

**Secondhand Smoke in Worksites and Public Places
Public Opinion Survey
Jackson County**

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*Commissioned by Tobacco-Free Michigan
*Conducted by American Cancer Society

Background

A scientific telephone survey of Jackson County residents was conducted to identify beliefs and opinions about secondhand smoke and assess potential support for a county regulation addressing smoking in worksites and public places. The study, which was commissioned by Tobacco-Free Michigan and conducted by the American Cancer Society, is described in this report.

Methodology

Using a questionnaire developed by Tobacco-Free Michigan, opinions were collected from 400 randomly-selected residents in Jackson County. Survey questions were modeled after similar studies conducted in Michigan and other states. The American Cancer Society Teleservice Center conducted the surveys November 2, 2002 through November 7, 2002.

Results

Results of the study show that nearly all believe that secondhand smoke is harmful. The vast majority believe that indoor areas of worksites and public places should be smoke-free. They also believe that a county regulation is needed to protect children and nonsmokers from secondhand smoke in worksites and public places.

Key Findings

- *92% of Jackson County residents agree that secondhand smoke is harmful.
- *84% of Jackson County residents believe that indoor areas of worksites and public places should be smoke-free.
- *80% of Jackson County residents believe that a county regulation is needed so children and nonsmokers do not have to be exposed to the harmful effects of secondhand smoke in worksites and public places.

