



Below are the states that earned the best and worst grades in the American Lung Association's "State of Tobacco Control" 2026 report. It also includes 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 and several states received Incomplete (I) grades.



## Best Graded States:

Even the best states still have work to do, no state received more than 3 "A" grades.

- **California:** Tobacco Program Funding: D, Smokefree Air: B, Tobacco Taxes: C, Access to Cessation: A, Flavored Tobacco Products: B
- **Colorado:** Tobacco Program Funding: A, Smokefree Air: B, Tobacco Taxes: C, Access to Cessation: A, Flavored Tobacco Products: F
- **Delaware:** Tobacco Program Funding: A, Smokefree Air: A, Tobacco Taxes: D, Access to Cessation: A, Flavored Tobacco Products: F
- **District of Columbia:** Tobacco Program Funding: F, Smokefree Air: A, Tobacco Taxes: A, Access to Cessation: C, Flavored Tobacco Products: A
- **Maine:** Tobacco Program Funding: A, Smokefree Air: A, Tobacco Taxes: B, 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, Georgia, Mississippi and Texas** rated the worst in the nation, scoring F's in all five categories
- **Missouri, New Hampshire, North Carolina and Tennessee** received 4 F's and 1 D grade



## Most Improved States:

States that made significant strides forward in 2025:

- **Maine** increased its Tobacco Taxes grade from a C to a B and its Smokefree Air grade from a B to an A due to passing a \$1.50 cigarette tax increase and fully adding e-cigarettes to its smokefree law.
- **Montana** increased its Funding for Tobacco Prevention and Control grade from an F to a D and its Smokefree Air grade from a B to an A due to passing a nearly \$2 million increase in tobacco prevention and control funding and adding e-cigarettes to its smokefree workplace law.

## State Grades Tallied by Grading Category:

### Tobacco Program Funding

A – 5  
B – 2  
C – 2  
D – 2  
F – 39 + D.C.  
I – 0

### Smokefree Air

A – 13 + D.C.  
B – 12  
C – 9  
D – 3  
F – 12  
I – 1

### Tobacco Taxes

A – D.C.  
B – 8  
C – 4  
D – 3  
F – 35  
I – 0

### Access to Cessation

A – 11  
B – 7  
C – 13 + D.C.  
D – 10  
F – 8  
I – 1

### Flavored Tobacco Products

A – 1 + D.C.  
B – 1  
C – 0  
D – 2  
F – 46  
I – 0

