



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

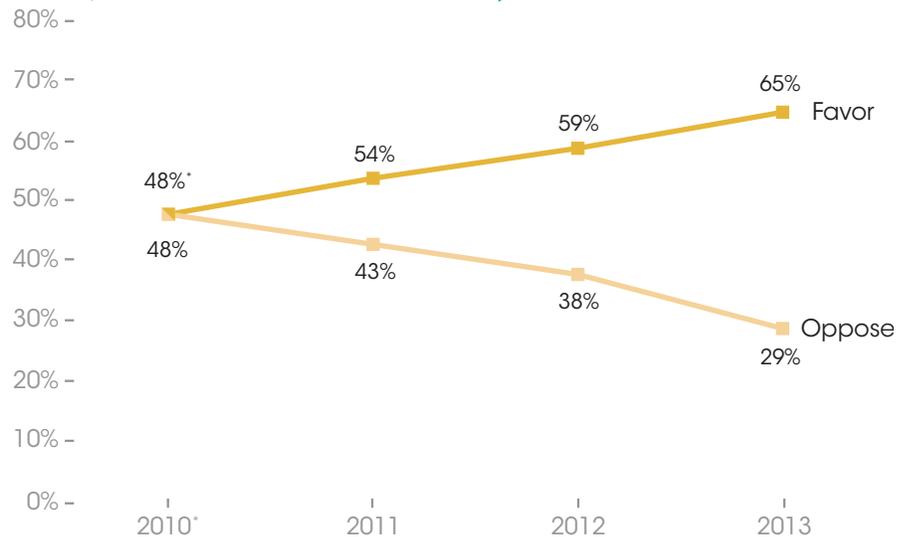
According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 26 states and the District of Columbia have comprehensive smoke-free laws.² The laws cover all workplaces, including bars and restaurants. Kentucky does not have a comprehensive smoke-free law.

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.

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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¹ U.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.

² Centers 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>.

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.

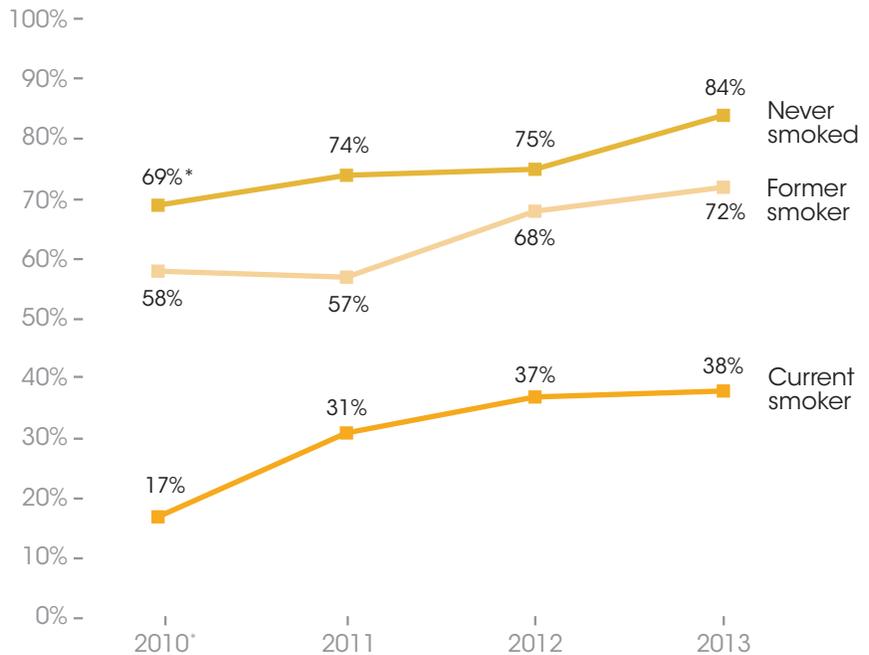
Majority of Democrats, Republicans and Independents supports law

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

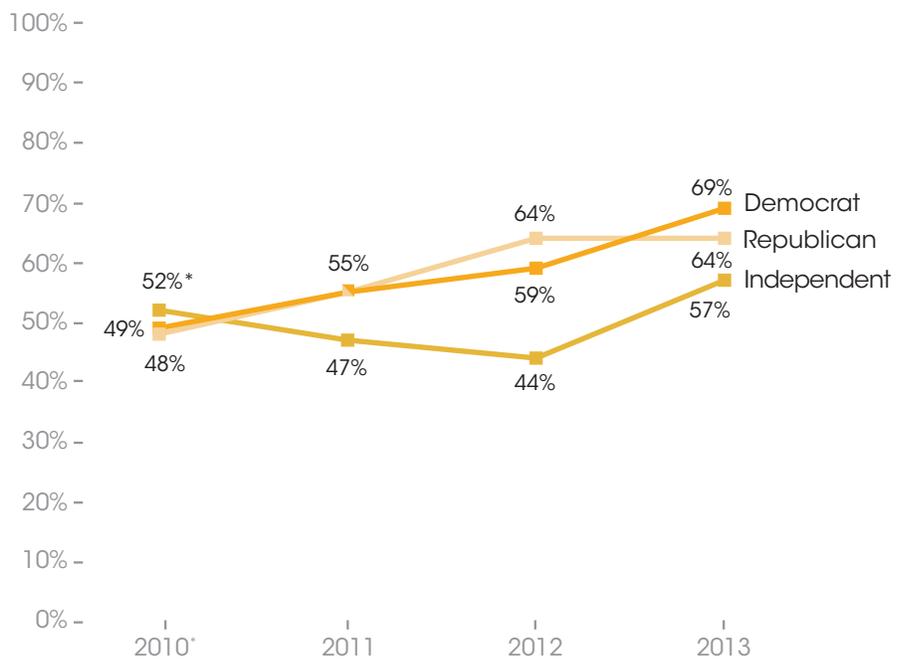
³ The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's 2012 Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System estimate of adult smokers in Kentucky was 28%, which was lower than the percentage of adult smokers reporting in KHIP (33%). Retrieved Dec. 11, 2013, from www.cdc.gov/BRFSS/.

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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