

Prevalence of Tobacco Use Among Students Aged 13-15 Years in the South-Eastern Europe Health Network

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Objective: To examine adolescent tobacco use among members of the South-Eastern Europe (SEE) Health Network using data from the Global Youth Tobacco Survey (GYTS). **Methods:** Nationally representative samples were drawn from students in grades associated with youth aged 13 to 15 in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Croatia, the Former Yugoslavian Republic of Macedonia, Montenegro, Republic of Moldova, Romania, and Serbia.

Results: Current cigarette smoking rates among students ranged from 5.6% to 33.1%. Current use of tobacco products other than cigarettes ranged from 3.6% to 10.2%. **Conclusions:** If effective programs are not developed, implemented, and enforced, morbidity and mortality attributed to tobacco use will surely increase.

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