

**Opinions on Smoking Issues in the  
Counties of Albany, Rensselaer,  
And Schenectady Counties**

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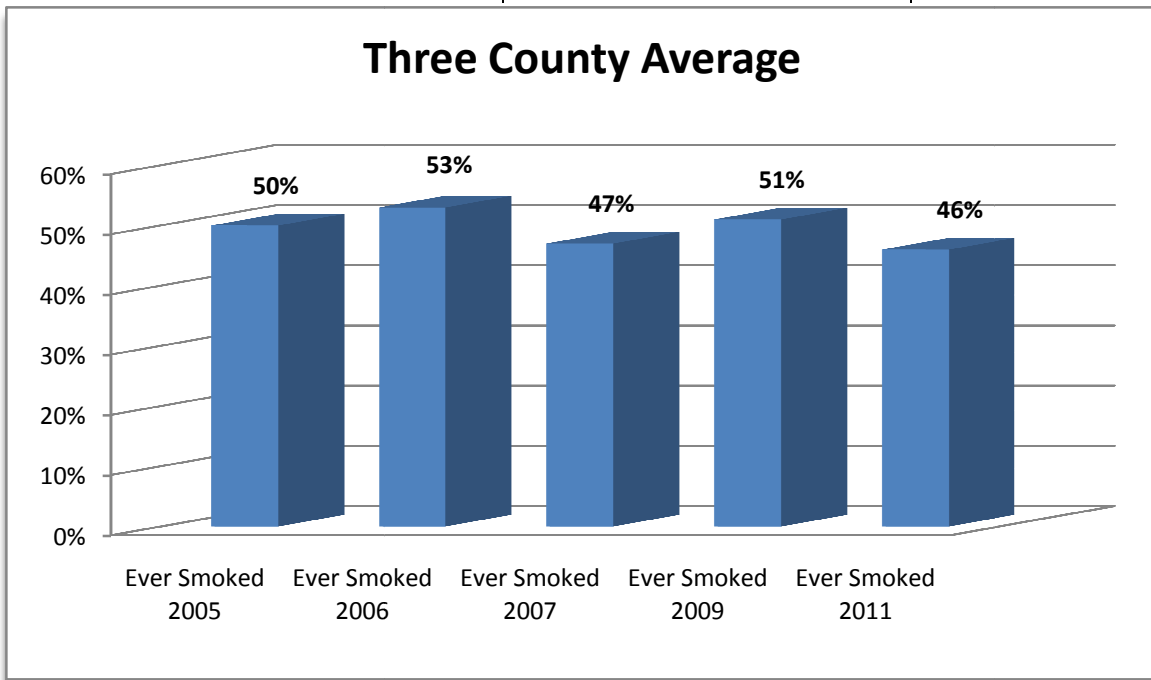
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**Past and Current Use of Tobacco Products**

Residents of each of the three counties, Albany, Rensselaer and Schenectady report having smoked at least 100 cigarettes during their life at a rate of 46%. Schenectady’s rate fell from 56% in 2009 to 45% today. Today the ‘ever smoked’ rate for each of the three counties is below 50% and across the three counties now averages, 46%. Overall, the three county average rate of ever having smoked at least 100 cigarettes over your lifetime remains at approximately 50% but the rate is slightly less than it was two years ago.

**Q19. Have you smoked at least 100 cigarettes in your entire life?**

	Albany		County Rensselaer		Schenectady	
	2009	2011	2009	2011	2009	2011
Yes	46.8	46.1	49.2	47.8	56.0	45.0
No	53.2	53.8	50.8	51.8	44.0	54.8
Don’t know	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.5	0.0	0.1



**Q 20. Do you now smoke cigarettes every day, some days, or not at all? (asked only if yes to Q 19)**

	Albany					Rensselaer					Schenectady				
	2005	2006	2007	2009	2011	2005	2006	2007	2009	2011	2005	2006	2007	2009	2011
Everyday	20.6	17.0	9.6	17.6	11.3	20.6	27.9	22.8	20.6	23.5	18.0	21.3	23.1	23.4	25.5
Some days	2.4	8.4	12.1	7.3	6.6	2.6	3.6	11.7	10.0	8.5	2.8	1.9	2.6	9.3	6.2
Not at all	77.1	74.6	78.4	75.0	81.8	76.8	68.6	65.6	69.4	68.1	79.3	76.4	74.4	67.3	68.3
Don’t know	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.3	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.0

Of those that have ever smoked, about 18% currently smoke at least some days in Albany County, 32% in Rensselaer and 32% in Schenectady. In both Rensselaer and Schenectady, among those that have ever smoked, about one in four not only continue to smoke but do so every day. Still, over 80% of those that have ever smoked in Albany County and nearly 70% in both Rensselaer and Schenectady, no longer smoke at all.

### Summary

	Albany		Rensselaer		Schenectady	
	2009	2011	2009	2011	2009	2011
Currently smoke	11.7	8.3	15.0	15.4	18.3	14.3
Did smoke	35.1	37.8	34.1	32.8	37.7	30.8
Never smoked	53.2	53.8	50.8	51.8	44.0	54.8
No answer	0.0	0.1	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.0

Today, those respondents that said they had ever smoked were asked whether they smoke every day, some days or not at all. Although some might argue that this method overstates the number of current smokers, we will, after this description, treat those that currently smoke every day or some days as “currently smokes.”

In this survey year, we see little difference between men and women when looking at ‘ever smoked.’ The significant differences in the propensity to smoke are noticeable in age, and measures of social class, college education and income. Over 50% of respondents over 60 years of age in each county and a majority of those age 45 to 59 in Albany and Rensselaer have smoked at least 100 cigarettes. Younger respondents, especially in Albany and Rensselaer are less likely to have ever smoked. More noticeable is that majorities of those without a college education and those earning less than \$50,000 have smoked while only 40% or fewer of those with a college education and those with household incomes above \$100,000 have smoked.

As a percentage of the entire population, only 8% of Albany residents currently smoke while 15% of Rensselaer and 14% of Schenectady residents currently smoke. Among those without a college degree and those earning \$50,000 a year or less, current smoking rates are higher. In both Schenectady and Rensselaer, nearly a quarter of those earning less than \$50,000 currently smoke while in Albany that rate falls to 14%. Among those without a college degree, 24% smoke in Rensselaer, 20% in Schenectady and 10% in Albany.

In each county more residents continue to purchase cigarettes at convenience stores or gas stations than through any other source. In Albany 47%, up from 36%, of current smokers said they purchase their cigarettes most often at convenience stores and 35%, down from 39%, buy cigarettes at gas stations. In Rensselaer, 32% of smokers, down from 38%, purchase their cigarettes at convenience stores and 44%, up from 41%, buy at gas stations. Current cigarette buying patterns are similar in Schenectady to those of Rensselaer. In Schenectady 36% of smokers buy at convenience stores while 42% buy at gas stations. Given that in many cases, gas stations include a convenience store, if you add convenience stores and gas stations together, we find that

82% of Albany smokers, 76% of Rensselaer residents and 78% of Schenectady residents buy their cigarettes mostly from either convenience stores or gas stations.

No doubt, given the prevalence of cigarette purchases at convenience stores and gas stations any change in behavior should include an investigation of those points of acquisition. It is indeed noteworthy that so few smokers, fewer than 5% in any of the counties, say they buy their cigarettes from grocery stores.

**Q 23. Where do you purchase your cigarettes most of the time?**

	Albany		Rensselaer		Schenectady	
	2009	2011	2009	2011	2009	2011
Grocery stores	3.9	4.5	2.5	2.6	0.7	0.0
Pharmacies	8.0	4.6	0.0	3.3	0.7	2.1
Convenience stores	36.1	46.8	37.9	32.4	49.7	35.7
Gas stations	38.5	35.1	41.1	43.7	27.0	41.8
Indian reservations	6.9	4.5	5.0	1.5	2.2	6.2
Internet	0.0	0.0	4.3	0.0	1.6	0.0
Other	6.6	3.0	8.4	14.8	16.5	14.2
Refused	0.0	1.5	0.8	1.8	1.5	0.0

Very few respondents, no more than 5% in each of the three counties, currently use any other tobacco products. In this investigation, most of those that do use other tobacco products are men. Interestingly, included among those that said they use other tobacco products are small numbers of respondents that said they never smoked 100 cigarettes or smoked in the past. Regular and intermittent cigar smoking are cited most frequently among this small group.

