

Data Source Documentation

Indicator	Workplace smoking policies
Demographic Group	Wisconsin adults aged 18 and older who are employed outside the home
Numerator	The number of employed adults aged 18+ in the Wisconsin Behavioral Risk Factor Survey (BRFS) sample who reported the smoking policy in their workplace as: 1) smoking not allowed anywhere, 2) smoking allowed in some or all areas, or 3) no official smoking policy.
Denominator	All employed adults aged 18+ in the Wisconsin BRFS sample for the relevant year or years. Cases with don't know/refused responses or missing data are excluded.
Details about Data Item	<p>In the tables, the 95% confidence interval (the “+/-“column) indicates the range in which 95 of 100 identical surveys would estimate the percent of employed Wisconsin adults who have a workplace smoking policy. Add the confidence interval to the estimated percent to find the high boundary and subtract it to find the low boundary. Smaller numbers of cases in the denominator produce larger confidence intervals. Results shown in the tables are weighted to represent the overall population of adults in Wisconsin.</p> <p>BRFS question: “Which of the following best describes your place of work’s official smoking policy for indoor public or common areas, such as lobbies, rest rooms and lunch rooms?” (Interviewer reads the response categories.)</p>
Other Data Information	<p>The Wisconsin Behavioral Risk Factor Survey is a sample survey conducted by the Office of Health Informatics in conjunction with the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC). The annual number of landline cases is currently approximately 4,500 and has ranged from approximately 4,000 to 5,000 in recent years. Weighted BRFS data are representative of the Wisconsin adult population living in households with landline telephones. CDC calculates the weights using state-level population data and includes a weighting variable in the final data set provided to the state BRFS program. The table by race and ethnicity shows estimates using combined years of data to yield a minimum of 100 cases per group. [Note: BRFS conducts cell phone interviews, but cell phone data have not yet been officially released by CDC.]</p>
Data Source	<p>Wisconsin Behavioral Risk Factor Survey, Office of Health Informatics, Division of Public Health, Department of Health Services.</p> <p>The BRFS is an ongoing probability survey conducted by telephone and carried out in conjunction with the CDC. Each survey year begins on January 1 and ends on December 31.</p>
Additional Information	<p>The CDC Web site (http://www.cdc.gov/brfss/) provides substantial information about the BRFS at both the national and state levels, including prevalence and trend data and historical question information. Information about the Wisconsin BRFS is also available at http://dhs.wisconsin.gov/stats/BRFS.htm.</p>