

# Tobacco Advocacy in the Caribbean

## HCC Country Adolescent Tobacco Use Data Sheet

### Belize

**Capital  
Population**

Belmopan  
397,621



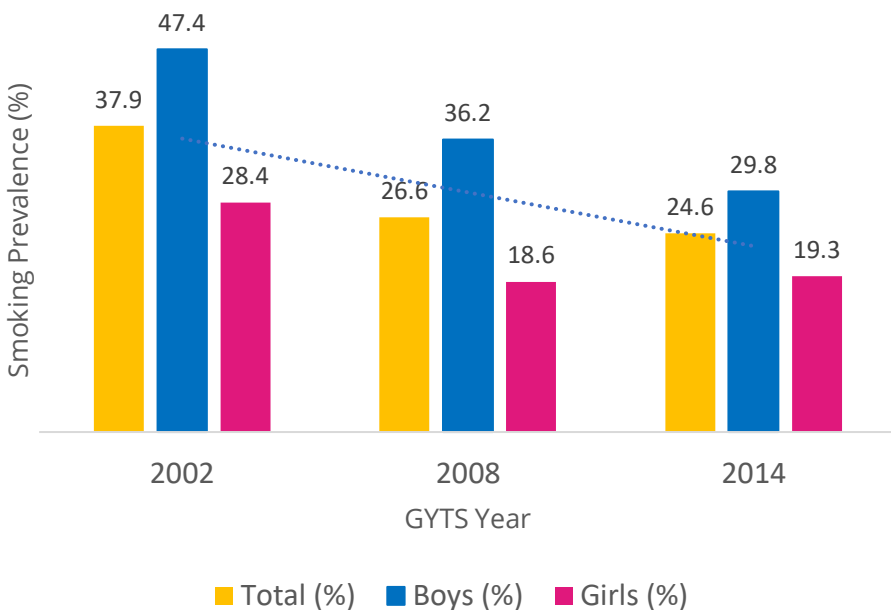
**Belize** became a Party to the **WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control** on **March 15, 2006.**



#### Belize Tobacco Control Policies

- ☐ Belize National Standard on Labelling of Retail Packages of Cigarettes, 1988
- ☐ Belize National Standard on Labelling of Retail Packages of Cigarettes (First Revision), 2006

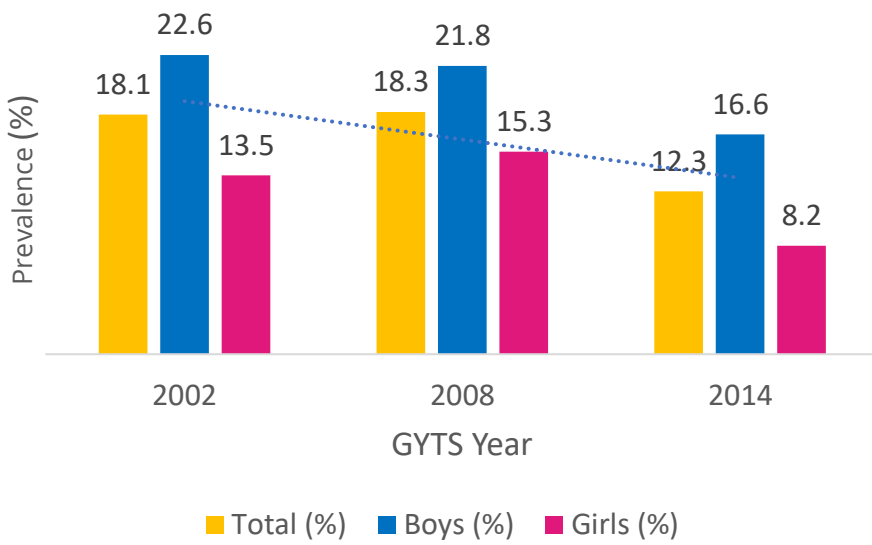
### TOBACCO USE AMONG YOUTH IN BELIZE



**Ever Cigarette Smokers\***  
Among youths aged 13-15



*\*Refers to students who ever smoked cigarettes, even one or two puffs.*



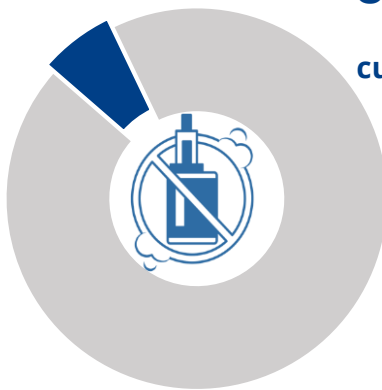
**Current Tobacco Use\***  
Among youths aged 13-15



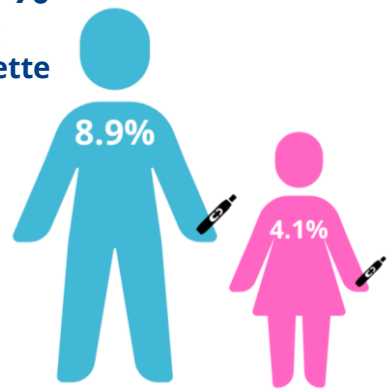
*\*Tobacco product includes cigars, little cigar, pipe, "puro", cigarillo-Phillies, hookah-paper rolls (does not include electronic cigarettes).*

**E-CIGARETTE USE AMONG YOUTH IN BELIZE**

**6.5%** of students reported being **current electronic cigarette users** in 2014.



**8.9%** of boys and **4.1%** of girls reported being **current electronic cigarette users** in 2014.



**References**

1. Global Youth Tobacco Survey (Belize) 2002, 2008 & 2014 (GYTS)

# TOBACCO CONTROL POLICIES PROTECTING YOUTH

The **World Health Organization Framework Convention on Tobacco Control** (FCTC) provides recommendations for tobacco control policies which allows countries to safeguard public health. This convention allows for the protection of not only adults, but minors also. The tobacco industry still use tactics such as colorful packaging and tempting flavours to indirectly market to children which poses a serious public health issue if children start experimenting with tobacco.

The following policy recommendations are based on FCTC articles which, when implemented can increase tobacco control and protect youth from the danger of tobacco.



## Belize

FCTC Policy Recommendations			
<span style="color: green;">●</span> Fully Implemented <span style="color: orange;">●</span> Partially Implemented <span style="color: red;">●</span> Not implemented			
<b>Article 8</b>	Ban smoking (tobacco products & e-cigarettes) in all indoor workplaces and public places.	<span style="color: red;">●</span>	
<b>Article 9</b>	Regulate the contents of tobacco products (including e-cigarettes) and prohibit the sale of flavoured tobacco products.	<span style="color: red;">●</span>	
<b>Article 11</b>	Government-approved rotating health warnings on tobacco packaging that: cover at least 30% and preferably at least 50% of the principal display areas.	<span style="color: red;">●</span>	
<b>Article 11</b>	Ban false and deceptive terms such as "light" and "mild".	<span style="color: red;">●</span>	
<b>Article 13</b>	Ban tobacco advertising, promotion, and sponsorship.	<span style="color: red;">●</span>	
<b>Article 13</b>	Ban the importation and sale of candies, snacks, toys, etc. that resemble tobacco products.	<span style="color: red;">●</span>	
<b>Article 16</b>	Ban the sale of tobacco (both e-cigarettes & tobacco products) to minors.	<span style="color: red;">●</span>	<b>There is no legal tobacco purchasing age in Belize.</b>