**Q 24. (Asked of all) Do you currently use any other tobacco products?**

	Albany				Rensselaer				Schenectady			
	2006	2007	2009	2011	2006	2007	2009	2011	2006	2007	2009	2011
Yes	8.4	4.5	3.6	4.1	7.2	3.6	4.1	4.4	2.2	4.0	2.6	5.0
No	91.6	95.5	96.4	95.9	92.8	96.5	95.9	95.4	97.8	96.0	97.4	95.0
Refused	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.0	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.2	N/A	N/A	N/A	0.0

**Q 25. (If use any other tobacco products) Do you use?**

	Albany			Rensselaer			Schenectady		
	2007	2009	2011	2007	2009	2011	2007	2009	2011
<i>Cigars?</i>									
Everyday	21.4	12.6	3.1	0.0	2.9	6.2	0.0	21.9	24.6
Some days	31.7	68.4	96.9	69.2	47.1	55.0	88.2	42.1	52.6
Not at all	47.1	19.0	0.0	30.8	50.0	38.8	11.8	35.9	22.8
Don't know/Refused	N/A	0.0	0.0	N/A	0.0	0.0	N/A	0.0	0.0
<i>Pipes?</i>									
Everyday	0.0	6.3	0.0	27.9	12.8	0.0	0.0	0.0	8.8
Some days	5.0	15.8	3.1	0.0	6.4	9.7	10.0	16.7	43.2
Not at all	95.0	77.9	96.9	72.1	80.8	90.3	90.0	83.3	48.1
Don't know/Refused	N/A	0.0	0.0	N/A	0.0	0.0	N/A	0.0	0.0
<i>Chew?</i>									
Everyday	0.0	6.3	0.0	0.0	34.3	11.5	0.0	19.3	0.0
Some days	43.5	6.3	0.0	63.1	31.3	17.7	11.8	0.0	24.5
Not at all	56.5	87.4	100.0	36.9	34.4	70.9	88.2	80.7	75.5
Don't know/Refused	N/A	0.0	0.0	N/A	0.0	0.0	N/A	0.0	0.0
<i>Snuff?</i>									
Everyday	0.0	6.3	0.0	0.0	9.3	0.0	0.0	0.0	11.1
Some days	0.0	6.3	0.0	20.1	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	21.6
Not at all	100	87.4	100.0	79.9	90.7	100.0	100	100	67.3
Don't know/Refused	N/A	0.0	0.0	N/A	0.0	0.0	N/A	0.0	0.0
<i>Hookah?</i>									
Everyday	N/A	6.3	0.0	N/A	0.0	6.2	N/A	0.0	0.0
Some days	N/A	0.0	3.1	N/A	6.3	0.0	N/A	0.0	0.0
Not at all	N/A	84.2	96.9	N/A	93.6	93.8	N/A	100	100.0
Don't know/Refused	N/A	9.5	0.0	N/A	0.0	0.0	N/A	0.0	0.0
<i>Gutka?</i>									
Everyday	N/A	6.3	0.0	N/A	0.0	0.0	N/A	0.0	0.0
Some days	N/A	0.0	0.0	N/A	0.0	0.0	N/A	0.0	0.0
Not at all	N/A	84.2	100.0	N/A	100	100.0	N/A	88.6	91.1
Don't know/Refused	N/A	9.5	0.0	N/A	0.0	0.0	N/A	11.4	8.9
<i>Dissolvable tobacco?</i>									
Everyday	N/A	6.3	0.0	N/A	0.0	0.0	N/A	0.0	0.0
Some days	N/A	0.0	0.0	N/A	2.9	0.0	N/A	0.0	0.0
Not at all	N/A	93.7	100.0	N/A	97.1	100.0	N/A	100	94.0
Don't know/Refused	N/A	0.0	0.0	N/A	0.0	0.0	N/A	0.0	6.0
<i>Other?</i>									
Everyday	N/A	6.3	0.0	N/A	6.4	17.7	N/A	0.0	2.9
Some days	N/A	3.2	41.5	N/A	0.0	45.3	N/A	0.0	21.6
Not at all	N/A	90.5	58.5	N/A	93.6	37.0	N/A	100	75.5
Don't know/Refused	N/A	0.0	0.0	N/A	0.0	0.0	N/A	0.0	0.0

Of those that use other tobacco products, small percentages and very small overall numbers of respondents, have ever used chewing tobacco, snuff or dip as an alternative when smoking restrictions have kept them from smoking in certain places.

**Q 26. Have you ever used chewing tobacco, snuff or dip as an alternative when smoking restrictions have kept you from smoking in certain places?** (*asked only of those that use other tobacco products*)

	Albany	Rensselaer	Schenectady
Yes	0.0	17.7	21.6
No	100.0	78.8	78.4
Don't know/Refused	0.0	3.5	0.0

**Q 27. Have you ever heard of the New York State Smokers' Quitline?**

	Albany	Rensselaer	Schenectady
Yes	88.3	88.9	87.1
No	11.7	11.0	12.3
Don't know/Refused	0.0	0.1	0.6

As in the other counties that we have surveyed, awareness of the New York State Smokers Quitline is nearly universal. Across the entire population at least 87% of respondents are aware of the Quitline and among smokers between 88% in Albany and 96% in Schenectady are aware of the Quitline.

The TV ads are most effective in terms of how respondents hear about the Quitline with nearly 80% citing those television ads as how they heard of the Quitline.

Still, only 6 to 8% of those that have heard of the Quitline have ever used it. Perhaps more importantly, among smokers, 21% in Albany, 31% in Rensselaer and 34% in Schenectady indicate having used the Quitline.

It may be worthy of discussion to increase the invitation to smokers to use the Quitline in those well known ads. Although just an observation, many of the ads are compelling and memorable, the invitation to call for more information may not stand out. A suggestion would be to stress the "make the call today" component of the well known TV ads.

**Q 28. (If heard of Quitline) How have you heard about the New York State Smokers' Quitline?**

	Albany	Rensselaer	Schenectady
Newspaper article	16.6%	9.7%	16.1%
Newspaper ad	20.5%	16.2%	22.0%
Radio	35.6%	29.1%	43.5%
Billboard	26.0%	37.5%	26.8%
TV ads	79.2%	78.7%	77.2%
Movie slide theater advertisement	8.3%	4.2%	8.1%
Internet	13.7%	13.2%	15.7%
Event (specify)	2.4%	6.4%	4.3%
Other (specify)	15.5%	11.1%	12.6%
Don't know/Refused	0.5%	0.1%	1.0%

**Q 29. (If heard of Quitline) Have you ever used the New York State Smokers' Quitline?**

	Albany	Rensselaer	Schenectady
Yes	6.6	6.5	7.5
No	93.4	93.5	92.5
Don't know/Refused	0.0	0.0	0.0

**Q 22. (If currently smokes) During the past 12 months, have any healthcare providers/other groups advised you to stop smoking?*****Doctor, nurse, physician assistant or clinic staff?***

	Albany	Rensselaer	Schenectady
Yes	65.1	79.8	73.9
No	30.4	18.6	24.0
No visit	3.0	1.5	2.1
Don't know/Refused	1.5	0.0	0.0

***Dentist or Dental Hygienist?***

	Albany	Rensselaer	Schenectady
Yes	21.1	42.5	60.4
No	74.3	50.0	36.5
No visit	3.0	7.4	3.1
Don't know/Refused	1.5	0.0	0.0

