

EVERYBODY'S DOING IT!

There are now **more than 500 smokefree casinos and gambling venues** in the US thanks largely to local and state smokefree laws.¹

Twenty-one states, along with Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands, have laws in effect that require state-regulated gambling to be **100% smokefree indoors**. This includes many of the U.S.'s hottest gaming expansion markets such as Maryland, Ohio, Massachusetts, and New York.²

A total of **4,411 municipalities** in the United States have laws in effect that restrict where smoking is allowed.³

Our **capital city neighbors** in Mississippi and Texas are 100% smoke-free.⁴

ALL New Orleans bars and gaming facilities are now 100% smoke-free!⁵

Source

1. American Nonsmoker's Rights Foundation. *U.S. Smokefree Casinos and Gambling Facilities*. October 2, 2015. <http://www.no-smoke.org/pdf/smokefreecasinosandgambling.pdf>
2. American Nonsmokers' Rights Foundation. Overview List: *How Many Smokefree Laws?* October 2, 2015. <http://www.no-smoke.org/pdf/percentstatepops.pdf>
3. Ibid.
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WHAT ABOUT SMOKING SECTIONS & VENTILATION?

The 2010 U.S. Surgeon General's Report, *How Tobacco Smoke Causes Disease*, verifies that there is **no risk-free level of exposure to secondhand smoke** and that **ventilation cannot eliminate exposure of nonsmokers to secondhand smoke**.

The Board of Directors for the American Society of Heating, Refrigerating, and Air Conditioning Engineers (ASHRAE), the international standard-setting body for indoor air quality, unanimously adopted an important position statement on secondhand tobacco smoke at its Summer 2005 conference in June. This ASHRAE statement reaffirms:

- There is no safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke.
- Ventilation and other air filtration technologies cannot eliminate all the health risks caused by secondhand smoke exposure.
- Tobacco smoke does not belong in indoor areas.

The science is well established that smoking sections, smoking rooms, and even sophisticated casino ventilation and air cleaning systems **do not address the health hazards of secondhand smoke**.

