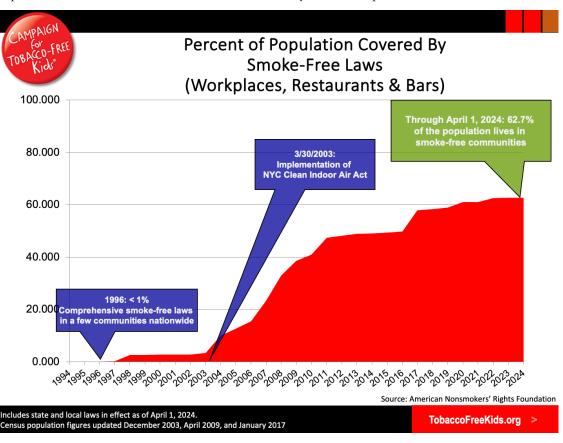


## **Smoke-Free Laws are a Growing Trend**

## Momentum is Growing to Protect Everyone's Right to Breathe Clean Air

- A national poll supported by the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation found that more than 7 in 10 voters (76 percent) in states that were not yet smoke-free favor a law in their state or community that would prohibit smoking in most indoor public places, including workplaces, public buildings, offices, restaurants and bars. Support is even stronger in states that are already smoke-free, where 83 percent of voters favor the smoke-free law in their state (Nationwide survey of 1,000 voters conducted in July 2011 by The Mellman Group, Inc). Individual polls in states and communities across the U.S. show strong support for smoke-free laws both before and after these laws take effect.
- In the U.S., 28 states, Washington, D.C., the Navajo Nation, 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, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Iowa, Kansas, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Michigan, Minnesota, Montana, Nebraska, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, North Dakota, Ohio, Oregon, Rhode Island, South Dakota, Utah, Vermont, Washington and Wisconsin. Another 2 states and Guam have enacted strong smoke-free laws covering restaurants and bars: New Hampshire and North Carolina. As of April 1, 2024, 62.7 percent of US residents live in a state or community with a comprehensive smoke-free law.



<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Source for smoke-free states: American Nonsmokers' Rights Foundation, <a href="https://no-smoke.org/wp-content/uploads/pdf/SummaryUSPopList.pdf">https://no-smoke.org/wp-content/uploads/pdf/SummaryUSPopList.pdf</a>. Accessed April 24, 2024.