***Substance Abuse Counselor?***

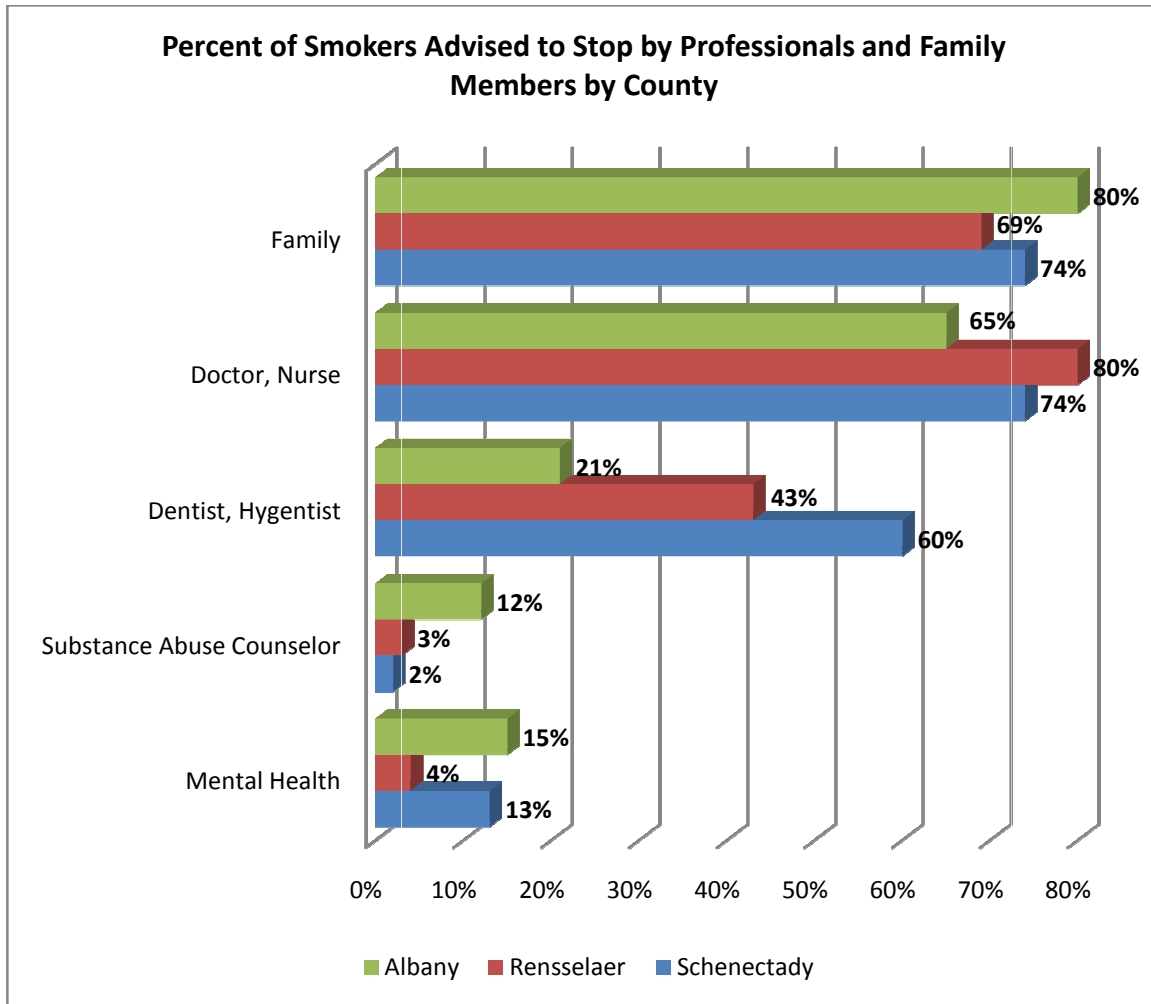
	Albany	Rensselaer	Schenectady
Yes	12.0	3.3	2.1
No	54.6	68.2	48.4
No visit	31.8	28.5	49.5
Don't know/ Refused	1.5	0.0	0.0

***Mental Health Counselor?***

	Albany	Rensselaer	Schenectady
Yes	15.2	4.1	12.7
No	53.2	69.7	45.2
No visit	30.0	26.1	42.1
Don't know/Refused	1.5	0.0	0.0

***Family, children, spouse, parents?***

	Albany	Rensselaer	Schenectady
Yes	80.1	69.4	74.1
No	19.9	27.4	24.9
Not applicable	0.0	3.3	1.0



Very significant percentages of healthcare providers as well as family members continue to advise smokers to stop smoking. Despite at least two-thirds of healthcare providers in Albany to 80% in Rensselaer advising smokers to quit according to the smokers themselves, one must wonder if the other providers do not recommend quitting or if the smokers either do not report it or have forgotten. Another potential public relations message could be directed towards medical providers to encourage them to redouble their warning efforts.

## Personal Policies about Smoking

Consistent with previous surveys in 2005, 2006, 2007 and 2009, large majorities in each of the three counties continue to not allow smoking in their homes and cars. Well over 80% of respondents in each county prohibit smoking anywhere in their homes. Fewer than 8% in each case permit smoking anywhere in their homes. Smoking restrictions are very high but slightly more lax among respondents when discussing their vehicles. For the first time, 80% of respondents in each county do not allow smoking in their family vehicle. The trend appears to be in the direction of fewer respondents allowing smoking in either their home or their car.

**Q 1. First, I'd like to ask you a few questions about the smoking rules in your home and in your vehicle. Which statement best describes the rules about smoking in your home?**

	Albany					Rensselaer					Schenectady				
	2005	2006	2007	2009	2011	2005	2006	2007	2009	2011	2005	2006	2007	2009	2011
Not allowed	71.9	74.0	75.9	84.5	86.0	70.0	68.6	73.3	83.5	82.8	76.1	74.7	80.4	82.9	85.7
Some places	11.4	12.7	15.6	10.1	9.3	9.1	14.2	14.6	12.1	10.6	10.2	11.4	6.0	11.2	7.0
Anywhere	3.0	5.9	5.6	5.4	4.5	8.3	4.3	10.4	4.4	6.5	3.5	5.2	10.7	5.9	7.0
No rules	12.9	7.0	2.8	N/A	N/A	12.3	12.9	1.7	N/A	N/A	10.1	8.7	2.7	N/A	N/A
Not sure	0.8	0.5	0.1	0.0	0.2	0.4	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.0	0.1	0.0	0.3

**Q 2. Which statement best describes the rules about smoking in your family vehicle or vehicles?**

	Albany					Rensselaer					Schenectady				
	2005	2006	2007	2009	2011	2005	2006	2007	2009	2011	2005	2006	2007	2009	2011
Not allowed	74.1	71.9	77.2	77.4	82.7	72.3	67.2	73.0	76.9	80.7	79.5	75.9	83.6	78.9	79.9
In some cars	11.4	14.9	12.7	13.1	9.8	11.1	15.2	10.8	15.6	11.8	8.3	10.0	4.6	11.2	11.9
All cars	8.4	10.5	7.9	6.1	5.1	12.7	11.0	12.2	5.4	5.4	10.4	6.4	8.1	7.8	5.3
No family car	3.8	1.5	1.2	3.4	2.0	3.6	2.8	3.6	2.0	2.1	1.8	4.5	3.0	1.8	2.8
Not sure	2.3	1.2	0.9	0.0	0.4	0.4	3.8	0.5	0.1	0.1	0.0	3.2	0.7	0.3	0.0

In each county those that currently smoke are far more likely to allow smoking anywhere in their homes, some places in their home or in their vehicles than those that do not smoke. Still, 42%, down from 60%, of Schenectady smokers, 46%, virtually unchanged from 47%, of Albany smokers and 40%, little changed from 35%, of Rensselaer smokers do not allow smoking in their homes. Fewer in two of the three counties, 35% in Schenectady and 20% in Albany do not allow smoking in any of their vehicles. A majority of smokers in each county allow smoking in some or all areas of their home and between 40% and 71% of smokers allow smoking in some or all of their vehicles. While it is true that large numbers of smokers have restricted smoking both at home and in their vehicles, it is still apparent that for many smokers, those rules do not exist.

### Smoking Issues in Multi-Unit Dwellings

Twenty-one percent of Albany respondents (8% single family, 13% apartment) rent rather than own their home. Rensselaer (24% overall) and Schenectady (17%) report similar rental rates. As such, the margin of error among renters is quite high. Still, we report that in Albany of the 21% of respondents that rent, 77% continue to say there is no policy that governs smoking in their dwelling. In Rensselaer of the 24% that rent, 74% report that there is no policy and in Schenectady, among the renter population of 17%, 80% report no policy.

