

# TCN State Policy Map User Guide

## How to Use the State Policy Map

Select any number of tobacco control policies listed in the toolbar to the left of the map, and states and territories that have *all* selected policies implemented will turn from teal to dark blue. You can also mouse over each state and territory to see where they stand with regards to each of the 11 policies listed in the left toolbar.

For every policy category except local preemption, “Yes” indicates that the state or territory has a policy in place in alignment with tobacco control best practices. A “Yes” for local preemption means that local municipalities are restricted by state law in their ability to pass evidence-based tobacco control policies. Please see below for more information on each of the policy categories included in the policy map.

Feel free to get in touch with us at [tcn@astho.org](mailto:tcn@astho.org) with any state policy updates, questions, or recommendations. For more information about state and local tobacco control policy, please visit [Americans for Nonsmokers Rights](#) and [Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids](#), the two sources for the information included in the State Policy Map.

Map URL: <http://tobaccocontrolnetwork.org/state-policy/>

## State Policy Definitions

### **Tobacco Tax $\geq$ \$2.00**

“Yes” indicates that the state has enacted a cigarette tax of at least \$2.00 per pack.

### **Smoke-free workplaces**

“Yes” indicates that the state has enacted legislation to restrict the use of combustible tobacco products in 100% of non-hospitality workplaces. This does not include restaurants, bars, or casinos.

### **Smoke-free restaurants**

“Yes” indicates that the state has enacted legislation to restrict the use of combustible tobacco products in 100% of restaurants, with no exemptions.

### **Smoke-free bars**

"Yes" indicates that the state has enacted legislation to restrict the use of combustible tobacco products in 100% of bars, with no exemptions.

### **Smoke-free casinos**

"Yes" indicates that the state has enacted legislation to restrict the use of combustible tobacco products in 100% of casinos. States that do not permit any form of gaming or casinos are currently by default listed as "No" in this category because they do not have any legislation enacted. A forthcoming update to the state policy map will distinguish between states that do permit casinos and gaming, and those that do not.

### **No e-cigarettes in workplaces**

"Yes" indicates that the state has enacted legislation to restrict the use of vaping products in non-hospitality workplaces. Vaping product retailers may be specifically exempted. This does not include restaurants, bars, or casinos.

### **No e-cigarettes in restaurants**

"Yes" indicates that the state has enacted legislation to restrict the use of vaping products in 100% of restaurants, with no exceptions.

### **No e-cigarettes in bars**

"Yes" indicates that the state has enacted legislation to restrict the use of vaping products in 100% of bars, with no exceptions.

### **No e-cigarettes in casinos**

"Yes" indicates that the state has enacted legislation to restrict the use of vaping products in 100% of casinos. States that do not permit any form of gaming or casinos are currently by default listed as "No" in this category because they do not have any legislation enacted. A forthcoming update to the state policy map will distinguish between states that do permit casinos and gaming, and those that do not.

### **Tobacco purchase age of 21**

"Yes" indicates that the state has enacted legislation to permit only consumers aged 21 and over to purchase combustible tobacco products.

## Local preemption

"Yes" indicates that state laws restrict the ability of local governments to enact tobacco control legislation at the municipal level. Preemption may prevent localities from enacting smoke-free bars and restaurants, restrictions on tobacco product advertising, tobacco tax increases, and/or other tobacco control policies. Preemption can be quite different state to state. This is the lone policy category included in the TCN State Policy Map where "Yes" does *not* correspond to tobacco control best practices. For more information, please see [Preemption: The Biggest Challenge to Tobacco Control](#) from the Tobacco Control Legal Consortium.

**Thank you for using to the TCN Interactive State Policy Map! If you have any questions, recommendations, updates, or corrections to report, please reach out to [tcn@astho.org](mailto:tcn@astho.org).**