

Frequently Asked Questions (FAQ)

Q: What is the YTS?

A: A survey of students from a random selection of Nebraska public schools in grades 9-12 that provides state-level data on tobacco and nicotine use, including the use of e-cigarettes, among Nebraska's youth.

Q: How much time is needed to administer the YTS?

A: The survey is expected to take about 45 minutes for students to complete. Flexible scheduling options are available to accommodate school needs.

Q: Why should schools participate in the YTS?

A: The participation of schools selected for the YTS helps ensure Nebraska receives accurate, representative state-level data on youth tobacco use and related behaviors.

YTS data is used to:

- ✓ Secure grant funding to address tobacco use and related behaviors of Nebraska youth
- ✓ Identify concerns related to youth tobacco use, such as vaping
- ✓ Guide youth tobacco-related policies, programming and prevention efforts
- ✓ Inform statewide committees and advisory boards on statewide health trends
- ✓ Educate communities on statewide health trends
- ✓ Assess impacts of policies and efforts implemented
- ✓ Provide comparisons with local-level data

Q: How is YTS data reported?

A: Results are provided in many formats:

- ✓ The Nebraska 2023 YTS report is available [online](#).
- ✓ Results are only reported at the state level representing Nebraska youth as a whole - never by individual school, district, or student
- ✓ Individual student responses cannot be traced back to specific schools or students
- ✓ When data is available, reports show trends over time, differences between groups.

Q: When will the survey be administered and when will reports be available?

A: Data collection will occur between August and December 2025. YTS reports are expected to be completed by Summer 2026.

Q: Who uses YTS data?

A: Several state and local organizations use Nebraska YTS data; however, individual school districts, schools, or students are never identifiable. Organizations that use the data include:

- ✓ Nebraska Department of Education (NDE)
- ✓ Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services (NDHHS)
- ✓ Legislatures
- ✓ Statewide Groups and Coalitions
- ✓ Local Health Departments, Organizations and Coalitions

Q: Who can I contact for more information?

A: Email sharp@unl.edu for more information or call UNL's Bureau of Sociological Research at 402-472-3672.