In Albany (36%), Rensselaer (33%) and Schenectady (29%) nearly one third of renters would support a policy that prohibits smoking throughout their dwelling. An additional 35% in Schenectady, 27% in Albany and 34% in Rensselaer support a smoke-free policy that would restrict smoking to certain designated areas. It appears that those that advocate for smoke-free dwellings need to pursue the development of and then implementation of smoking policies in rental dwellings. At this time, it does not appear that substantial progress is being made in putting these policies in place given the little measurable change in the reports of renters. With significant majority support for at least some non-smoking policies among renters, continuing efforts to marshal that support in order to enhance non-smoking policies are in order. In fact, among those that currently rent in buildings without a non-smoking policy, at least 60% would prefer to a smoke-free building.

#### **Q3. Do you rent or own your home?**

	Albany		Rensselaer		Schenectady	
	2009	2011	2009	2011	2009	2011
Rent a single family home	7.7	8.3	6.5	5.6	5.6	1.6
Rent an apartment	19.8	12.9	10.0	18.5	7.9	15.5
Own	70.6	78.7	82.8	74.8	86.0	80.5
Neither	1.9	0.1	0.5	1.1	0.5	2.2
Refused	0.0	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.0	0.3

#### **Q 4. (If rent) How many units are there in your building?**

	Albany		Rensselaer		Schenectady	
	2009	2011	2009	2011	2009	2011
1-3	53.6	58.8	48.5	44.1	65.7	51.6
4 or more	46.4	32.3	39.6	55.9	31.1	48.4
Don't know/Refused	0.0	8.9	11.9	0.0	3.2	0.0

#### **Q 5. (If rent) Is there a policy or a section in your lease that restricts indoor smoking in your building (including inside apartments)?**

	Albany		Rensselaer		Schenectady	
	2009	2011	2009	2011	2009	2011
Yes, smoking is prohibited everywhere	5.0	13.7	9.2	5.1	7.9	4.3
Yes, smoking is restricted to certain areas	14.2	4.2	3.6	5.1	5.0	11.1
No, there is no policy	76.9	76.6	86.5	74.3	81.5	80.4
Don't know/Not sure	3.9	5.5	0.7	15.5	5.7	4.3

**Q 6. (If rent and no policy) Would you be in favor of a smoke-free policy in your building?**

	Albany		Rensselaer		Schenectady	
	2009	2011	2009	2011	2009	2011
Yes, I would favor a policy that prohibits smoking everywhere	32.4	36.3	29.8	33.0	9.6	28.9
Yes, I would favor a policy that restricts smoking to certain areas	27.1	27.1	34.6	34.1	22.2	35.1
No, I would not favor a smoking policy	34.3	34.5	35.6	31.1	60.7	34.2
Don't know/Not sure	6.2	2.1	0.0	1.9	7.4	1.8

**Q 7. (If rent and no smoking policy) Would you prefer a smoke-free building, which means smoking is prohibited in all indoor areas, including rental units?**

	Albany		Rensselaer		Schenectady	
	2009	2011	2009	2011	2009	2011
Yes	62.0	68.4	38.5	60.8	30.6	62.6
No	36.5	30.9	43.6	37.5	62.0	30.8
Doesn't matter/No preference	1.5	0.7	17.9	1.8	7.4	6.6

### Attitudes towards Legislation

Respondents in each county were asked whether they would support a law similar to one in California that awards a traffic citation to anyone smoking in a vehicle in which a minor is present. The infraction can only result from being stopped for some other offense and is punishable by a fine of \$100.

A majority in both Albany (55% up from 50%) and Schenectady (52% up from 46%) support this idea while in Rensselaer it is supported outright by only 48%. Given that respondents could indicate their view that the measure is too lenient, it is fair to consider those respondents as in favor of some more stringent form of ‘smoking in cars with minors present’ legislation. Adding those respondents to those that support the California ban, we find that all three counties, 57% in Albany, 53% in Rensselaer and 55% in Schenectady, favor some form of enforceable ban on smoking in cars with minors present.

In each case support for the California law is strongest among those that never smoked (over 64% in each county), followed by those that used to smoke (an average of 48%) to its weakest level of between 20% to 48% among current smokers. Although opposition to this measure could increase with it being actually proposed, these numbers and the fact that support has increased and opposition lessened since 2009, seem to indicate that it is possible that majority support could be found in these counties for this proposal.

Support for regulating smoking in vehicles is strong among respondents with children under the age of 18 in their household but not overwhelming. Strong majorities of respondents with children support the law in all three counties.

**Q 9. In California, smoking in a vehicle if someone under 18 is present, is a traffic infraction punishable by a fine of \$100. But the traffic stop has to be made for another offense, such as speeding or an illegal turn, before the driver can be cited for smoking. Would you support such a law for New York?**

	Albany		Rensselaer		Schenectady	
	2009	2011	2009	2011	2009	2011
Yes, I would support it	49.9	55.4	53.1	48.3	46.2	52.2
No, it is too lenient	2.4	2.2	1.8	4.8	2.4	2.5
No, it is too severe	43.8	38.9	42.2	43.1	48.0	42.9
Don't know/Not sure	3.8	3.5	2.8	3.8	3.3	2.5

**Q 8. Do you favor or oppose an expansion of the current clean indoor air law to include any of the following environments?**

***Public parks and outdoor recreation areas?***

	Albany					Rensselaer					Schenectady				
	2005	2006	2007	2009	2011	2005	2006	2007	2009	2011	2005	2006	2007	2009	2011
Favor	39.1	40.5	58.3	48.1	55.0	39.9	37.9	48.2	61.4	60.7	34.3	38.3	47.9	50.5	61.0
Oppose	51.3	54.5	38.0	49.0	44.2	51.8	54.3	46.5	32.2	36.3	53.2	50.5	46.7	44.3	33.3
No opinion	9.5	5.1	3.7	2.9	2.7	8.3	7.8	5.3	6.4	3.0	12.5	11.2	5.4	5.3	5.7

***Public beaches?***

	Albany					Rensselaer					Schenectady				
	2005	2006	2007	2009	2011	2005	2006	2007	2009	2011	2005	2006	2007	2009	2011
Favor	41.8	41.9	58.5	55.1	56.1	43.1	41.2	50.5	62.6	65.2	37.2	41.2	55.6	57.3	64.7
Oppose	49.1	52.2	39.9	41.7	40.8	49.4	50.1	42.0	33.3	32.0	52.2	45.4	38.9	39.0	30.1
No opinion	9.1	5.9	1.6	3.2	3.1	7.5	8.7	7.6	4.1	2.8	10.7	13.4	5.5	3.7	5.2

***Areas around building entry ways?***

	Albany					Rensselaer					Schenectady				
	2005	2006	2007	2009	2011	2005	2006	2007	2009	2011	2005	2006	2007	2009	2011
Favor	58.9	54.9	69.6	69.9	74.5	59.3	57.0	70.1	73.5	75.8	53.9	55.5	71.6	70.0	69.9
Oppose	31.2	34.7	27.9	27.2	23.9	34.8	36.0	27.3	23.6	21.5	40.8	33.1	23.8	26.5	28.0
No opinion	9.9	10.4	2.5	3.0	1.6	5.9	7.0	2.6	2.9	2.7	5.3	11.4	4.6	3.5	2.1

