
 - b. One
 - c. Two
 - d. Three
 - e. Four
 - f. Not sure
- 60. How many of your four closest friends use chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip?**
- a. None
 - b. One
 - c. Two
 - d. Three
 - e. Four
 - f. Not sure

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

Optional Questions

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Cessation

1. **Does your school have any special groups or classes for students who want to quit using tobacco?**
 - a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. Not sure

Knowledge and Attitudes

2. **Do your parents know that you smoke cigarettes?**
 - a. I do not smoke cigarettes
 - b. Yes
 - c. No
3. **Do you think people your age care about staying off cigarettes?**
 - a. Definitely yes
 - b. Probably yes
 - c. Probably not
 - d. Definitely not
4. **Do young people who smoke cigarettes have more friends?**
 - a. Definitely yes
 - b. Probably yes
 - c. Probably not
 - d. Definitely not
5. **Do smokers have shorter lives than nonsmokers?**
 - a. Definitely yes
 - b. Probably yes
 - c. Probably not
 - d. Definitely not
6. **Does smoking cigarettes help people feel more comfortable at parties and in other social situations?**
 - a. Definitely yes
 - b. Probably yes
 - c. Probably not
 - d. Definitely not

- 7. Does smoking cigarettes make young people look cool?**
- a. Definitely yes
 - b. Probably yes
 - c. Probably not
 - d. Definitely not
- 8. Do you believe that light (low-tar) cigarettes are somewhat less risky than regular (full-flavor) cigarettes?**
- a. Yes, they are somewhat less risky
 - b. No, they pose the same risk
 - c. No, they are more risky
- 9. Did you know that cigarettes contain arsenic, benzene, ammonia, radioactive polonium, cyanide, and other chemicals?**
- a. Yes
 - b. No
 - c. Not sure
- 10. Knowing that cigarettes contain arsenic, benzene, ammonia, radioactive polonium, cyanide, and other chemicals, will this...**
- a. Make you not want to smoke
 - b. Make you think about not smoking
 - c. Not have any impact
- 11. Do people risk harming themselves if they smoke one or more packs of cigarettes per day?**
- a. Definitely yes
 - b. Probably yes
 - c. Probably not
 - d. Definitely not
- 12. Have your parents ever told you not to smoke cigarettes?**
- a. Yes, only my father
 - b. Yes, only my mother
 - c. Yes, both my father and mother
 - d. No
- 13. Have your parents ever told you not to use chewing tobacco or snuff?**
- a. Yes, only my father
 - b. Yes, only my mother
 - c. Yes, both my father and mother
 - d. No

Media and Advertising

- 14. During the past 30 days, how many commercials have you seen on TV about NOT smoking cigarettes?**
- I never watch TV
 - A lot
 - A few
 - None
- 15. During the past 30 days, how many commercials have you heard on the radio about NOT smoking cigarettes?**
- I never listen to the radio
 - A lot
 - A few
 - None
- 16. During the past 30 days, how many messages have you seen on billboards about NOT smoking cigarettes?**
- A lot
 - A few
- 17. During the past 30 days, how many posters have you seen about NOT smoking cigarettes?**
- A lot
 - A few
 - None
- 18. During the past 30 days, how many messages have you seen in newspapers or magazines about NOT smoking cigarettes?**
- A lot
 - A few
 - None
- 19. When you go to sports events, fairs, concerts, or community events (Pow-Wows), how often do you see ads about NOT using cigarettes, chewing tobacco, or snuff?**
- I never go to sports events, fairs, concerts, or community events
 - A lot
 - Sometimes
 - Never
- 20. During the past 30 days, when you watched sports events or other programs on TV how often did you see cigarette brand names?**
- I never watch TV
 - A lot
 - Sometimes
 - Never

- 21. During the past 30 days, when you listened to the radio how often do you hear cigarette brand names mentioned?**
- a. I never listen to the radio
 - b. A lot
 - c. Sometimes
 - d. Never
- 22. During the past 30 days, how many ads for cigarettes have you seen on billboards?**
- a. A lot
 - b. A few
 - c. None
- 23. During the past 30 days, how many ads or promotions for cigarettes have you seen in newspapers or magazines?**
- a. A lot
 - b. A few
 - c. None
- 24. When you go to a convenience store or gas station, how often do you see advertisements for cigarettes, chewing tobacco, or snuff on items like sporting gear, t-shirts, hats, sunglasses, lighters, or ashtrays that have tobacco names or pictures on them.**
- a. I never go to convenience stores or gas stations
 - b. A lot
 - c. Sometimes
 - d. Never
- 25. When you go to sports events, fairs, concerts, or community events, how often do you see ads for cigarettes, chewing tobacco, or snuff?**
- a. I never attend sports events, fairs, concerts, or community events
 - b. A lot
 - c. Sometimes
 - d. Never

Minor's Access and Enforcement

- 26. Would the possibility of losing your driver's license if you are caught in possession of tobacco products?**
- a. Make you not want to smoke
 - b. Make you think about not smoking
 - c. Not have any impact
- 27. Do you know anyone who has received a citation for using or possessing tobacco products?**
- a. Yes
 - b. No
- 28. Have you received a citation for using or possessing tobacco products?**
- a. Yes
 - b. No

- 29. In the last 30 days, were you ever asked to show proof of age?**
- I did not buy chewing tobacco or snuff 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
- 30. During the past 30 days, did anyone ever refuse to sell you chewing tobacco or snuff because of your age?**
- I did not try to buy chewing tobacco or snuff in a store during the past 30 days
 - Yes, someone refused to sell me chewing tobacco or snuff because of my age
 - No, my age did not keep me from buying chewing tobacco or snuff
- 31. When you bought or tried to buy cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars in a store during the past 30 days, were you ever asked to show proof of age?**
- I did not buy cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars 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

Prevalence

- 32. In the area where you live, do you know of any places that sell single or loose cigarettes?**
- Yes
 - No
- 33. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use chewing tobacco or snuff on school property?**
- I did not use chewing tobacco or snuff on school property during the past 30 days
 - 1 or 2 days
 - 3to5days
 - 6 to 9 days
 - 1 to 19 days
 - 20 to 29 days
 - All 30 days
- 34. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use tobacco products on school property?**
- I did not use tobacco products in the past 30 days
 - 1 or 2 days
 - 3 to 5 days
 - 6 to 9 days
 - 10 to 19 days
 - 20 to 29 days
 - All 30 days

School Curriculum

- 35. During this school year, were you taught in any of your classes about tobacco use?**
- Yes
 - No
 - Not sure

36. During this school year, were you taught in any of your classes about the dangers of tobacco use?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Not sure

37. During this school year, were you taught in any of your classes the reasons why people your age smoke cigarettes?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Not sure

38. During this school year, were you taught in any of your classes that most people your age do not smoke cigarettes?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Not sure

39. During this school year, were you taught in any of your classes about the effects of smoking like it makes your teeth yellow, causes wrinkles, or makes you smell bad?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Not sure

40. During this school year, were you taught in any of your classes about the effects of using chewing tobacco or snuff like it makes your teeth brown or damages your gums?

- a. Yes
- b. No
- c. Not sure

41. During this school year, has what you have learned in school helped you feel it is okay to say 'no' to friends who offer you cigarettes?

- a. I was not taught about smoking cigarettes in school
- b. Yes
- c. No