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Most Kentucky adults support a comprehensive smoke-free law

The **Kentucky Health Issues Poll (KHIP)** has tracked Kentucky adults' opinions about a statewide smoke-free law for the past six years. A law that provides for smoke-free indoor air in workplaces (private and government), restaurants and bars is called a comprehensive law. The District of Columbia and 27 states have such laws.¹

Kentucky does not have a comprehensive statewide law. Local ordinances protect only 1 in 3 Kentuckians (33%) from secondhand-smoke exposure.²

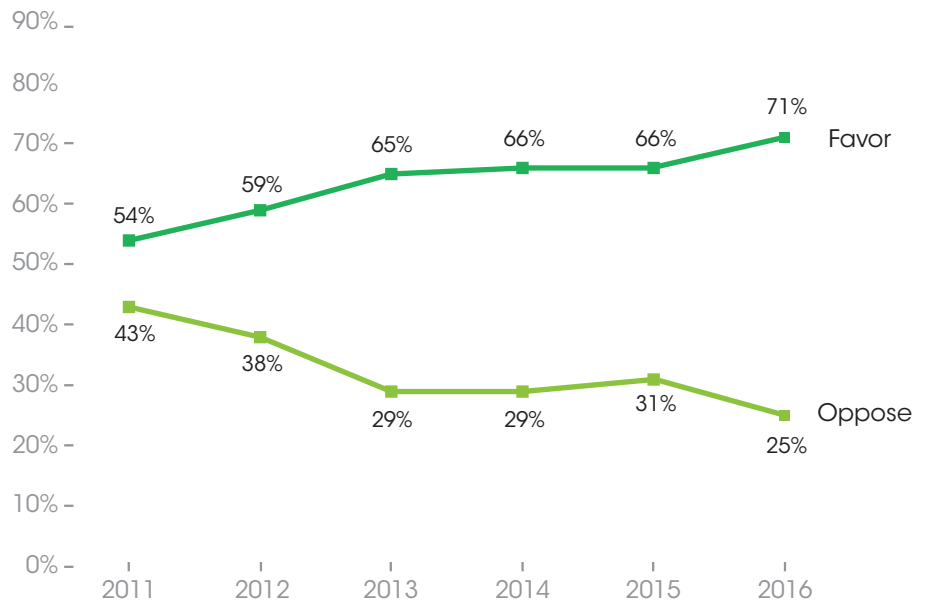
Majority supports smoke-free law

In 2016 KHIP found the highest level of support for a comprehensive statewide law in Kentucky since the poll began asking this question. More than 7 in 10 Kentucky adults (71%) favored such a law. Fewer than 3 in 10 (25%) opposed such a law.

¹ Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. State Smoke-free Indoor Air Fact Sheet. Retrieved Dec. 19, 2016, from <http://bit.ly/1Rcxaj0>.

² University of Kentucky, College of Nursing, Kentucky Center for Smoke-free Policy. Percent of the Kentucky Population Covered by 100% Smoke-free Laws, Updated Oct. 1, 2016. Accessed Dec. 19, 2016, from <http://bit.ly/2niDMJw>.

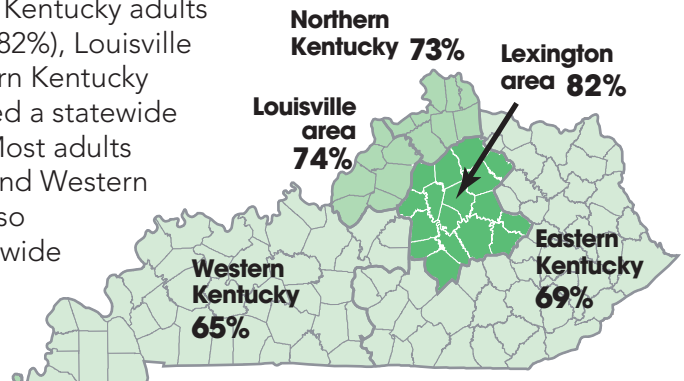
Would you favor or oppose a state law in Kentucky that would prohibit smoking in most public places, including workplaces, public buildings, offices, restaurants and bars? (Percentages do not add to 100% because the response "don't know" is not included.)



Support strong across Kentucky

More than 7 in 10 Kentucky adults in the Lexington (82%), Louisville (74%) and Northern Kentucky (73%) areas favored a statewide smoke-free law. Most adults in Eastern (69%) and Western Kentucky (65%) also supported a statewide smoke-free law.

Percentage of adults who favor a state law in Kentucky that would prohibit smoking in most public places, by region



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These findings, unless otherwise noted, are from the Kentucky Health Issues Poll, funded by the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky and Interact for Health. The Kentucky Health Issues Poll was conducted Sept. 11-Oct. 19, 2016, by the Institute for Policy Research at the University of Cincinnati. A random sample of 1,580 adults from throughout Kentucky was interviewed by telephone. This included 827 landline interviews and 753 cell phone interviews with cell phone users. In 95 of 100 cases, the statewide estimates will be accurate to $\pm 2.5\%$. There are other sources of variation inherent in public opinion studies, such as non-response, question wording, or context effects that can introduce error or bias. For more information about the Kentucky Health Issues Poll, please visit www.healthy-ky.org or www.interactforhealth.org/kentucky-health-issues-poll.

Most Democrats, Independents and Republicans favor law

Majorities of Democrats (76%), Independents (72%) and Republicans (68%) reported support for a statewide smoke-free law.

Support differs by smoking status

More than 8 in 10 Kentucky adults who have never smoked (85%) favored a smoke-free law. Seven in 10 former smokers (73%) also supported a law. About 4 in 10 current smokers (41%) favored a smoke-free law. The 2016 KHIP found that 21% of Kentucky adults reported being current smokers.

Percentage of adults who favor a state law in Kentucky that would prohibit smoking in most public places, including workplaces, public buildings, offices, restaurants and bars

Kentucky adults 71%



By political party identification

Democrat	76%
Independent	72%
Republican	68%



By smoking status

Never smoked	85%
Former smoker	73%
Current smoker	41%