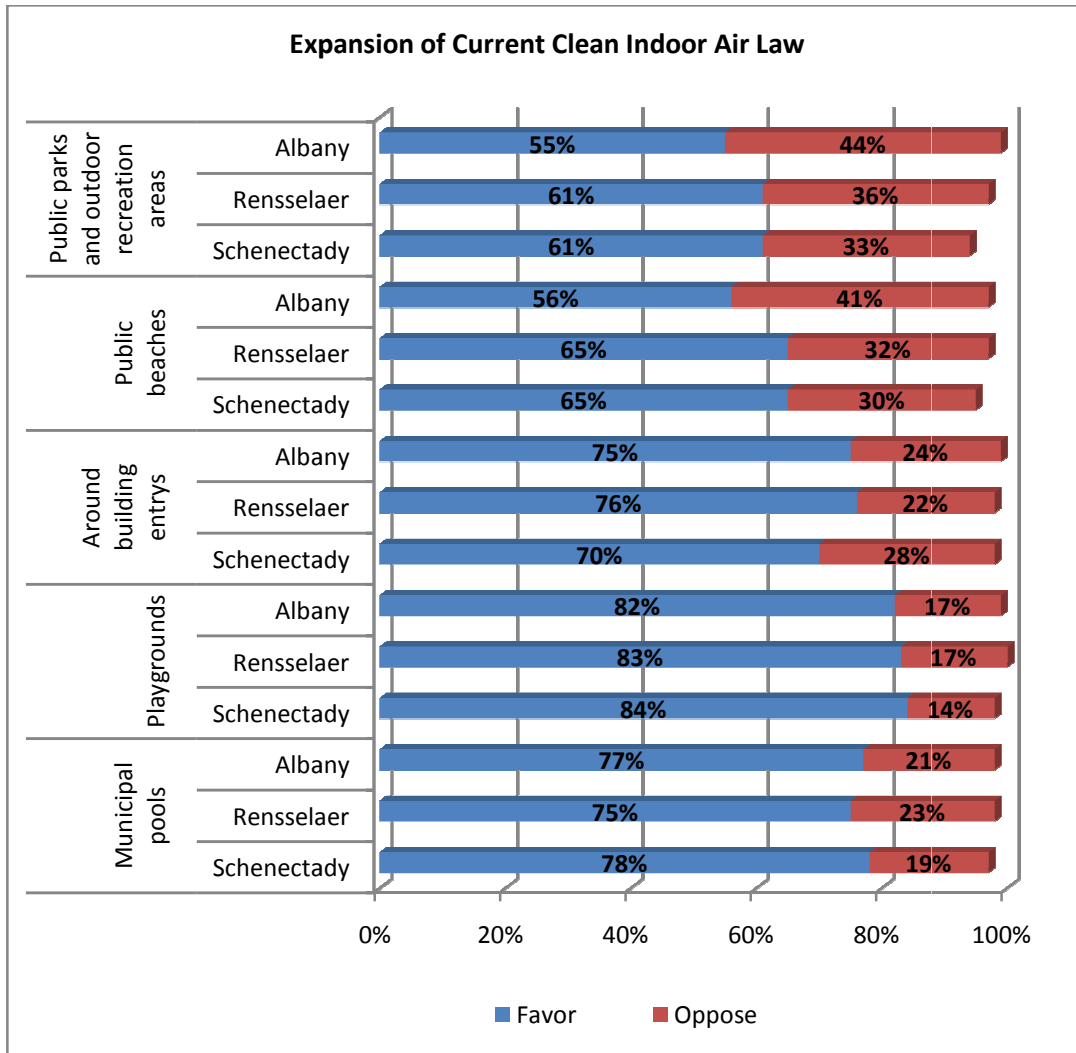
***Playgrounds?***

	Albany					Rensselaer					Schenectady				
	2005	2006	2007	2009	2011	2005	2006	2007	2009	2011	2005	2006	2007	2009	2011
Favor			81.0	80.0	81.9			82.1	87.6	82.8			78.3	81.0	84.1
Oppose			16.4	17.6	16.7			16.4	9.3	16.7			19.0	17.4	14.4
No opinion			2.6	2.4	1.3			1.5	3.1	0.4			2.7	1.6	1.4

***Municipal pools?***

	Albany					Rensselaer					Schenectady				
	2005	2006	2007	2009	2011	2005	2006	2007	2009	2011	2005	2006	2007	2009	2011
Favor			78.6	73.4	76.9			74.2	77.6	75.3			78.7	74.6	78.0
Oppose			17.8	23.1	20.7			22.0	18.2	22.9			18.7	21.8	19.1
No opinion			3.6	3.5	2.4			3.9	4.2	1.9			2.6	3.6	2.9

Support is high, relatively consistent and ranked for an expansion of the current clean indoor air law among respondents across the three counties to the following areas: Playgrounds, Municipal pools, Entryways, Public beaches and Public parks. Support is highest for the expansion of the law for playgrounds followed in descending order by pools, entryways, beaches and parks.



While support for expanding the legislation to pools and playgrounds has remained very high, we note that an expansion to the areas around building entry ways has increased and now is as high as for pools and support for parks and beaches, although lower, is increasing.

Overwhelming support continues to exist among all demographics including those respondents that used to smoke or currently smoke for expanding the legislation to playgrounds and municipal pools. Those areas are not only frequented by young people but can in some cases be spaces in which smoking by an individual could not be avoided by others. Although not as high, support is clear and strong across virtually every demographic with the exception of current Albany and Schenectady smokers, for expanding the legislation to the areas around building entry ways.

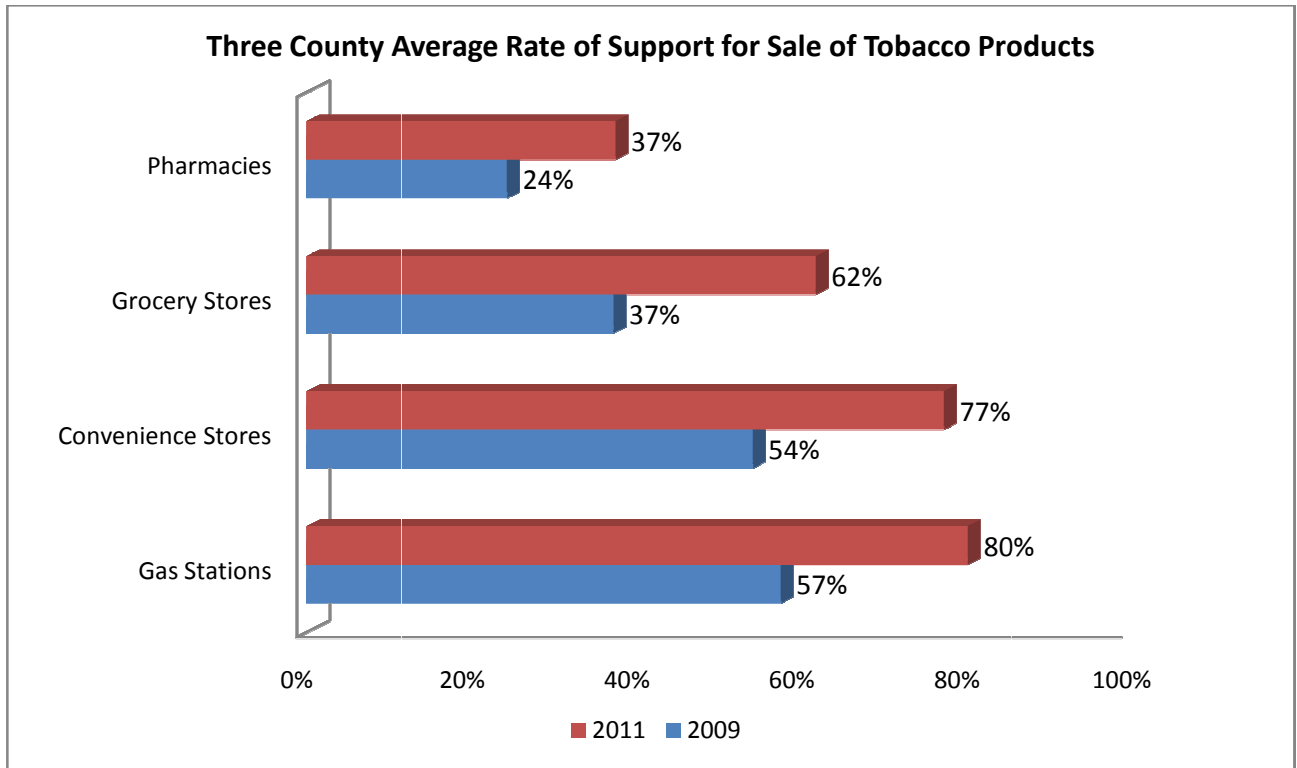
Smokers in the three counties tend to oppose expanding the legislation in public parks or public beaches. It appears likely that this ban could be successfully expanded to playgrounds, pools and perhaps entryways but support relative to larger more expansive areas like parks and beaches is weaker and among smokers, in nearly every case, opposed.

### Selling Tobacco Products

Respondents were then asked whether they thought four types of retail locations – Grocery stores, Pharmacies, Convenience stores and Gas stations – should or should not sell tobacco products. There was a high level of consistency among the three counties.

