



Strong and steady support for Kentucky statewide smoke-free law

The Kentucky Health Issues Poll (KHIP), sponsored by Interact for Health and the Foundation for a Healthy Kentucky, has measured Kentucky adults' opinions about a variety of health topics since 2008.

In 2016 KHIP found that 71% of Kentucky adults supported a comprehensive statewide smoke-free law in Kentucky. This was the highest level of support since the poll began tracking this topic. Support held steady in 2017 (71%).

Twenty-seven states have comprehensive smoke-free laws covering workplaces, bars and restaurants. Kentucky is one of 13 states without a statewide smoke-free indoor air law.¹

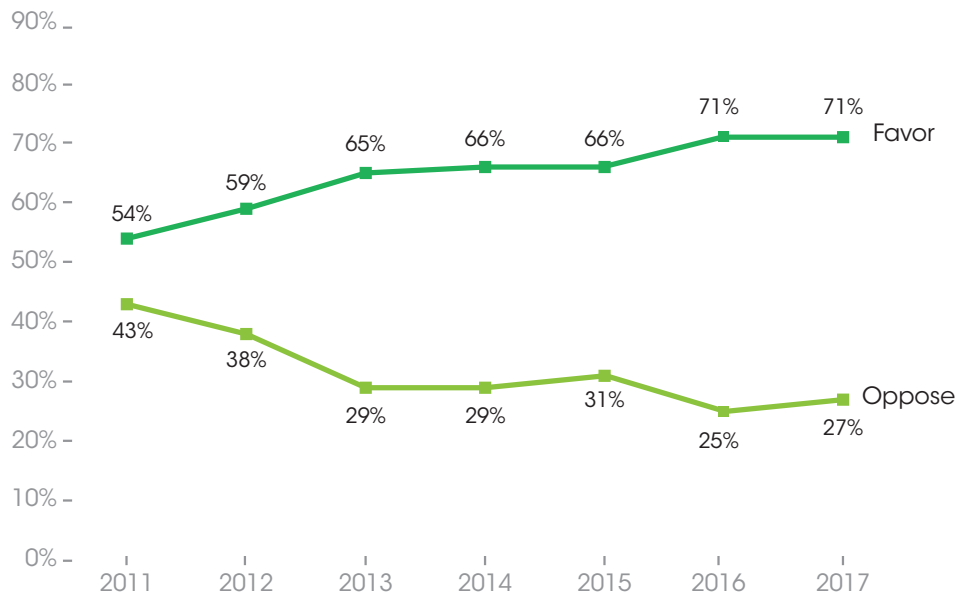
1 IN 3 WORKERS EXPOSED TO TOBACCO SMOKE

In 2017 KHIP found that nearly 1 in 3 Kentucky adults working full- or part-time outside the home were exposed to tobacco smoke at their workplace (32%) in the prior seven days.²

¹ Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. State Smoke-free Indoor Air Fact Sheet. Retrieved Dec. 20, 2017, from <https://chronicdata.cdc.gov/Legislation/STATE-System-Smokefree-Indoor-Air-Fact-Sheet/vgg2-kkcg>.

² KHIP asked, "During the past 7 days, that is, since last [TODAY'S DAY OF WEEK], on how many days did you breathe the smoke at your workplace from someone other than you who was smoking tobacco?"

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.)



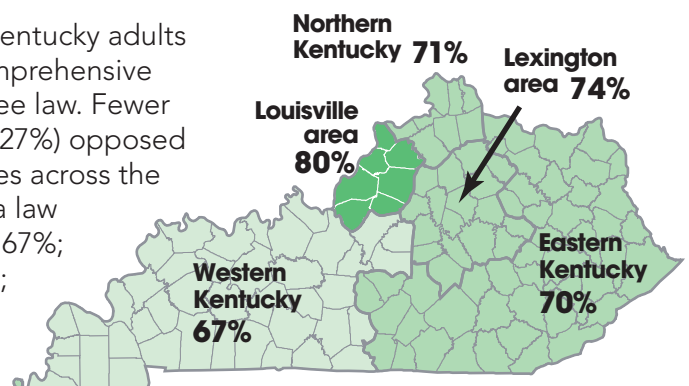
SOURCE: 2017 Kentucky Health Issues Poll (released January 2018)



7 IN 10 FAVOR STATEWIDE SMOKE-FREE LAW

More than 7 in 10 Kentucky adults (71%) favored a comprehensive statewide smoke-free law. Fewer than 3 in 10 adults (27%) opposed such a law. Majorities across the state favored such a law (Western Kentucky, 67%; Louisville area, 80%;

Percentage of adults who favor a comprehensive smoke-free law, 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 Oct. 24-Dec. 2, 2017, by the Institute for Policy Research at the University of Cincinnati. A random sample of 1,692 adults from throughout Kentucky was interviewed by telephone. This included 861 landline interviews and 831 cell phone interviews with cell phone users. In 95 of 100 cases, the statewide estimates will be accurate to ±2.4%. There are other sources of variation inherent in public opinion studies, such as nonresponse, 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.

Northern Kentucky, 71%; Lexington area, 74% and Eastern Kentucky, 70%). Likewise, majorities of Democrats (79%), Republicans (68%) and Independents (62%) favored a Kentucky state law prohibiting indoor smoking in workplaces, public buildings, offices, restaurants and bars.

4 IN 10 SMOKERS FAVOR SMOKE-FREE LAW

More than 4 in 10 current smokers (44%) favored a smoke-free law. Vast majorities of both former smokers (74%) and those who have never smoked (83%) favored a smoke-free law. Twenty-three percent of Kentucky adults reported being current smokers, 30% reported being former smokers and 47% reported having never smoked cigarettes.

Percentage of adults who favor a comprehensive smoke-free law

Kentucky adults 71%

By political party identification



By smoking status



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