



Below are the states that received the best and worst grades in the American Lung Association’s “State of Tobacco Control” 2023 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.

**Best Graded States:**

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

- **California:** Tobacco Program Funding: D, Smokefree Air: A, Tobacco Taxes: B, Access to Cessation: B, Flavored Tobacco Products: B
- **District of Columbia:** Tobacco Program Funding: F, Smokefree Air: A, Tobacco Taxes: A, Access to Cessation: B, Flavored Tobacco Products: A
- **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: B, Flavored Tobacco Products: A

**Worst Graded States:**

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

**Most Improved States:**

States that made significant strides forward in 2022:

- **Delaware, Maine and Oklahoma**, thanks to large increases in tobacco control program funding;
- **California and the District of Columbia**, because of strong flavored tobacco product laws taking effect

**State Grades Tallied by Grading Category:**

**Tobacco Program Funding**

A – 5  
B – 1  
C – 2  
D – 2  
F – 40 + D.C.

**Smokefree Air**

A – 23 + D.C.  
B – 6  
C – 7  
D – 5  
F – 9

**Tobacco Taxes**

A – D.C.  
B – 7  
C – 7  
D – 4  
F – 32

**Access to Cessation**

A – 6  
B – 11 + D.C.  
C – 9  
D – 15  
F – 9

**Flavored Tobacco Products**

A – 1 + D.C.  
B – 1  
C – 0  
D – 3  
F – 45