**Q 10. Do you think that the following types of stores should or should not sell tobacco products? (cigarettes, cigars, etc.)**

	Albany		Rensselaer		Schenectady	
	2009	2011	2009	2011	2009	2011
<i>Grocery stores?</i>						
Should	37.1	62.0	37.8	66.3	36.6	56.7
Should not	61.2	36.6	58.7	31.7	61.5	41.9
Don't know	1.7	1.4	3.5	2.0	1.8	1.4
<i>Pharmacies?</i>						
	2009	2011	2009	2011	2009	2011
Should	27.8	36.8	20.6	36.1	24.4	39.3
Should not	70.6	60.7	77.1	62.5	72.4	59.0
Don't know	1.6	2.5	2.3	1.4	3.1	1.7
<i>Convenience stores?</i>						
	2009	2011	2009	2011	2009	2011
Should	51.5	79.1	55.9	77.7	54.8	74.9
Should not	47.0	19.2	40.2	20.6	41.5	24.4
Don't know	1.5	1.7	3.9	1.6	3.7	0.7
<i>Gas stations?</i>						
	2009	2011	2009	2011	2009	2011
Should	55.5	82.5	59.1	80.5	57.8	77.4
Should not	43.1	15.6	36.7	18.1	38.1	20.5
Don't know	1.4	1.9	4.1	1.4	4.1	2.1



The residents of these three counties continue to rank the four types of outlets as they have in the past – gas stations, convenience stores, grocery stores and pharmacies, but in 2011 they are far more inclined to allow each to sell tobacco products than they were in 2009. One possible explanation is that in 2009 they were first asked about displaying advertising for cigarettes both inside and outside of their locations prior to being asked whether or not they should sell tobacco products. Still, it is initially striking that significant majorities now and in this context support the sale of tobacco products in gas stations, convenience stores and in grocery stores.

**Q 17. What is your opinion about a regulation that would ban the sale of all tobacco products in pharmacies?**

	Albany	Rensselaer	Schenectady
Strongly in favor	32.9	41.4	36.8
Somewhat in favor	20.8	12.7	16.2
Neither in favor or against	13.4	13.0	13.7
Somewhat against	7.0	11.6	7.6
Strongly against	24.8	21.2	25.4
Don't know/Refused	1.1	0.1	0.3

Considering only pharmacies and stating the potential restriction more stringently, a majority of respondents in each county is at least somewhat in favor of a regulation that would ban the sale of tobacco products in pharmacies. Only about one-third oppose this regulation.

**Q 14. What is your opinion about a regulation that would limit the number of stores that could sell tobacco in your community?**

	Albany	Rensselaer	Schenectady
Strongly in favor	25.4	25.2	24.0
Somewhat in favor	16.7	14.0	23.5
Neither in favor or against	19.4	19.8	15.9
Somewhat against	11.4	13.1	12.9
Strongly against	26.3	27.7	23.6
Don't know/Refused	0.7	0.3	0.1

But a regulation that would limit the number of stores that could sell tobacco in their community fails to garner majority support and in reality is opposed by approximately as many respondents as support it.

Still there is no doubt that nearly two-thirds of respondents oppose the sale of tobacco products in stores that are located near schools. But when phrased as a regulation rather than as support, the percentage that would back that form of regulation drops to a smaller majority albeit a majority of between 54 and 59%.

**Q 15. Do you think tobacco products should or should not be sold in stores that are located near schools?**

	Albany	Rensselaer	Schenectady
Should	27.6	36.8	30.2
Should not	69.2	60.4	66.4
Don't know/Refused	3.2	2.8	3.4

**Q 16. What is your opinion about a regulation that would ban the sale of tobacco products in stores that are located near schools?**

	Albany	Rensselaer	Schenectady
Strongly in favor	45.9	41.6	40.2
Somewhat in favor	12.6	12.5	17.3
Neither in favor or against	12.2	13.3	13.2
Somewhat against	10.1	11.7	12.3
Strongly against	18.6	19.9	16.6
Don't know/Refused	0.7	1.0	0.4

A majority of respondents notice at least frequently and an overwhelming majority at least occasionally the presence of packs of cigarettes or cigars behind the cash register or in other areas of stores. When asked if they favor or oppose a Canadian style regulation that requires retailers to keep tobacco products out of customers' view, nearly 40% in each county strongly support it and about 16 to 19% are somewhat in favor. Overall, 55 to 58% in each county support the Canadian style regulation.

In fact, when asked simply, do you think tobacco products should or should not be visible in stores, a majority in each county think they should not be.

This strong and, to some, surprising finding should be highly publicized.

**Q 13. Other countries, such as Canada, require tobacco retailers to keep their products out of customers view. What is your opinion about a similar requirement in New York State that would require tobacco products to be kept out of view in stores?**

	Albany	Rensselaer	Schenectady
Strongly in favor	39.7	38.1	39.8
Somewhat in favor	15.7	17.3	18.6
Neither in favor or against	20.9	13.8	17.1
Somewhat against	10.3	12.6	10.2
Strongly against	12.6	18.1	13.0
Don't know/Refused	0.8	0.2	1.2

**Q 11. Over the past 30 days, how often did you notice packs of cigarettes or cigars visible behind the cash register or in other areas of stores? Would you say...**

	Albany	Rensselaer	Schenectady
Almost every time	30.7	32.9	31.5
Frequently	20.5	21.4	18.4
Occasionally	27.6	21.8	27.5
Never	20.2	22.8	21.6
Didn't visit	0.4	0.9	0.7
Don't know/Refused	0.6	0.2	0.1

**Q12. Do you think tobacco products should or should not be visible in stores?**

	Albany	Rensselaer	Schenectady
Should	38.4	40.5	36.1
Should not	55.0	55.2	58.3
Don't know/Refused	6.6	4.3	5.6

## Teen Smoking

**Q 18. I'm going to read you a series of statements about teens and smoking, for each tell me whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree, neither agree nor disagree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree:**

*Teen smoking is a significant problem in our community*

	Albany	Rensselaer	Schenectady
Strongly agree	47.0	50.3	45.0
Somewhat agree	26.6	22.3	26.4
Neither agree nor disagree	12.2	10.8	11.3
Somewhat disagree	4.9	8.9	9.0
Strongly disagree	6.4	5.4	4.4
Don't know/Refused	2.9	2.3	3.9

*Advertising in local stores make teens more likely to smoke*

	Albany	Rensselaer	Schenectady
Strongly agree	32.5	27.8	33.9
Somewhat agree	32.5	27.6	24.8
Neither agree nor disagree	5.4	6.1	6.4
Somewhat disagree	13.4	16.6	17.3
Strongly disagree	15.1	21.7	16.8
Don't know/Refused	1.1	0.3	0.8

*Tobacco products that are visible in stores make teens more likely to smoke.*

	Albany	Rensselaer	Schenectady
Strongly agree	31.8	27.1	31.8
Somewhat agree	28.2	23.7	22.3
Neither agree nor disagree	6.0	9.3	7.1
Somewhat disagree	15.5	12.0	18.5
Strongly disagree	18.3	27.7	20.1
Don't know/Refused	0.3	0.2	0.0

*Teens would smoke less if tobacco products were not visible in stores.*

	Albany	Rensselaer	Schenectady
Strongly agree	26.7	29.7	27.8
Somewhat agree	30.0	19.1	23.8
Neither agree nor disagree	6.4	8.1	10.1
Somewhat disagree	18.6	14.7	13.6
Strongly disagree	18.2	28.0	23.4
Don't know/Refused	0.1	0.3	1.2

*Teens are more likely to smoke if they see smoking in the movies.*

	Albany	Rensselaer	Schenectady
Strongly agree	35.9	27.9	33.8
Somewhat agree	33.1	33.3	29.0
Neither agree nor disagree	3.1	6.6	7.0
Somewhat disagree	13.0	12.8	13.6
Strongly disagree	14.3	19.1	15.4
Don't know/Refused	0.6	0.3	1.3

***Most teens start smoking because they think it is cool***

	Albany	Rensselaer	Schenectady
Strongly agree	63.7	61.9	69.2
Somewhat agree	26.4	28.7	23.7
Neither agree nor disagree	6.7	2.2	2.7
Somewhat disagree	1.0	4.2	2.3
Strongly disagree	1.9	2.3	2.1
Don't know/Refused	0.3	0.8	0.0

