



Support for smoke-free law in Kentucky continues to grow

The U.S. Surgeon General reported in 2006 that no amount of secondhand smoke is risk-free and recommended eliminating all indoor smoking. Smoke-free environments reduce the health risks of secondhand smoke to nonsmokers.¹

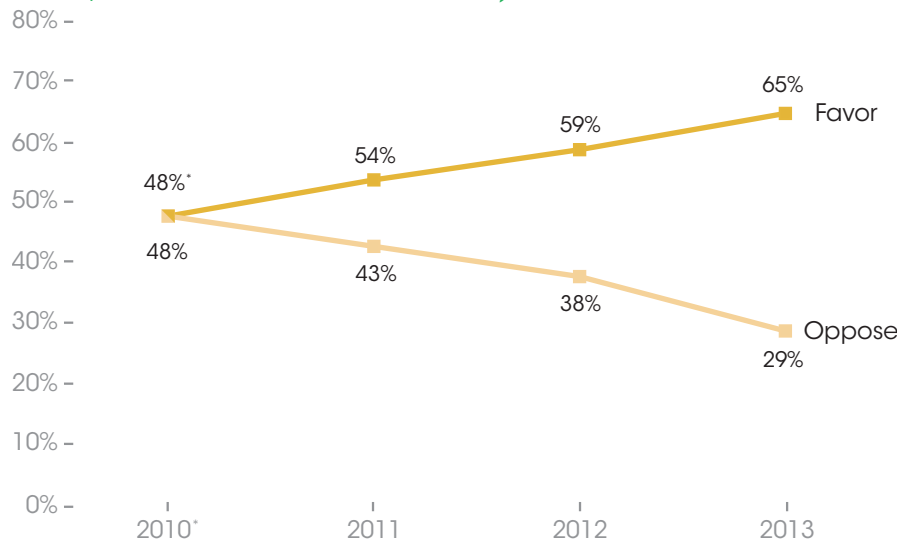
According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 26 states and the District of Columbia have comprehensive smoke-free laws.² The laws cover all workplaces, including bars and restaurants. Kentucky does not have a comprehensive smoke-free law.

Since 2010, the **Kentucky Health Issues Poll (KHIP)** has asked Kentucky adults their views about a smoke-free policy for all public places.

Majority supports smoke-free law

Nearly 7 in 10 Kentucky adults (65%) favored a statewide smoke-

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* In 2010, KHIP asked "Would you favor or oppose a statewide smoke-free law in Kentucky?"

free law, while fewer than 1 in 3 (29%) opposed a law and 6% had no opinion. Support for the law has consistently increased since 2010.

²Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. (2013). State smoke-free indoor air act sheet. Atlanta, GA: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, National Center for Chronic Disease Prevention and Health Promotion, Office on Smoking and Health. Retrieved from <http://apps.nccd.cdc.gov/statesystem/default/Publications.aspx>.

Greatest support among non-smokers

There is a clear relationship between support for a statewide smoke-free law and whether one smokes. Among those who have never smoked, 8 in 10 (84%) favored a smoke-free law, while 7 in 10 former smokers (72%) also supported a law.

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¹U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. (2006). The health consequences of involuntary exposure to tobacco smoke: a report of the Surgeon General. Atlanta, GA: U.S. Department of Health and Human Services. Retrieved from www.surgeongeneral.gov/library/secondhandsmoke/report.

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 Oct. 25-Nov. 26, 2013, by the Institute for Policy Research at the University of Cincinnati.

A random sample of 1,551 adults from throughout Kentucky was interviewed by telephone. This included 951 landline interviews and 600 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.

One in 3 Kentucky adults said they were a current smoker (33%).³ Of these, nearly 4 in 10 (38%) favored a statewide smoke-free law.

