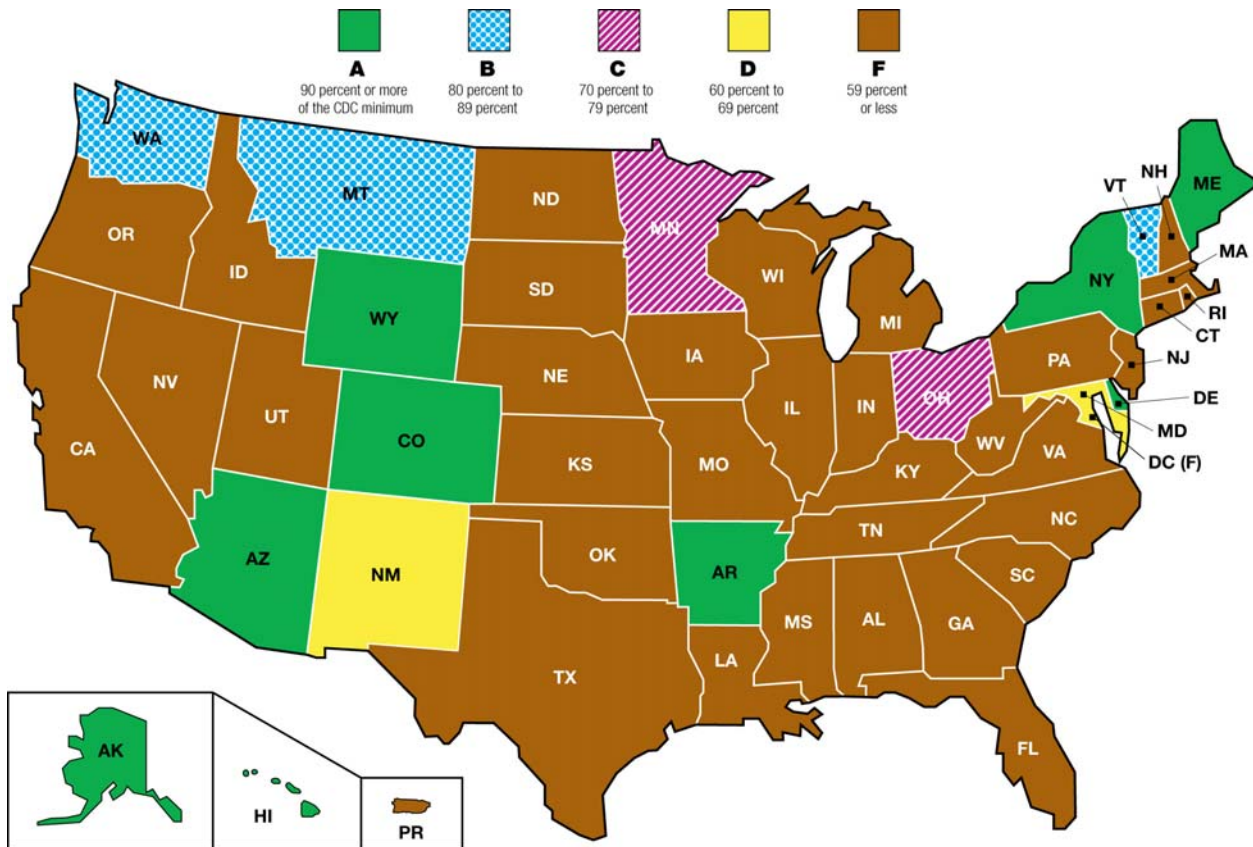


State of Tobacco Control 2006 Report

Tobacco Prevention Programs



- Nine states – **Alaska, Arizona, Arkansas, Colorado, Delaware, Hawaii, Maine, New York and Wyoming** – have committed at least 90 percent of the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention’s minimum recommended funding level for tobacco control programs.
- Tobacco Prevention Programs Work: **Maine**’s tobacco prevention program has helped reduce previously high youth smoking rates by almost 60 percent between 1997 and 2005.
- **Thirty-four states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico** received an F for program funding.
- Mississippi’s tobacco prevention program helped cut smoking among public high school students by 32 percent between 1999 and 2004. Unfortunately, in 2006, **Mississippi eliminated this program** entirely.
- Youth smoking rates would be **3 to 14 percent lower** if all states funded tobacco prevention programs at CDC minimum levels.
- The tobacco industry spent **25 times more marketing cigarettes** than states did to prevent smoking and help smokers quit in 2003 according to data released in 2005.