

ALA Report Card Grades States

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Dramatic growth in the number of states with smokefree workplace laws and an average cigarette tax of \$1 per pack indicate that some progress was made in 2006 to protect the public from the dangers of smoking, according to a report card issued today by the American Lung Association.

However, the annual report also notes that the majority of states are failing to adequately fund programs to prevent tobacco use - a critical component in keeping kids from starting to smoke.

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