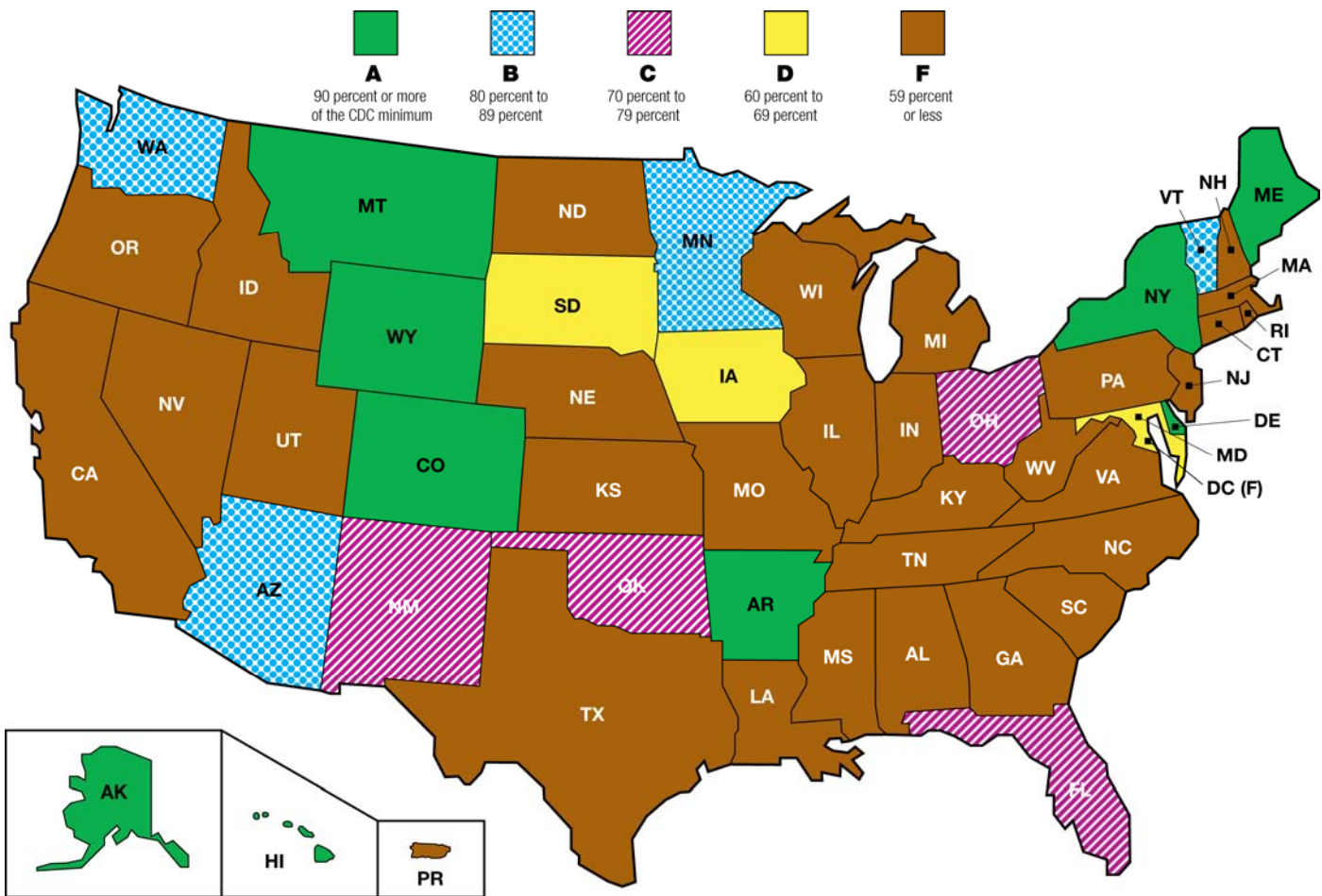


State of Tobacco Control 2007 Report

Tobacco Prevention Programs



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- Twenty-two states, including **Florida, Indiana, Iowa, Mississippi, New Mexico, Tennessee, Wisconsin and the District of Columbia**, increased the amount of funding for their tobacco prevention and cessation programs for FY2008 (July 1, 2007 to June 30, 2008 for most states). **Alaska, Delaware, Maine, Colorado, Hawaii, Maine and Montana** have funded state prevention programs above the CDC recommended minimum level in FY2008.
- 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-two states, the District of Columbia and Puerto Rico** received Fs for program funding.
- Youth smoking rates would be **3 to 14% lower** if all states funded tobacco prevention programs at CDC minimum levels, according to a study published in the *American Journal of Public Health* in 2005.
- In October 2007, CDC updated its *Best Practices for Comprehensive Tobacco Control Programs*, and set new required state funding levels for these vital programs that states will need to meet.