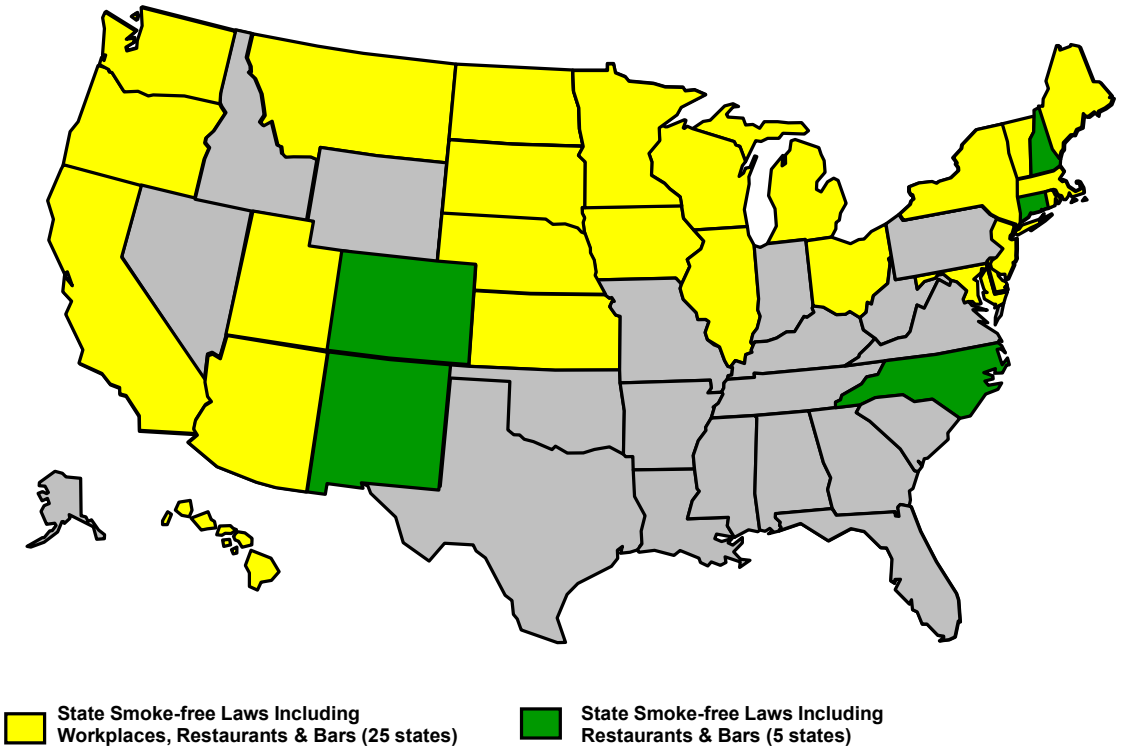
# SMOKE-FREE STATES IN THE UNITED STATES




The scientific evidence is clear: Secondhand smoke is a proven cause of serious diseases and premature death. That's why people across the United States and around the world are speaking up for their right to breathe clean, smoke-free air. And it's why a growing number of cities, states and countries are enacting laws that require all workplaces and public places to be smoke-free.

In the U.S., **25 states**, Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands, plus hundreds of cities and counties, have enacted comprehensive smoke-free laws covering workplaces, restaurants, and bars. The states are: Arizona, California, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New Jersey, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Utah, Vermont, Washington and Wisconsin.

Another **5 states** have enacted strong smoke-free laws covering restaurants and bars: Colorado, Connecticut, New Hampshire, New Mexico, and North Carolina.

Hundreds of cities and counties across the country have also taken action.[1]

***Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids, February 9, 2017/Becca Knox***

[1] Source for smoke-free cities and counties: American Nonsmokers' Rights Foundation, http://www.no-smoke.org/pdf/EffectivePopulationList.pdf. More information on secondhand smoke and smoke-free laws is available at http://www.tobaccofreekids.org/facts_issues/fact_sheets/policies/secondhand_smoke/.

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