



GRADES FOR TOP TEN CITIES IN CALIFORNIA

The ten most populous cities in California account for 25 percent of the state’s population. Strong tobacco control laws in these cities can make a big difference in protecting more than a quarter of California’s residents from secondhand smoke and other dangers of tobacco. In 2014, Los Angeles improved its Smokefree Outdoor Air grade by restricting smoking in entryways that are within a certain distance of doors, windows and other openings. Anaheim also regulated electronic cigarettes in its secondhand smoke laws, although their grade or points did not increase. It should be noted, however, that the majority of the most populous cities have yet to take much action in the area of Smokefree Housing – a concern given the population density and need for multi-unit housing in these areas. Below is a table showing the grades for the ten most populous cities in California.

Top Ten Cities in California by Population	Overall Tobacco Control	Smokefree Outdoor Air	Smokefree Housing	Reducing Sales of Tobacco Products
1. Los Angeles (Population: 3,904,657)	C	C	F	A
2. San Diego (Population: 1,345,895)	D	D	F	B
3. San Jose (Population: 1,000,536)	B	B	C	B
4. San Francisco (Population: 836,620)	B	B	D	A
5. Fresno (Population: 515,609)	F	D	F	F
6. Sacramento (Population: 475,122)	C	D	F	A
7. Long Beach (Population: 470,292)	C	C	D	A
8. Oakland (Population: 404,355)	B	B	C	A
9. Bakersfield (Population: 367,315)	F	F	F	F
10. Anaheim (Population: 348,305)	F	F	F	F

* Population numbers from State of California, Department of Finance, E-1 Population Estimates for Cities and Counties. Sacramento, CA, January 1, 2013 and 2014.



“Once again this year, local communities have risen to the challenge to enact strong policies that protect children and their families from secondhand smoke and tobacco products. These are important, life-saving policies, and we encourage more elected officials to follow these examples and bring us one step closer to eliminating lung cancer and other tobacco-related diseases.”

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