



Below are the states with the best and worst grades in the American Lung Association’s “State of Tobacco Control” 2021 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.

Best Graded States:

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

- **California:** Tobacco Program Funding: B, Smokefree Air: A, Tobacco Taxes: B, Access to Cessation: C, Flavored Tobacco Products: B
- **Hawaii:** Tobacco Program Funding: C, Smokefree Air: A, Tobacco Taxes: C, Access to Cessation: B, Flavored Tobacco Products: F
- **Maine:** Tobacco Program Funding: A, Smokefree Air: A, Tobacco Taxes: C, Access to Cessation: A, Flavored Tobacco Products: F
- **Massachusetts:** Tobacco Program Funding: F, Smokefree Air: A, Tobacco Taxes: B, Access to Cessation: C, Flavored Tobacco Products: A

Worst Graded States:

- **Alabama, Mississippi, North Carolina, Texas, Virginia** and **Wyoming** rated the worst in the nation, scoring F’s in all five categories
- **Georgia, Missouri, Tennessee** and **West Virginia** received 4 F’s and 1 D grade

Most Improved States:

States that made significant strides forward in 2020:

- **California, Massachusetts, Oregon** and **Utah**

State Grades Tallied by Grading Category:

Tobacco Program Funding

A – 3
B – 1
C – 3
D – 1
F – 42 + D.C.

Smokefree Air

A – 23 + D.C.
B – 5
C – 7
D – 6
F – 9

Tobacco Taxes

A – D.C.
B – 7
C – 5
D – 5
F – 33

Access to Cessation

A – 5
B – 9
C – 10 + D.C.
D – 10
F – 16

Flavored Tobacco Products

A – 1
B – 1
C – 0
D – 3
F – 45 + D.C.

