The Commonwealth of Northern Mariana Islands (CNMI) GYTS includes data on prevalence of cigarette and other tobacco use as well as information on five determinants of tobacco use: access/availability and price, exposure to secondhand smoke (SHS), cessation, media and advertising, and school curriculum. These determinants are components CNMI could include in a comprehensive tobacco control program.

The CNMI GYTS was a school-based survey of students in grades 6-12 conducted in 2001.

A census was done of all schools containing students in grades 6-12 in CNMI. A selection of students within all schools was surveyed. The school response rate was 68.8%, the class response rate was 98.9%, the student response rate was 80.3%, and the overall response rate was 54.6%. A total of 1,308 students aged 13-15 participated in the CNMI GYTS.

### Prevalence

77.1% of students had ever smoked cigarettes (Boy = 75.6%, Girl = 78.4%)
55.1% currently use any tobacco product (Boy = 56.0%, Girl = 46.4%)
37.6% currently smoke cigarettes (Boy = 36.5%, Girl = 38.6%)
35.2% currently use other tobacco products (Boy = 44.6%, Girl = 26.2%)
34.8% of never smokers are likely to initiate smoking next year

### Access and Availability - Current Smokers

42.8% who bought cigarettes in a store were NOT refused purchase because of their age

### Exposure to Secondhand Smoke (SHS)

65.3% live in homes where others smoke in their presence
69.2% think smoke from others is harmful to them

### Cessation - Current Smokers

79.4% want to stop smoking
76.3% tried to stop smoking during the past year

### Media and Advertising

76.2% saw anti-smoking media messages, in the past 30 days
22.5% have an object with a cigarette brand logo

### Highlights

- 55.1% of students currently use any form of tobacco; 37.6% currently smoke cigarettes; 35.2% currently use some other form of tobacco.
- SHS exposure is high – almost two-thirds of the students live in homes where others smoke
- Nearly 7 in 10 students think smoke from others is harmful to them.
- Four in 5 current smokers want to stop smoking.
- More than 1 in 5 students have an object with a cigarette brand logo on it.
- Over three-quarters of the students saw anti-smoking media messages in the past 30 days.