



“State of Tobacco Control” 2020 – State Grades Summary

Below are the states with the best and worst grades in the American Lung Association’s “State of Tobacco Control” 2020 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.

Top Five States:

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

- **California:** Tobacco Program Funding: A, Smokefree Air: A, Tobacco Taxes: B, Access to Cessation: B, Tobacco 21: B
- **District of Columbia:** Tobacco Program Funding: F, Smokefree Air: A, Tobacco Taxes: A, Access to Cessation: C, Tobacco 21: A
- **Maine:** Tobacco Program Funding: A, Smokefree Air: A, Tobacco Taxes: C, Access to Cessation: A, Tobacco 21: A
- **New York:** Tobacco Program Funding: F, Smokefree Air: A, Tobacco Taxes: B, Access to Cessation: C, Tobacco 21: A
- **Vermont:** Tobacco Program Funding: F, Smokefree Air: A, Tobacco Taxes: B, Access to Cessation: B, Tobacco 21: A

Worst States:

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

Most Improved

States that made significant strides forward in 2019:

- Illinois and Maine

State Grades Organized by Grading Category:

<u>Tobacco Prog. Funding</u>	<u>Smokefree Air</u>	<u>Tobacco Taxes</u>	<u>Access to Cessation</u>
A – 3	A – 23 + D.C.	A – 0 + D.C.	A – 3
B – 0	B – 5	B – 6	B – 7
C – 1	C – 7	C – 5	C – 6 + D.C.
D – 4	D – 6	D – 4	D – 16
F – 43 + D.C.	F – 9	F – 35	F – 17
			I – 1

Tobacco 21

A – 9 + D.C.	D – 1
B – 5	F – 32
C – 2	I – 1