***Teens start to smoke because they have access to cheap cigarettes***

	Albany	Rensselaer	Schenectady
Strongly agree	28.9	23.9	28.1
Somewhat agree	13.9	23.4	21.0
Neither agree nor disagree	10.9	5.4	9.3
Somewhat disagree	19.4	15.2	16.4
Strongly disagree	25.8	31.3	24.1
Don't know/Refused	1.1	0.7	1.1

***Teens start to smoke because they live near stores that illegally sell cigarettes to teens.***

	Albany	Rensselaer	Schenectady
Strongly agree	21.0	16.3	18.3
Somewhat agree	22.1	24.3	24.6
Neither agree nor disagree	10.0	8.6	11.1
Somewhat disagree	18.7	16.3	20.5
Strongly disagree	25.4	32.9	24.5
Don't know/Refused	2.7	1.5	1.0

***While teens acknowledge that smoking is a health risk, they don't think the risk matters to them right now.***

	Albany	Rensselaer	Schenectady
Strongly agree	79.0	78.5	78.2
Somewhat agree	15.5	13.4	14.6
Neither agree nor disagree	0.5	0.7	1.5
Somewhat disagree	2.8	1.7	0.7
Strongly disagree	2.1	5.6	4.5
Don't know/Refused	0.0	0.2	0.4

This year, nine statements about teen smoking were added to the survey. Below we show the mean of agreement and disagreement across the three counties for these nine statements.

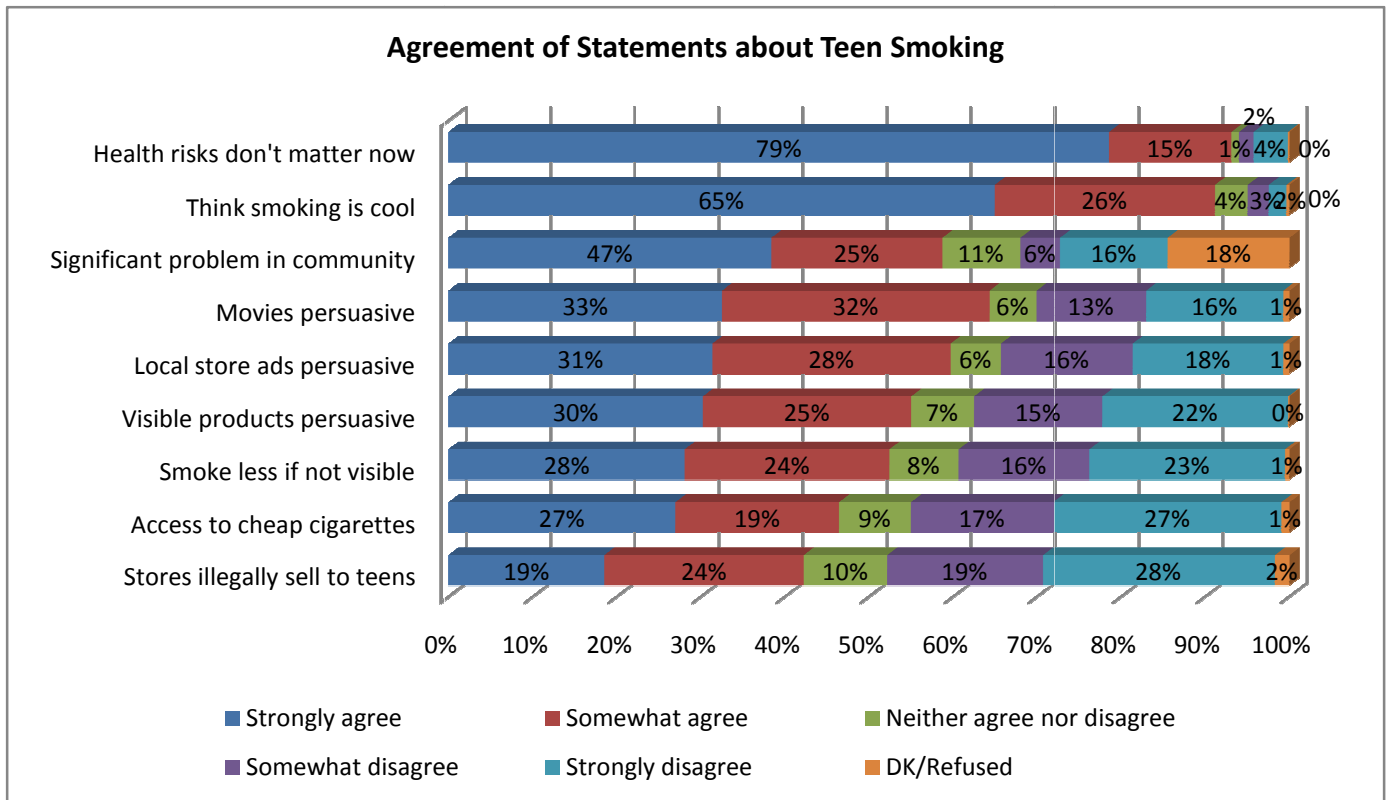
Seventy-two percent of respondents agree that teen smoking is a significant problem in their community. Forty-seven percent agree strongly and 25% somewhat agree. This establishes a strong starting point for this conversation.

Respondents do agree strongly that teens acknowledge that smoking is a health risk; but that they don't think the risk matters to them right now. This belief that teens do not see the urgency of the impact of smoking on them is widely held.

Similarly, respondents agree that they believe teens start to smoke because they think it is cool and that they are more likely to smoke if they see smoking in the movies. These cultural assessments are widely held and clearly difficult to address.

As far as advertising and cigarette visibility, a majority of respondents do agree that advertising in local stores makes teens more likely to smoke, that tobacco product visibility makes teens more likely to smoke and that teens would smoke less if tobacco products were not visible in stores.

These majority opinions continue to lend credence to the efforts to regulate the advertising and exposure of cigarettes. Still, it is noteworthy that the causal impact of cigarette visibility is only moderately held.



**Demographics**

**Q 35. Bearing in mind that this is completely confidential, please tell me the category that best describes your yearly household income.**

	Albany					Rensselaer					Schenectady				
	2005	2006	2007	2009	2011	2005	2006	2007	2009	2011	2005	2006	2007	2009	2011
Under \$25,000	15.7	11.8	11.4	9.6	8.9	11.7	10.2	12.7	10.3	9.1	14.4	18.1	12.5	8.7	12.8
\$25,000 to \$49,000	20.5	14.6	19.4	23.4	19.2	27.9	20.4	21.1	18.6	25.1	23.2	24.7	16.2	24.2	16.8
\$50,000 to \$74,000	23.8	20.6	19.1	18.0	22.4	26.4	26.1	17.0	23.0	20.2	23.5	19.4	16.4	18.9	24.0
\$75,000 to \$99,000	13.3	15.6	10.8	15.9	8.6	9.5	16.4	18.5	19.1	13.2	12.4	9.9	17.8	17.9	10.8
\$100,000 to \$149,000	9.7	13.5	14.6	15.2	17.6	9.5	9.4	11.4	17.2	13.7	10.5	14.0	12.5	13.7	14.0
over \$150,000	2.6	8.2	4.2	7.1	13.5	2.6	3.7	4.4	4.2	8.3	2.1	2.2	3.2	7.0	12.4
Don't know	0.6	0.4	3.6	1.9	1.4	2.1	2.8	3.5	2.3	1.4	1.0	2.2	2.8	0.8	2.0
Refused	13.9	15.3	17.0	8.9	8.3	10.3	11.0	11.4	5.4	8.9	13.0	9.6	18.6	8.7	7.3

**Q 34. What is the highest grade or year of school you completed?**

	Albany			Rensselaer			Schenectady		
	2007	2009	2011	2007	2009	2011	2007	2009	2011
Grades 1 – 8 (Elementary)	0.1	0.5	0.3	0.5	0.4	0.4	0.0	0.3	0.6
Grades 9 – 11 (Some H.S.)	3.9	0.7	0.5	2.6	4.2	2.5	3.1	1.4	1.3
Grade 12 or GED	23.0	17.0	17.8	31.5	23.8	19.9	21.7	23.0	26.0
College 1 – 3 years	21.6	29.0	33.0	28.8	27.4	35.1	26.8	29.7	25.0
Bachelor's Degree	26.5	25.9	22.3	21.2	23.4	21.8	26.3	27.3	24.8
Postgraduate Degree	24.9	26.7	25.3	15.5	20.5	19.5	22.1	16.9	20.9
Refused	0.0	0.3	0.8	0.0	0.3	0.7	0.0	1.4	1.4

