

# **National Youth Tobacco Survey (NYTS) 1999 Questionnaire**

This survey is about tobacco use. It has been developed so you can tell us what you do that may affect your health. The information you give will be used to develop better tobacco education programs for young people like yourself.

DO NOT write your name on this survey. The answers you give will be kept private. NO one will know what you write. Answer the questions based on what you really do and know.

Completing the survey is voluntary. Whether or not you answer the questions will not affect your grade in this class. If you are not comfortable answering a question, just leave it blank.

The questions that ask about your background will only be used to describe the types of students completing this survey. The information will not be used to find out your name. No names will ever be reported.

Make sure to read every question. Fill in the circles on the answer sheet completely. When you are finished, follow the instructions of the person giving you the survey.

Thank You Very Much For Your Help.

The first questions ask for some background information about yourself.

**1. How old are you?**

- a. 9 years old
- b. 10 years old
- c. 11 years old
- d. 12 years old
- e. 13 years old
- f. 14 years old
- g. 15 years old
- h. 16 years old
- i. 17 years old
- j. 18 years old
- k. 19 years old
- l. 20 years old
- m. 21 years old

**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. How do you describe yourself? (YOU CAN CHOOSE ONE ANSWER, OR MORE THAN ONE)**

- 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

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

The next questions ask about tobacco use.

**Cigarette Smoking**

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 every day for 30 days?**
- 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 smoked, how many cigarettes did you smoke per day?**
- 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
- 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. Is the brand of cigarettes that you usually smoke during the past 30 days mentholated?**

- a. I did not smoke cigarettes during the past 30 days
- b. I do not have a usual brand
- c. Yes, it is a menthol brand
- d. No, it is not a menthol brand

**14. 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

**15. 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

**16. During the past 30 days, what did you pay for the last pack of cigarettes you bought?**

- a. I did not smoke cigarettes during the past 30 days
- b. I did not buy a pack of cigarettes during the past 30 days
- c. Less than \$1.00
- d. \$1.00 to \$1.49
- e. \$1.50 to \$1.99
- f. \$2.00 to \$2.49
- g. \$2.50 to \$2.99
- h. \$3.00 to \$3.49

- l. \$3.50 to \$3.99
- j. \$4.00 to \$4.49
- k. \$4.50 to \$4.99
- l. \$5.00 or higher
- m. I don't know

**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?**

- 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

**18. 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

**19. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you smoke cigarettes on school property?**

- 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

**20. 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

**21. 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

**22. Do you want to completely stop smoking cigarettes?**

- a. I do not smoke now
- b. Yes
- c. No

**23. How many times, if any, have you tried to quit smoking?**

- a. None
- b. 1 time
- c. 2 times
- d. 3 to 5 times
- e. 6 to 9 times
- f. 10 or more times

**24. When you last tried to quit, how long did you stay off cigarettes?**

- 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. More than 30 days but less than 6 months
- g. More than 6 months but less than a year
- h. More than a year

**25. How long can you go without smoking before you feel like you need a cigarette?**

- a. I have never smoked cigarettes
- b. I do not smoke now
- c. Less than one 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

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

**26. Have you ever used chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip, such as Redman, Levi Garrett, Beechnut, Skoal, Skoal Bandits, or Copenhagen?**

- a. Yes
- b. No

**27. How old were you when you used chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip for the first time?**

- 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

**28. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip?**

- 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

**29. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you use chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip on school property?**

- 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

**30. During the past 30 days, how did you usually get your own chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip? (CHOOSE ONLY ONE ANSWER)**

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

**Cigars**

**31. Have you ever tried smoking cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars, even one or two puffs?**

- a. Yes
- b. No

- 32. 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
- 33. 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. 10 to 19 days
  - f. 20 to 29 days
  - g. All 30 days
- 34. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you smoke cigars, cigarillos, or little cigars on school property?**
- 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
- 35. 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

**Pipe**

**36. 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 ARE ABOUT BIDIS (OR “BEEDIES”) WHICH ARE SMALL BROWN CIGARETTES FROM INDIA CONSISTING OF TOBACCO WRAPPED IN A LEAF TIED WITH A THREAD.**

**37. Have you ever tried smoking bidis, even one or two puffs?**

- a. Yes
- b. No

**38. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you smoke bidis?**

- 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 QUESTION IS ABOUT KRETEKS (ALSO CALLED “CLOVE CIGARETTES”) WHICH ARE CIGARETTES CONTAINING TOBACCO AND CLOVE EXTRACT.**

**39. During the past 30 days, on how many days did you smoke kreteks?**

- 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.**

**40. Do you think that you will try a cigarette soon?**

- a. I have already tried smoking cigarettes

- b. Yes
- c. No

**41. 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

**42. 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

**43. 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

**44. Have either of your parents (or guardians) discussed the dangers of tobacco use with you?**

- a. Mother (female guardian) only
- b. Father (male guardian) only
- c. Both
- d. Neither

**45. 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

**46. Do you think young people who smoke cigarettes have more friends?**

- a. Definitely yes
- b. Probably yes
- c. Probably not
- d. Definitely not

**47. 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

**48. Do you think tobacco companies have tried to mislead young people to buy their products more than other companies?**

- a. Definitely yes
- b. Probably yes
- c. Probably not
- d. Definitely not

**49. Do you think if young people knew the tobacco companies were “using” them just to make money, that they would never start smoking?**

- a. Definitely yes
- b. Probably yes
- c. Probably not
- d. Definitely not

**50. 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

**51. 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

**52. 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

**53. 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

- 54. Has a dentist or someone in a dentist's office talked to you about the danger of tobacco use, in the past 12 months?**
- a. I have not visited a dentist's office in the past 12 months
  - b. Yes
  - c. No

- 55. Have you ever attended a program to help you quit using tobacco?**
- a. I have never used tobacco
  - b. I use tobacco and have never tried to quit
  - c. Yes, only in my school
  - d. Yes, only in my community
  - e. Yes, in both my school and community
  - f. No

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

- 56. 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?**
- a. Yes
  - b. No

- 57. During the past 30 days, about how often have you seen anti-smoking commercials on TV, or heard them on the radio?**
- a. None
  - 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

- 58. During the past 30 days, about how often have you seen anti-smoking messages on billboards or outdoor signs?**
- a. None
  - 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

- 59. During the past 30 days, about how often have you seen anti-smoking news stories or programs on TV?**
- a. None
  - 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

**60. When you watch TV or go to movies, how often do you see actors smoking?**

- 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

**61. When you watch TV, how often do you see athletes smoking?**

- a. I don't watch TV
- b. Most of the time
- c. Some of the time
- d. Hardly ever
- e. Never

**62. 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

**63. When you go to a convenience store, super market, or gas station, how often do you see ads for cigarettes or chewing tobacco, or items that have tobacco company names or pictures on them?**

- a. I never go to a convenience store, super market, or gas station
- 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?**

- 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?**

- a. Definitely yes
- b. Probably yes
- c. Probably not
- d. Definitely not

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

**66. 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

**67. 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

**68. 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

**69. Besides yourself, does anyone who lives in your home smoke cigarettes now?**

- a. Yes
- b. No

**70. Besides yourself, does anyone who lives in your home use chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip now?**

- a. Yes
- b. No

**71. How many of your four closest friends smoke cigarettes?**

- a. None
- b. One
- c. Two
- d. Three

- e. Four
- f. Not sure

**72. 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

**THANK YOU FOR PARTICIPATING IN THIS SURVEY.**