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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

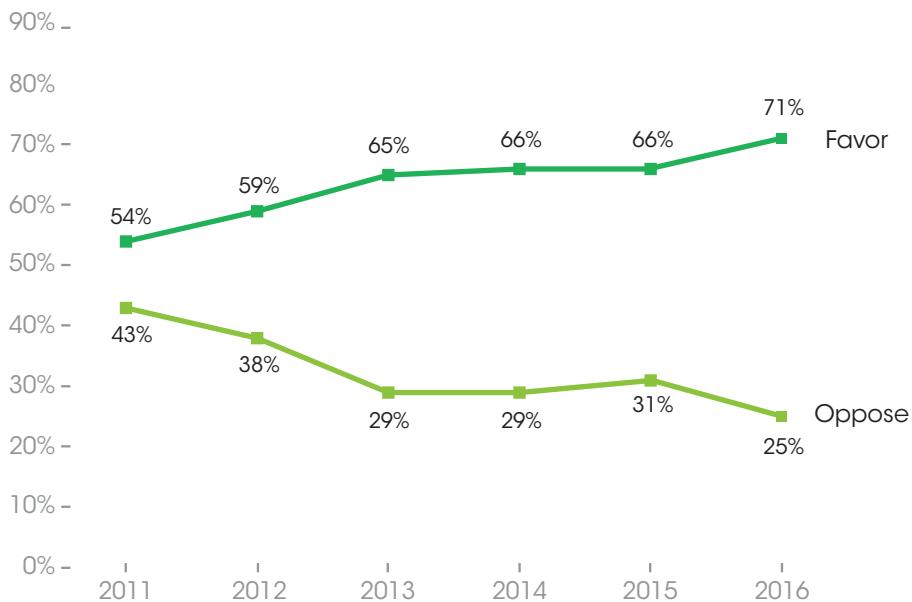
Majority supports smoke-free law

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/1Roxaj0>.

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/2nIDMlw>.

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.)

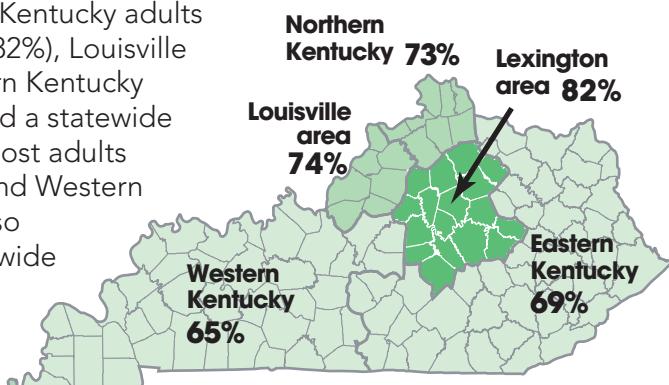


Support strong across Kentucky

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.

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



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.

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By political party identification



By smoking status

