



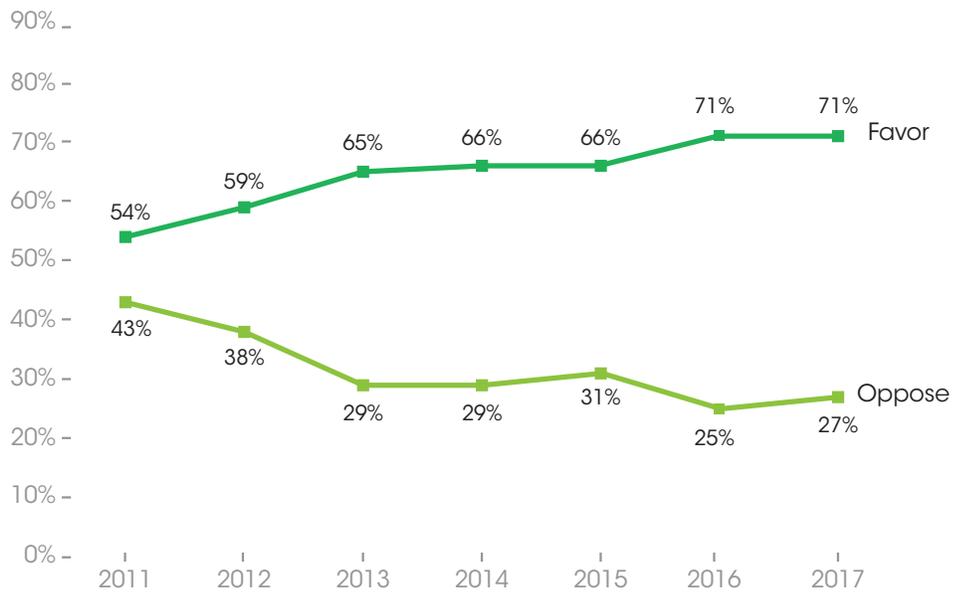
Strong and steady support for Kentucky statewide smoke-free law

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

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)



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

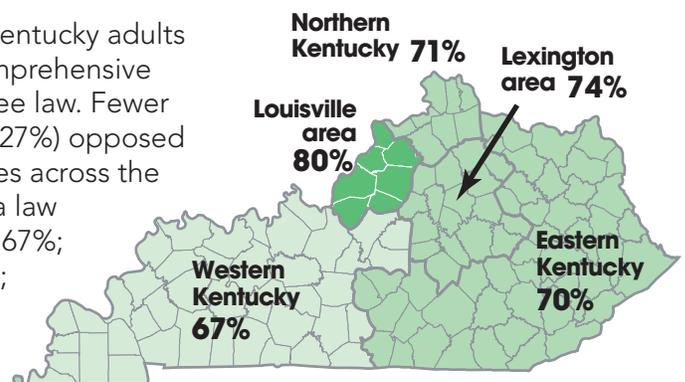
¹ Department of Health and Human Services, Centers for Disease Control and Prevention. State Smoke-free Indoor Air Fact Sheet. Retrieved Dec. 20, 2017, from <https://chronicdata.cdc.gov/Legislation/STATE-System-Smokefree-Indoor-Air-Fact-Sheet/vgg2-kkcg>.

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?"

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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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



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

