Public support for New York’s Comprehensive Clean Indoor Air Act (CIAA)

Public support for New York’s CIAA was crucial to its success and was a prerequisite for high levels of compliance. The New York State Adult Tobacco Survey (ATS) was used to track support for the CIAA from 2003 to 2009. Adults in New York were asked if they were “personally in favor, opposed to, or indifferent to the New York State law prohibiting smoking in all public and work places, including bars and restaurants.”

- In 2003 when the law was first enacted, 3 out of 4 (76%) non-smoking adults supported the law. At the same time, only 28% of smokers were in favor of the new restrictions.
- In 2009, 87% of non-smokers were in favor of the expanded CIAA. Support among smokers had doubled, increasing to 58%.
- Support for the expanded CIAA is strong and has grown significantly among smokers and non-smokers from 2003 to 2009.

### Percentage of adults in favor of New York’s Clean Indoor Air Act (CIAA), New York State Adult Tobacco Survey, 2003-2009

![Graph showing percentage of adults in favor of New York’s CIAA from 2003 to 2009](image)

Source: New York State Adult Tobacco Survey 2003-2009
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