



In 2016, 44 Cities and Counties Adopted Strong Policies

Over half of these communities adopted policies in at least two of the four policy areas

In 2016, 44 municipalities adopted local ordinances in at least one of the four policy categories included in the *State of Tobacco Control 2017 – California Local Grades* report. While only about half as many communities passed policies as did in the previous year, significantly more policies were passed per community. Of the 44 municipalities that passed policies, two-thirds did so in at least two of the four policy areas. Once again, communities were most active around emerging issues, with more than 25 cities and counties adopting policies that included regulation of novel tobacco products. Other policies passed in 2016 include 10 ordinances to restrict smoking in multi-unit housing, 24 ordinances to limit smoking in outdoor areas, and eight ordinances that require tobacco retailers to obtain a license to sell tobacco products. See the “Cities and Counties on the Rise” section of the report (page 7) for the full list of municipalities that passed policies in 2016.

21

2016

17

2015

13

2014

A

For The First Time, Over 20 Communities Have Been Awarded A Grades

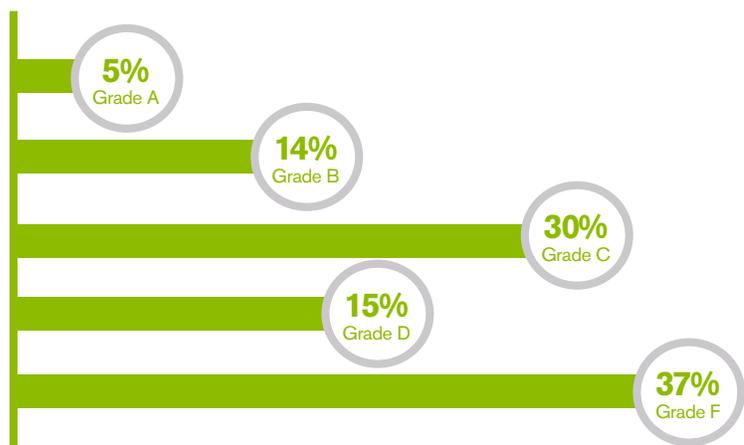
Since 2012, the number of cities and counties that receive an A for their Overall Tobacco Control grade has nearly doubled from just 12 communities to 21 communities. Of these communities, six had overall grades of F only five years ago. See the “Top of the Class” section of the report (page 13) for the full list of cities and counties that have taken comprehensive policy action.

>50%

of Californians are still unprotected

While the overall number of F grades continues to decline steadily, more than half of California's population still live in communities scoring D or F. Just under 5 percent of Californians live in areas with an A grade.

Percent of population by Overall Tobacco Control Grade



15 Cities Improved

Their Grade from an F to an A in at Least One Policy Category in 2016

- Arvin
- Belvedere
- Brisbane
- El Monte
- Fortuna
- Oxnard
- San Bruno
- San Marcos
- Shafter
- Sonoma City
- Sonoma County
- South San Francisco
- Sunnyvale
- Taft
- Winters

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“Tobacco-related illnesses remain the number one cause of preventable deaths in California. We know what needs to be done to protect our kids from smoking. Local governments must implement those policies and programs that will cut the smoking rate and save lives.”