

Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

27-13. Establish laws on smoke-free indoor air that prohibit smoking in public places and worksites.

27-13i. Bars.

National Data Source	State Tobacco Activities Tracking and Evaluation System (STATE System), CDC, NCCDPHP, OSH.
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Healthy People 2000 Objective	Adapted from 3.12 (Tobacco) (also 10.19).
Changes since the 2000 Publication	New subobjective (see Comments).
Measure	Number.
Baseline (Year)	0 (1998)
Target	51
Target-Setting Method	Total coverage. For a discussion of target-setting methods, see Part A, section 4.
Numerator	Number of States and the District of Columbia with comprehensive laws for private workplaces prohibiting smoking.
Denominator	Not applicable.
Population Targeted	Not applicable.
Questions Used To Obtain the National Baseline Data	Not applicable.
Expected Periodicity	Annual
Comments	Newly enacted State tobacco-control legislation is downloaded from Lexis-Nexis, an on-line legal database. CDC, OSH searches two Lexis-Nexis subfiles: the StateTrack System and the Advanced Legislative Services System. The downloads are

coded according to variables identified by CDC, OSH, which include the comprehensiveness of the law, includes smoking areas permitted or required, separately ventilated smoking areas required, and no smoking allowed. In some cases, data on enforcement authority, penalty for violation, and signage required are also collected.

The text of objective 27-13 was revised at the Healthy People 2010 Midcourse Review. The language about limiting smoking to “separately ventilated areas” was dropped. The rationale was that laws that prohibit smoking altogether in worksites better protect the health of workers.

This subobjective was added at the Healthy People 2010 Midcourse Review in response to the need to monitor smoking policies in bars separately from restaurants. Since the start of Healthy People 2010, several jurisdictions across the country have banned smoking in bars. The addition of a subobjective on bars will give public health professionals and lawmakers a more comprehensive look at indoor air laws that affect worker’s and the general public’s health.

Objective 27-13 was adapted from Healthy People 2000 objective 3.12, which monitored States with laws that prohibited smoking in workplaces and public places or limited it to separately ventilated areas. The Healthy People 2000 objective tracked 7 types of places: public workplaces, private workplaces, restaurants, public transportation, hospitals, day care centers, and grocery stores. In addition to these places, objective 27-13 monitors States that prohibit smoking in retail stores (rather than grocery stores) and bars, as well as laws enacted by Tribes and Territories.

See Part C for a description of the STATE System and Appendix A for focus area contact information.