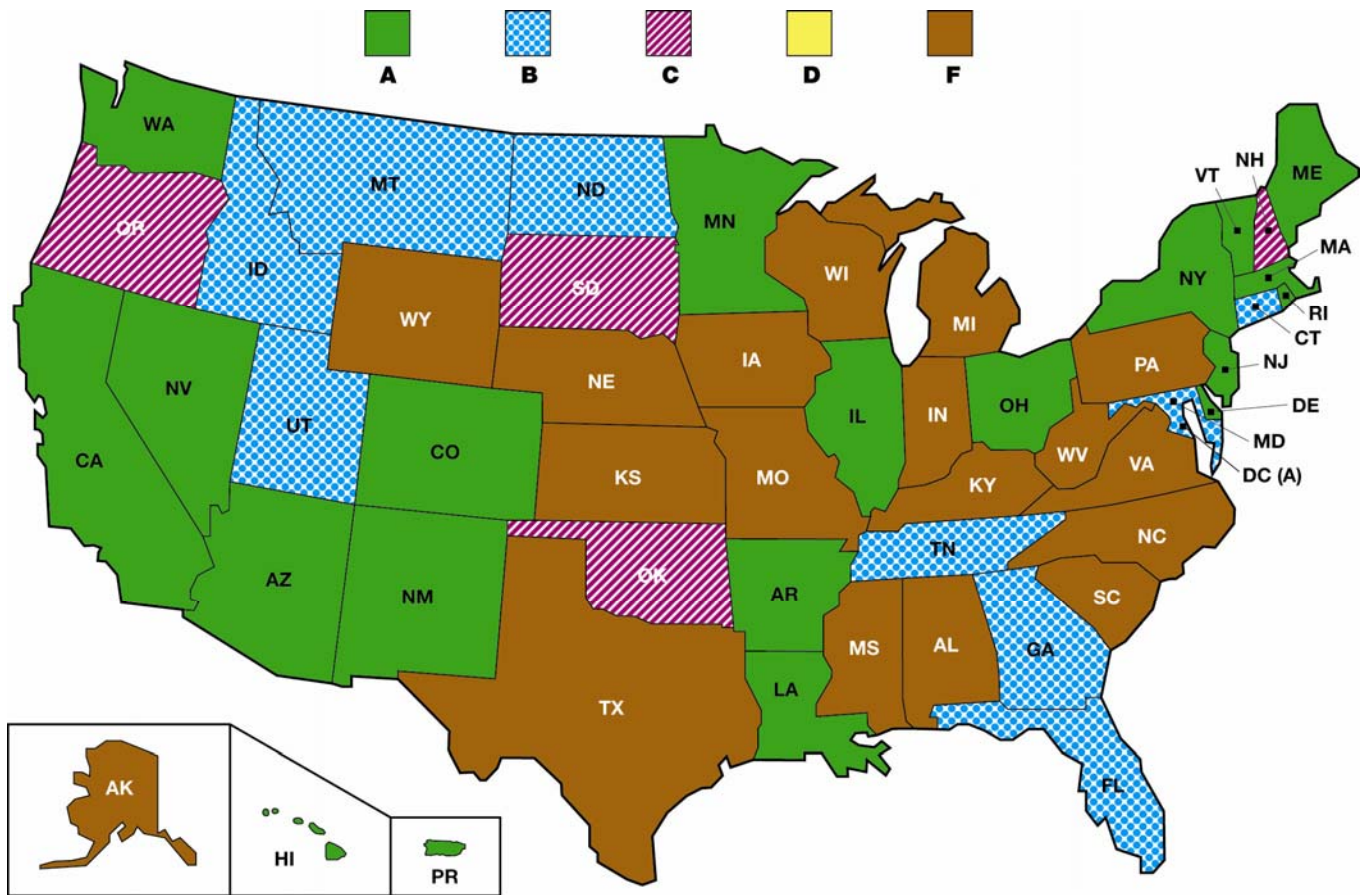


# State of Tobacco Control 2007 Report

## Smokefree Air



■ Twenty-one states<sup>1</sup>, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico have passed laws prohibiting smoking in most public places and workplaces, including restaurants and bars. Seven states – Illinois, Maryland, Minnesota, New Mexico, New Hampshire, Oregon and Tennessee – significantly strengthened their smokefree air laws in 2007.

■ A record 32 states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico received passing grades for smokefree air this year.

■ The Surgeon General has concluded that there is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke. Exposure to secondhand smoke causes an estimated 49,400 deaths among nonsmokers each year.

■ The American Lung Association **Smokefree Air 2010 Challenge** calls on all states and communities to enact strong smokefree air laws that protect everyone, including all workers and patrons from secondhand smoke no later than 2010.

■ The number of heart attacks dropped by 27 percent in Pueblo, CO, in the 18 months following the enactment of the city's smokefree air law, according to a 2006 study.

<sup>1</sup> The states are: Arizona, California, Colorado, Connecticut, Delaware, Hawaii, Illinois, Maine, Maryland, Massachusetts, Minnesota, Montana, New Jersey, New Mexico, New York, Ohio, Oregon, Rhode Island, Utah, Vermont and Washington.