



KENTON COUNTY VOTERS AND BUSINESSES STRONGLY SUPPORT Smoke-Free Public Places

KENTON COUNTY VOTERS WANT SMOKE-FREE WORKPLACES

- **Seven in 10 Kenton County voters favor smoke-free environments**, according to an August 2014 survey.
- Nearly eight in 10 voters believe smoking **should NEVER be allowed in workplaces**.
- Voters who consider themselves **liberal or conservative showed no difference in their support of smoke-free laws**.

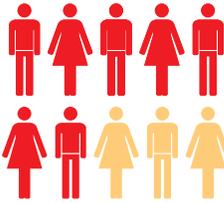
EVERYONE HAS A RIGHT TO WORK IN A HEALTHY, SMOKE-FREE ENVIRONMENT

- Nine in ten Kenton County voters say that **secondhand smoke is harmful to their health**.
- Secondhand smoke is the leading contributor of harmful chemicals employees breathe at work. Exposure to secondhand smoke **increases the risk of developing lung cancer by 20 to 30 percent**.
- Non-smoking venues in Kenton County have significantly better air quality than smoking venues. Eliminating secondhand smoke can improve indoor air quality and reduce rates of lung cancer and heart disease, both of which are high in Kentucky.
- **More than half of Northern Kentucky employers said they want to strengthen the tobacco policy at their workplace.** While customers can choose the places they patronize, employees often cannot. Due to factors such as compensation or flexible scheduling, finding a new job in a smoke-free environment is often not an option.

SMOKE-FREE IS GOOD FOR BUSINESS

- Smoke-free environments can **boost Kentucky businesses' bottom lines** by reducing maintenance expenses, insurance premiums, labor costs and absenteeism, and increasing employee productivity.
- Economic experts believe **smoke-free laws could help Northern Kentucky become an economic hotspot**. One in three Kenton County residents indicate they would go to Kentucky restaurants more often if they were smoke-free.
- A 2009 study of Ohio's smoke-free law showed **no economic benefit for bordering Kentucky counties that allow smoking**.

Kenton County Voters and Businesses **SUPPORT** Smoke-Free Places



Voters in Kenton County strongly favor comprehensive smoke-free workplaces and public spaces.

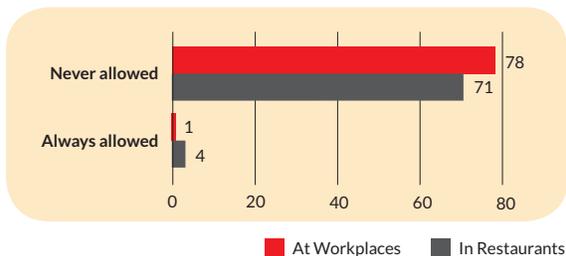
Seven in 10 Kenton County voters and the majority of businesses polled favor smoke-free legislation.

Kenton County voters overwhelmingly believe secondhand smoke is very harmful to their health.

Nine in 10 voters say that secondhand smoke is very or somewhat harmful to one's health.

It follows that **nearly 8 in 10 Kenton County residents say that smoking indoors should never be allowed at workplaces.**

At workplaces, do you think smoking indoors should be...?



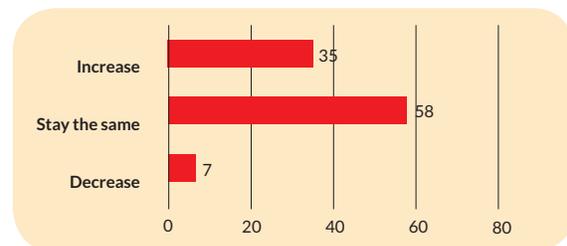
There's strong evidence that voters' concerns about secondhand smoke are warranted. Kenton County implemented a smoke-free workplace law in 2011, but some venues are exempt. **Air quality in smoke-free buildings in Kenton County is much healthier than those that are not smoke-free**, even part of the time, as documented in a 2012 study.

The findings show significant improvement in air quality in nonsmoking venues, but workers in exempt venues remain exposed to toxic levels of secondhand smoke.

Kenton County voters are voting with their wallets.

In fact, one in three Kenton County voters go to Ohio at least some of the time for smoke-free restaurants because they prefer smoke-free environments.

If all restaurants in Kentucky were smoke-free, would your frequency of going there...?



On the other hand, **if there was a comprehensive smoke-free law, more than one in three Kenton County residents say they would go to Kentucky restaurants more often.**

Kenton County residents and businesses believe smoke-free workplaces are good for Kenton County.

- There is strong support for a comprehensive smoke-free law.
- The vast majority of residents and businesses want such a law.
- A smoke-free law will be good for all Kenton County and Northern Kentucky businesses and public spaces.

For more information, visit www.nkyhealth.org/smokefree.aspx and www.smokefreekentucky.com.

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All data except for air quality data is from the Public Opinion Poll on Secondhand Smoke In Boone, Campbell, Grant, and Kenton Counties. The study included 800 completed telephone interviews (200 per county) conducted July 21 through August 12, 2014, among a random sample of households from lists of registered voters in each of four Kentucky counties (Boone, Campbell, Grant, Kenton). The total sample error range is plus or minus 3.5% at the 95% confidence level (the standard level of the research industry). The county sample (n=200) error range is plus or minus 6.9%.