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

The CNMI YTS was a school-based survey of students aged 13-15, conducted in 2004. A census of students was completed for all of CNMI. The school response rate was 68.8%, the student response rate was 80.3%, and the overall response rate was 55.2%. A total of 2,809 students participated in the CNMI YTS.

### Prevalence
- 70.1% of students had ever smoked cigarettes (Male = 68.2%, Female = 72.0%)
- 53.4% currently use any tobacco product (Male = 57.0%, Female = 49.8%)
- 29.1% currently smoke cigarettes (Male = 26.6%, Female = 31.5%)
- 45.3% currently use other tobacco products (Male = 52.3%, Female = 38.3%)
- 22.3% of never smokers are likely to initiate smoking next year

### Highlights
- 53.4% of students currently use any form of tobacco; 29.1% currently smoke cigarettes; 45.3% currently use some other form of tobacco.
- ETS exposure is high – Six in 10 students live in homes where others smoke.
- Seven in 10 students think smoke from others is harmful to them.
- Eight in 10 smokers want to stop.
- More than 7 in 10 students saw anti-smoking media messages in the past 30 days.

### Access and Availability - Current Smokers
- 15.5% buy cigarettes in a store
- 51.3% who bought cigarettes in a store were NOT refused purchase because of their age

### Environmental Tobacco Smoke
- 59.3% live in homes where others smoke
- 69.1% think smoke from others is harmful to them

### Cessation - Current Smokers
- 79.4% want to stop smoking
- 78.2% tried to stop smoking during the past year
- 19.8% have ever received help to stop smoking

### Media and Advertising
- 72.5% saw anti-smoking media messages, in the past 30 days

### School
- 56.2% had been taught in class, during the past year, about the dangers of smoking
- 35.4% had been taught in class, during the past year, ways to say NO to tobacco use