

GATS – global adult tobacco survey

South Africa 2021 | Highlights

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.



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

Adults exposed to second-hand 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 COVID19 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



9/10

support a ban on smoking in indoor workplaces and public places



>7/10

support increasing taxes on tobacco products



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