



# Tobacco Advocacy in the Caribbean

## HCC Country Adolescent Tobacco Use Data Sheet

### Suriname

**Capital** Paramaribo  
**Population** 586,634



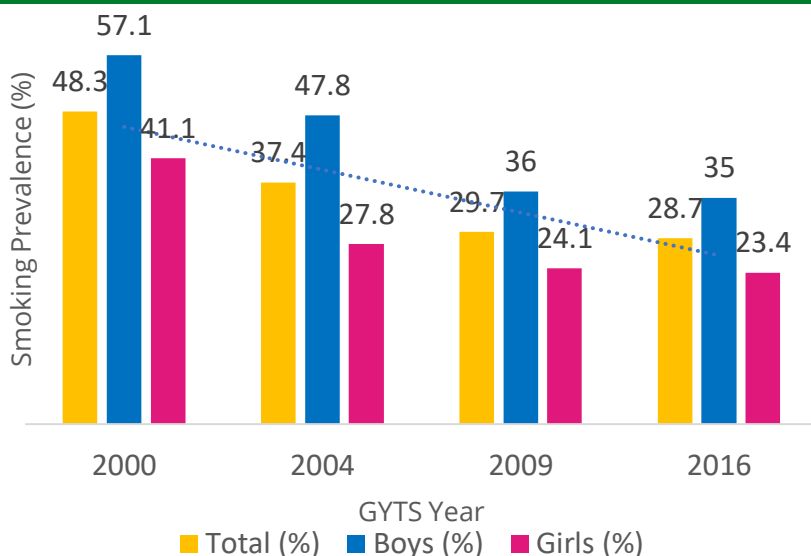
**Suriname** became a Party to the **WHO Framework Convention on Tobacco Control** on **March 16<sup>th</sup>, 2009**.

#### Suriname Tobacco Control Policies



- Act of February 20, 2013 Laying Down Rules Limiting the Use of Tobacco and Tobacco Products (Tobacco Act)
- Decision of the Minister of Public Health of April 11, 2013 No. 1189
- Decision of the Attorney General Establishing Fines for Violations of the Tobacco Act
- Decision of the Minister of Public Health of December 9, 2013 No. 4061/13, on Detailed Rules on the Packaging and Labelling of Cigarettes
- Decree of the Minister of Public Health of March 31, 2017
- Decision of the Minister of Public Health of November 10, 2016 No. 3553
- Decree of the Minister of Public Health of May 3, 2018 No. 1391

#### TOBACCO USE AMONG YOUTH IN SURINAME

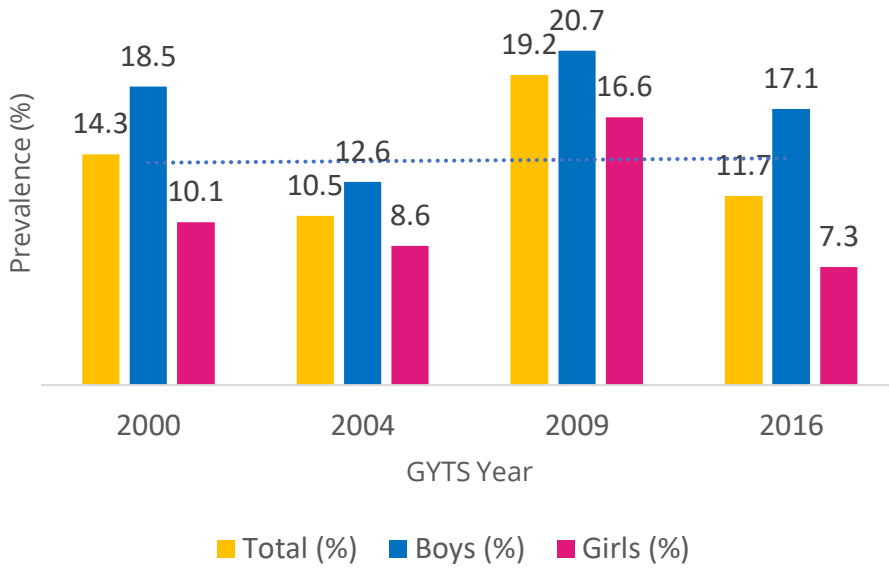


**Ever Cigarette Use\***  
Among youths aged 13-15



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

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



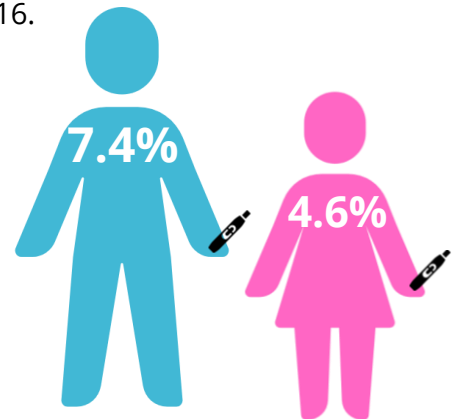
\*Tobacco product includes pipes, cigars, mini cigars, cigarillos, water pipes (does not include electronic cigarettes).

## E-CIGARETTE USE AMONG YOUTH IN SURINAME

**5.9%**  
of students reported  
being **current**  
**electronic cigarette**  
**users** in 2016.



**7.4%** of boys and **4.6%** of  
girls reported being **current**  
**electronic cigarette** users in  
2016.



### References

1. Global Youth Tobacco Survey (Saint Vincent & the Grenadines) 2000, 2007, 2011 & 2018 (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.



## Suriname

FCTC Policy Recommendations			
 Fully Implemented  Partially Implemented  Not implemented			
<b>Article 8</b>	Ban smoking (tobacco products & e-cigarettes) in all indoor workplaces and public places.		<b>Source:</b> <a href="#">Act of February 20, 2013 Laying Down Rules Limiting the Use of Tobacco and Tobacco Products (Tobacco Act) Arts. 1, 3</a>
<b>Article 9</b>	Regulate the contents of tobacco products (including e-cigarettes) and prohibit the sale of flavoured tobacco products.		
<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.		<b>Source:</b> <a href="#">Decision of the Minister of Public Health of December 9, 2013 No. 4061/13, on Detailed Rules on the Packaging and Labeling of Cigarettes Arts. 8, 9, 10</a> ✓ "The health warnings covers at least fifty percent of both the outside front and rear of the respective outer surface of the container in which it is applied and so that the warning is not damaged when opening the packaging"
<b>Article 11</b>	Ban false and deceptive terms such as "light" and "mild".		<b>Source:</b> <a href="#">Act of February 20, 2013 Laying Down Rules Limiting the Use of Tobacco and Tobacco Products (Tobacco Act) Art. 5(1)</a>
<b>Article 13</b>	Ban tobacco advertising, promotion, and sponsorship.		<b>Source:</b> <a href="#">Act of February 20, 2013 Laying Down Rules Limiting the Use of Tobacco and Tobacco Products (Tobacco Act) Arts. 5(1), (2)(c)</a> ✓ The law does not specifically prohibit tobacco advertising and promotion via international TV and radio.
<b>Article 13</b>	Ban the importation and sale of candies, snacks, toys, etc. that resemble tobacco products.		<b>Source:</b> <a href="#">Act of February 20, 2013 Laying Down Rules Limiting the Use of Tobacco and Tobacco Products (Tobacco Act) Arts. 5(1), 13</a>
<b>Article 16</b>	Ban the sale of tobacco (both e-cigarettes & tobacco products) to minors.		<b>Source:</b> <a href="#">Act of February 20, 2013 Laying Down Rules Limiting the Use of Tobacco and Tobacco Products (Tobacco Act)</a>