

State of Tobacco Control 2017 – State Grades Summary

Below are the states with the best and worst grades in the American Lung Association’s “State of Tobacco Control 2017” report, as well as a breakdown of the grades for all 50 states and the District of Columbia in each state grading category. Grades range from A to F with several states earning an “I” for Incomplete. **New** to this year’s report, grading state efforts to raise the tobacco sales age to 21 or “Tobacco 21” laws.

Best States

Even the best states still have work to do, and no state received all A grades.

- **California:** Tobacco Program Funding: I, Smokefree Air: A, Tobacco Taxes: B, Cessation Coverage: F, Tobacco 21: B
- **Hawaii:** Tobacco Program Funding: F, Smokefree Air: A, Tobacco Taxes: A, Cessation Coverage: D, Tobacco 21: A
- **Massachusetts:** Tobacco Program Funding: F, Smokefree Air: A, Tobacco Taxes: A, Cessation Coverage: D, Tobacco 21: D
- **Minnesota:** Tobacco Program Funding: F, Smokefree Air: A, Cigarette Tax: B, Cessation Coverage: A, Tobacco 21: F
- **North Dakota:** Tobacco Program Funding: A, Smokefree Air: A, Cigarette Tax: F, Cessation Coverage: B, Tobacco 21: F
- **Vermont:** Tobacco Program Funding: D, Smokefree Air: A, Cigarette Tax: B, Cessation Coverage: B, Tobacco 21: F

Worst States

The following states rated the worst in the nation, scoring F’s in all five categories:

- Kentucky, Mississippi, North Carolina, Texas and Virginia

Most Improved

States that made significant strides forward in 2016:

- California, Missouri, Pennsylvania and West Virginia

State Grades Organized by Grading Category:

Tobacco Prog. Funding

A – 2
B – 0
C – 1
D – 6
F – 40 + D.C.
I – 1

Smokefree Air

A – 24 + D.C.
B – 6
C – 7
D – 3
F – 10

Tobacco Taxes

A – 2
B – 7 + D.C.
C – 2
D – 8
F – 31

Access to Cessation

A – 1
B – 5
C – 4 + D.C.
D – 11
F – 29

Tobacco 21

A – 1
B – 1
C – 0
D – 6
F – 42
I – 1