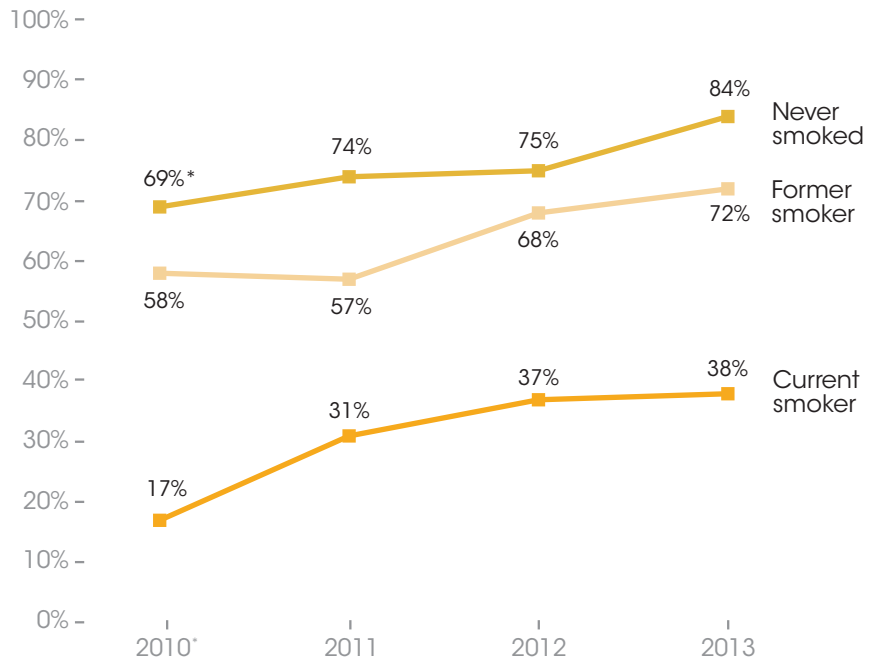
Majority of Democrats, Republicans and Independents supports law

A majority of Democrats (69%), Republicans (64%) and Independents (57%) reported support for a statewide smoke-free law.

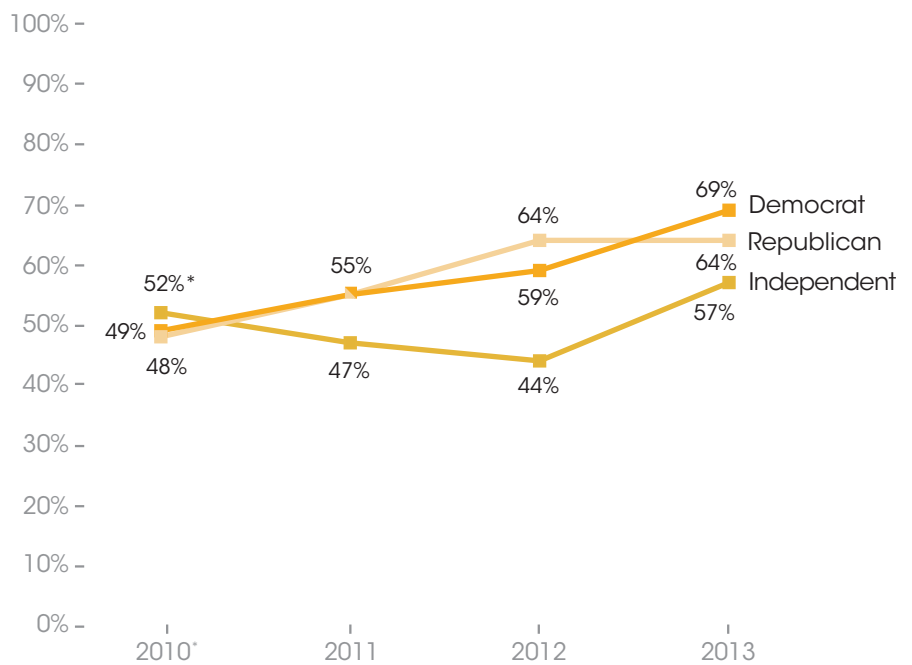
³ The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's 2012 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System estimate of adult smokers in Kentucky was 28%, which was lower than the percentage of adult smokers reporting in KHIP (33%). Retrieved Dec. 11, 2013, from www.cdc.gov/BRFSS/.

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? (Graph presents only those who favor a state law.)

By smoking status



By political party identification



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