

## Healthy People 2010 Operational Definition

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

#### **27-13a. Private workplaces.**

<b>National Data Source</b>	State Tobacco Activities Tracking and Evaluation System (STATE System), CDC, NCCDPHP, OSH.
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<b>Healthy People 2000 Objective</b>	3.12 (Tobacco) (also 10.19).
<b>Changes since the 2000 Publication</b>	Revised text (see Comments). Revised baseline (see Comments).
<b>Measure</b>	Number.
<b>Baseline (Year)</b>	0 (1998)
<b>Target</b>	51
<b>Target-Setting Method</b>	Total coverage.  For a discussion of target-setting methods, see Part A, section 4.
<b>Numerator</b>	Number of States and the District of Columbia with comprehensive laws for private workplaces prohibiting smoking.
<b>Denominator</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Population Targeted</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Questions Used To Obtain the National Baseline Data</b>	Not applicable.
<b>Expected Periodicity</b>	Annual.
<b>Comments</b>	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.

The original 1998 baseline of 1 State with comprehensive smoking laws was revised to 0 States after the Healthy People 2010 Midcourse Review. The original target did not change.

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.