GATS – global adult tobacco survey

South Africa 2021 | Highlights

**Tobacco use**

- 3/10 adults currently use tobacco (examples: cigarettes, snuff, hubbly)
- 2/5 adult men currently use tobacco
- 1/5 adult women currently use tobacco

**Note:** Tobacco use includes both smoked and smokeless tobacco products

- 1/4 adults smoke tobacco products (examples: cigarettes, hubbly, cigars, pipes)
- 4/10 adult men smoke tobacco products
- 1/10 adult women smoke tobacco products

- 1/25 adults use smokeless tobacco
- 1/100 adult men use smokeless tobacco
- 7/100 adult women use smokeless tobacco

**Cessation**

- 2/3 current smokers planned to quit or were thinking about quitting
- 2/5 current smokers attempted to quit within the last 12 months
- 2/5 were advised to quit smoking among those who visited the hospital

**Secondhand Smoke**

- 1/10 adults exposed to secondhand smoke:
  - 1/10 in their workplace
  - 2/10 in their homes
  - 1/10 when visiting restaurants

**Economics**

- R263 pm spent on manufactured cigarettes by South Africans
- 75% (3/4) of the monthly COVID-19 social relief of R350

**Knowledge, attitudes and perceptions**

Adults in South Africa:

- >9/10 believe smoking or breathing in other people's smoke causes serious illness
- >7/10 support increasing taxes on tobacco products
- 9/10 support a ban on smoking in indoor workplaces and public places

**GATS Objectives**

The Global Adult Tobacco Survey (GATS) is a global standard for systematically monitoring adult tobacco use (smoking and smokeless) and tracking key tobacco control indicators.