

## University of Kentucky Public Opinion Poll on Tobacco Issues

Summary Report\*  
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### Overview

Kentuckians' views on tobacco issues were addressed via telephone surveys by the UK Survey Research Center from July 15 until August 12, 1999. The UK College of Nursing placed tobacco-related questions on the Kentucky Survey. The purpose of the survey was to learn about public views on social, political and economic issues affecting Kentucky residents. Households were selected using random-digit dialing, a procedure giving every residential telephone line in Kentucky an equal probability of being called. Respondents are representative of state demographics, with a slight over-representation of women. The margin of error is approximately  $\pm 3.9$  percentage points at the 95 percent confidence level.

### Workplace Smoking Policies

*Which of the following best describes your place of work's official smoking policy for INDOOR OR COMMON areas as lobbies, rest rooms, and lunch or break rooms:*

- ✓ **54% said NO SMOKING allowed in any public areas**
- ✓ **34% said smoking allowed in SOME public areas**
- ✓ **10% said smoking allowed in ALL public areas**
- ✓ **2% said no official policy**

*Which of the following best describes your place of work's official smoking policy for WORK areas:*

- ✓ **70% said NO SMOKING allowed in any work areas**
- ✓ **21% said smoking allowed in SOME work areas**
- ✓ **7% said smoking allowed in ALL work areas**
- ✓ **2% said no official policy**

*Do you think smoking should be restricted in workplaces?*

- ✓ **44% said smoking should be restricted in ALL areas**
- ✓ **39% said smoking should be restricted in SOME areas**
- ✓ **17% said smoking should not be restricted**

*In the past 12 months, have you ever been bothered by the amount of cigarette smoke at your place of work?*

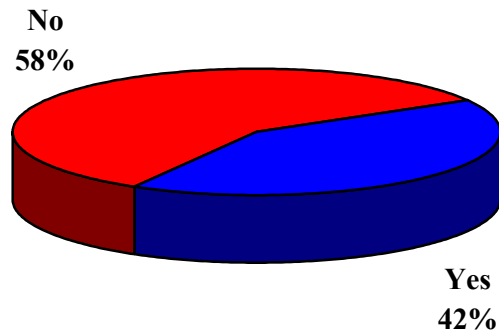
- ✓ **12% have been bothered by cigarette smoke at their work place**

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## Smoking in the Home

*In the past 30 days, has anyone, including yourself, smoked cigarettes, cigars, or pipes anywhere INSIDE YOUR HOME?*



## Sample Characteristics

- ✓ 633 interviews were completed from 2,484 total calls made (28.6% response rate of total eligible participants)
- ✓ Non-institutionalized Kentuckians 18 years of age or older
- ✓ 57% female
- ✓ 91% Caucasian
- ✓ 48% some education post-high school
- ✓ 60% >\$25,000 yearly household income
  
- ✓ 86% registered voters
- ✓ 83% of those who were employed worked indoors most of the time
  
- ✓ 33% smoked cigarettes in the past 30 days
- ✓ 9% used smokeless tobacco, cigars, or pipes in the past 30 days
- ✓ 8% owned tobacco allotment