

**FACT SHEET**  
**Tobacco Use and Policy**  
**Mercer County**

	Mercer County	Kentucky
Adult Smoking <sup>1</sup> , 2005-2007	25.4	27.4
Adult Quit Attempts <sup>1</sup> , 2005-2007	43.8	48.8
Adult Participation in Cessation <sup>2</sup> , 2008	119.1	83.9
Smoking During Pregnancy <sup>3</sup> , 2006	29.8	26.5
Manufacturers that Permit Indoor Smoking <sup>4</sup> , 2008	0.0	30.0
Manufacturers that Offer Cessation <sup>4</sup> , 2008	57.1	66.0
Manufacturers that Reimburse for Cessation <sup>4</sup> , 2008	57.1	59.4
Percentage of Manufacturing Workers Covered by Indoor Smoking Policy <sup>4</sup> , 2008	100.0	73.2
Schools that Ban Smoking on School Grounds for Employees <sup>4</sup> , 2007	25.0	52.1
Schools that Offer Cessation to Students and/or Employees <sup>4</sup> , 2007	50.0	33.5
Schools that Post No Tobacco Signs <sup>4</sup> , 2007	62.5	73.2
Percentage of Residents Covered by Comprehensive Smoke-free Workplace Ordinance or Regulation <sup>5</sup> , 2009	0.0	29.9
Kentucky Institute of Medicine Ranking <sup>6</sup> , 2007 (Higher numbers indicate poorer health outcomes)	55.0	60.5

\*Data unavailable.

<sup>1</sup>Unweighted, 3-year pooled estimate--- Source: Kentucky Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System, 2005-2007.

<sup>2</sup>Rate per 10,000 adult smokers--- Source: Local Health Department Tobacco Cessation Survey, 2007. The state rate excludes data from Breathitt County since the number of smokers reached by tobacco cessation programs was significantly higher than all other health department service areas and including it would have made the state average artificially high.

<sup>3</sup>Kentucky Department for Public Health, Office of Vital Statistics, 2006. Data are considered preliminary. Use caution when interpreting this estimate.

<sup>4</sup>UK Tobacco Policy Research Program, <http://www.mc.uky.edu/tobaccopolity/KentuckyDataReports/> --- Workplace policy 2008; School Policy 2007. Workplace policy study includes only manufacturers with 50 or more employees. School policy study includes public and private middle and high schools.

<sup>5</sup>UK Tobacco Policy Research Program, Percent Covered Database, January 2009; accessed from <http://www.mc.uky.edu/tobaccopolity/Ordinances/Reports>.

<sup>6</sup>Kentucky Institute of Medicine. The Health of Kentucky: A County Assessment. Lexington, KY. 2007. Higher numbers indicate poorer health outcomes. A full report can be found at: <http://kviom.org/healthy2007a.pdf>.

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