

More Than Half of New York Adults Support Banning Smoking in Parks and on Beaches

Decreasing the social acceptability of tobacco use is an important goal of the New York State Tobacco Control Program. Banning smoking in outdoor public places, especially where families gather, may be an important step towards changing social norms and reducing the social modeling of smoking to children and youth.

- In New York in 2008, over 60% of non-smokers and nearly 30% of smokers favored banning smoking in outdoor public places such as parks or beaches.
- Since 2005 in New York, the proportion of smokers favoring the banning of outdoor smoking in parks or on beaches has increased significantly from 22% to 28%.
- In New York, twice as many non-smokers favor outdoor smoking bans compared with smokers.

Percentage of New York Adults Who Favor Banning Smoking in Parks and Beaches

