

# **State Grades**Summary



Below are the states that received the best and worst grades in the American Lung Association's "State of Tobacco Control" 2024 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: C, Smokefree Air: A, Tobacco Taxes: C, Access to Cessation: A, 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
- Massachusetts: Tobacco Program Funding: F, Smokefree Air: A, Tobacco Taxes: B, Access to Cessation: B, Flavored Tobacco Products: A

#### **Worst Graded States:**



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

### **Most Improved States:**



States that made significant strides forward in 2023:

- **Virginia's** Access to Cessation Services grade improved from a D to a B due to the elimination of the tobacco surcharge in the state and increased funding to the quitline.
- Louisiana's Access to Cessation Services grade improved from a D to a C due to improvement to their Medicaid cessation coverage for all enrollees.

## **State Grades Tallied by Grading Category:**

<b>Tobacco Program Funding</b> A – 4 B – 3 C – 2 D – 0 F – 41 + D.C.	Smokefree Air A - 12 + D.C. B - 14 C - 9 D - 3 F - 12	<b>Tobacco Taxes</b> A – D.C. B – 7 C – 7 D – 5 F – 31
Access to Cessation A – 12 B – 8 + D.C. C – 14 D – 11 F – 5	Flavored Tobacco Products A - 1 + D.C. B - 1 C - 0 D - 3 F - 45	ABGDF