

Indiana's Smoke Free Air Ordinances

To date, Forty-one (41) municipalities in the State of Indiana have passed some local smoke free air law. Thirteen (13) communities (plus the Indianapolis International Airport) have implemented 100% comprehensive smoke free workplace laws that cover all workers in the community (highlighted in pink). An additional nineteen (19) laws are effective public health policy and follow the guidelines outlined by the U.S. Surgeon General for eliminating exposure to secondhand smoke from the indoor places that the respective ordinances cover, however these ordinances do not cover all types of workplaces (highlighted in green). Nine Indiana communities have passed policies that do not follow the recommended guidelines outlined by the Surgeon General for protecting citizens from exposure to secondhand smoke (not highlighted).

Indiana Counties											
Meets SGR guidelines	Municipality	Population / % of IN Total Population (2010 U.S. Census)	Effective Date	Public Places	workplaces	restaurants	bars	Outdoor Seating	membership clubs	NOTES	Enforcement Contact
YES	Allen County	355,329 / 5.48%	08/01/07	X	X	X				Does not cover bowling alleys at certain times of the day	Health Department (260) 449-7561
NO	Delaware County*		06/21/06	X	X	Allows smoking rooms					Health Department (765) 747-7721
YES	Hancock County	70,002 / 1.08%	03/25/09	X	X	X	X	X	X		Hancock Co. Health Dept. (317) 477-1125
YES	Henry County	49,462 / 0.76%	01/11/11	X	X	X				Includes bowling alleys. All social clubs, bars, and bingo halls are required to be smoke-free if they employ anyone 18 yrs old or younger at any time.	Health Department (765) 521-7056
YES	Monroe County**	137,974 / 2.13%	02/01/06	X	X	X	X	X	X		Monroe Co. Health Dept. (812) 349-2543
NO	Morgan County*		01/01/05			Allows smoking rooms					Health Department (765) 342-6621
NO	St. Joseph County*		04/10/06	X	X	Allows smoking rooms				Hardship exemptions for small businesses	Health Department (574) 235-9497 or smokeord@co.stjoseph.in.us
YES	Vanderburgh County (minus Evansville)	62,274 / 0.96%	07/01/11	X	X	X	X		X	City of Evansville Exempt	Vanderburgh Co. Health Dept. (812) 435-2400
NO	Vigo County*		07/01/07	X	X	Allows smoking rooms					Vigo Co. Health Dept. (812) 462-3428

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Indiana Cities & Towns											
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YES	Jeffersonville	44,953 / 0.69%	06/14/06	X	X	X				Tobacco retail stores exempt	Building Commission (812) 285-6415
YES	Kokomo	45,468 / 0.70%	10/06/06	X	X	X					Mayor's Office (765) 456-7444 or mayor@cityofkokomo.org
YES	Lafayette	67,140 / 1.04%	09/01/08	X	X	X				places where 21 and over only are admitted are exempt	Mayor's designee
YES	Lawrence	46,001 / 0.71%	07/01/06	X	X	X					City of Lawrence (317) 545-6191
NO	Lowell*		01/02/11	X	Allows smoking rooms	Allows smoking rooms				Tobacco retail stores exempt	Lowell Police Department (219) 696-0411
YES	Madison	11,967 / 0.18%	08/01/06	X	X	X					Police Department or Fire Chief
YES	Plainfield	27,631 / 0.43%	02/02/07	X	X	X	X		X		Service Officer (317) 839-8702
YES	Seymour	17,503 / 0.27%	07/21/06	X	X	X					Code Enforcement Officer (812) 522-4746
NO	Shelbyville*		09/01/06	X	X	Allows smoking rooms					City Attorney - Mayor's Office
YES	Speedway	11,812 / 0.18%	09/01/06	X	X	X					Town of Speedway (317) 241-2566
YES	Terre Haute***	60,785 / 0.94%	07/01/12	X	X	X	X		X	Tobacco retail stores exempt	Terre Haute Police Department (812) 238-1661
NO	Valparaiso*		04/01/07	X	X	X				Does not adequately cover restaurants: restaurants that have bars may apply for exemption	City Hall (219) 462-1161
YES	West Lafayette	29,596 / 0.46%	07/01/07	X	X	X	X				West Lafayette Police Department (765) 775-5200
YES	Westfield	30,068 / 0.46%	10/14/09	X	X	X				places where 21 and over only are admitted are exempt	Westfield Community Development Department (317) 804-3170
YES	Whitestown	2,867 / 0.04%	10/01/06	X	X	X					Police Department (317) 769-6557
YES	Zionsville	14,160 / 0.22%	08/10/06	X	X	X	X		X		Town Manager (317) 873-8245

TOTAL IN residents covered by a COMPREHENSIVE smoke-free law	741,100 / 6,483,802 = 11.4%	These ordinances cover ALL workplaces, including bars, and ensure that all workers and patrons are protected from the harmful health effects of secondhand smoke exposure.
TOTAL IN residents covered by a smoke-free law	1,975,052 / 6,483,802 = 34.2%	These ordinances meet SGR guidelines and eliminate smoking in MOST workplaces. However, employees in bars and casinos are not protected from the harmful health effects of secondhand smoke exposure.
TOTAL US population covered by strong (SGR) smoke-free laws	79.4%	When compared to the rest of the United States, Indiana is NOT up to speed. The majority of Hoosiers are not adequately protected from exposure secondhand smoke, one of the leading causes of preventable death.

*Does not meet the SGR guidelines. These communities were not included in the population estimate -- % of IN residents protected by a smoke free law.

**The Monroe County ordinance was amended in March 2009 to prohibit smoking in vehicles with children (13 yrs of age or younger) present.

***Note that the Terre Haute ordinance does not take effect until 7/01/2012.