**Q 33. Which one of the following best describes your race?** (Options read: White, Black or African American, Hispanic, Asian, Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander, American Indian, Alaska Native, Other, No additional choices, Don't know/Not sure)

	Albany					Rensselaer					Schenectady				
	2005	2006	2007	2009	2011	2005	2006	2007	2009	2011	2005	2006	2007	2009	2011
White	86.3	90.4	87.6	91.7	86.4	96.9	93.3	92.6	91.2	88.9	85.8	93.1	88.8	88.3	86.2
Black	7.0	2.5	4.3	3.3	9.1	0.4	5.1	0.4	3.6	4.7	4.6	1.6	4.4	5.2	4.7
Hispanic	3.2	0.9	0.1	0.8	0.4	1.9	0.0	3.0	2.6	3.6	2.6	0.3	1.1	0.8	3.2
Asian	0.0	4.2	0.6	1.0	1.5	0.0	0.9	0.3	0.0	1.4	0.8	1.1	0.6	2.3	2.2
Native Hawaiian	0.0	0.0	0.4	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	0.5	2.5	0.0	0.0
Indian	0.0	0.2	0.0	0.3	0.0	0.8	0.5	0.0	0.0	0.6	0.7	1.2	0.7	0.9	1.9
Other – mixed	1.9	0.2	0.9	2.4	1.6	0.0	0.3	1.6	1.3	0.0	5.0	1.5	0.2	1.6	0.7
Don't know/Refused	1.7	1.6	3.7	0.5	1.1	0.0	0.0	2.2	1.3	0.9	0.6	0.7	1.0	0.9	1.0

**Q 32. How many children live in your household who are younger than 18 years old?**

	Albany		Rensselaer		Schenectady	
	2009	2011	2009	2011	2009	2011
None	63.6	59.8	68.2	54.2	53.5	58.6
One or more	36.1	39.7	31.8	44.6	46.5	40.8
Don't know/Refused	0.3	0.5	0.0	1.2	0.0	0.6

### Survey Procedures and Samples Derived

The calling was conducted May 24 – June 1, 2011. Calls were made during the hours of 11:00 am – 9:00 pm on the days specified. Within each county, a random sample of RDD telephone numbers obtained from Survey Sampling Inc was used. The random sample was used to ensure representativeness and coverage. Telephone numbers were used to maximize access to residents of the county.

The final completed interviews were weighted by age and sex so as to match the obtained sample to the known demographics of each county. Weighting is a common and accepted practice within public opinion research and in this type of study.

In each case given sample sizes of 350 in Albany, 353 in Rensselaer and 351 in Schenectady, we report the findings with a margin of error of +/- 5.2% at the 95% confidence level.

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### **Comparison of Samples with Population**

	Albany		Rensselaer		Schenectady	
	Pop	sample	pop	sample	pop	sample
<i>Sex</i>						
Female	52.8	52.8	51.1	51.1	52.4	52.4
Male	47.2	47.2	48.9	48.9	47.6	47.6
<i>Age</i>						
18 – 29	24.7	24.2	23.6	23.3	20.2	19.8
30 – 44	25.4	24.8	25.4	25.1	25.5	25.0
45 – 59	26.8	26.2	28.1	27.8	28.2	27.6
60 plus	23.0	22.5	22.9	22.7	26.1	25.6

## Survey Script

Hello, my name is \_\_\_ and I'm calling from \_\_\_\_\_. We aren't selling anything, but we are doing a survey about health related issues.

Would you be willing to participate in a survey about health -related issues? Participation is, of course, voluntary. You can choose to not answer some questions and you can quit whenever you wish. All information is confidential. It will take 6-7 minutes.

(If people ask who is conducting the survey, indicate it is for the local Tobacco-Free Coalition).

**First, I'd like to ask you a few questions about the smoking rules in your home and in your vehicle.**

1. Which statement best describes the rules about smoking in your home? **(read alternatives)**

1. \_\_\_\_ Smoking is not allowed anywhere inside the home
2. \_\_\_\_ Smoking is allowed in some places or at some times
3. \_\_\_\_ Smoking is allowed anywhere inside the home
4. \_\_\_\_ Don't know/not sure

2. Which statement best describes the rules about smoking in your family vehicle or vehicles? **(read alternatives)**

1. \_\_\_\_ Smoking is not allowed in any vehicle
2. \_\_\_\_ Smoking is allowed some times or in some vehicles
3. \_\_\_\_ Smoking is allowed in all vehicles
4. \_\_\_\_ Do not have a family vehicle
5. \_\_\_\_ Don't know/not sure

3. Do you rent or own your home?

1. \_\_\_\_ rent a single family home
2. \_\_\_\_ rent an apartment
3. \_\_\_\_ own (skip to Q8)
4. \_\_\_\_ neither (skip to Q8)
5. \_\_\_\_ Refused

4. How many units are there in your building?

1. \_\_\_\_ 1-3
2. \_\_\_\_ 4 or more

5. Is there a policy or a section in your lease that restricts indoor smoking in your building (including inside apartments)?
1. \_\_\_\_ yes, smoking is prohibited everywhere (skip to Q8)
  2. \_\_\_\_ yes, smoking is restricted to certain areas
  3. \_\_\_\_ no, there is no policy
  4. \_\_\_\_ don't know/not sure
6. Would you be in favor of a smoke-free policy in your building?
1. \_\_\_\_ yes, I would favor a policy that prohibits smoking everywhere.
  2. \_\_\_\_ yes, I would favor a policy that restricts smoking to certain areas
  3. \_\_\_\_ no, I would not favor a smoking policy
  4. \_\_\_\_ don't know/ not sure
7. Would you prefer a smoke-free building, which means smoking is prohibited in all indoor areas, including rental units?
1. \_\_\_\_ yes
  2. \_\_\_\_ no
  3. \_\_\_\_ doesn't matter/no preference
8. Do you favor or oppose an expansion of the current clean indoor air law to include any of the following environments?
- |  |              |               |                             |
|--|--------------|---------------|-----------------------------|
| a. Public parks and outdoor recreation areas | 1 ____ favor | 2 ____ oppose | 3 ____ don't know/not sure  |
| b. Public beaches                            | 1 ____ favor | 2 ____ oppose | 3 ____ don't know/ not sure |
| c. Areas around building entry ways          | 1 ____ favor | 2 ____ oppose | 3 ____ don't know/ not sure |
| d. Municipal pools                           | 1 ____ favor | 2 ____ oppose | 3 ____ don't know/ not sure |
| e. Playgrounds                               | 1 ____ favor | 2 ____ oppose | 3 ____ don't know/ not sure |
9. In California, smoking in a vehicle if someone under 18 is present, is a traffic infraction punishable by a fine of \$100. But the traffic stop has to be made for another offense, such as speeding or an illegal turn, before the driver can be cited for smoking. Would you support such a law for New York?
1. \_\_\_\_ yes, I would support it.
  2. \_\_\_\_ no, it is too lenient.
  3. \_\_\_\_ no it is too severe
  4. \_\_\_\_ don't know/not sure

10. Do you think that the following types of stores should or should not sell tobacco products (cigarettes, cigars, etc)

- |  |                 |                     |                                |
|--|-----------------|---------------------|--------------------------------|
| a. Grocery stores?<br>know/no opinion    | 1. _____ should | 2. _____ should not | 3. _____ don't                 |
| b. Pharmacies<br>know/no opinion         | 1. _____ should | 2. _____ should not | 3. _____ don't                 |
| c. Convenience Stores<br>know/no opinion | 1. _____ should | 2. _____ should not | 3. _____ don't                 |
| d. Gas Stations<br>not                   | 1. _____ should | 2. _____ should     | 3. _____ don't know/no opinion |

11. Over the past 30 days, how often did you notice packs of cigarettes or cigars visible behind the cash register or in other areas of stores? Would you say....

- 1 Almost every time you were in a store
- 2 Frequently when you were in a store
- 3 Occasionally when you were in a store
- 4 Never/not that I remember
- 5 I HAVE NOT VISITED A STORE IN THE PAST 30 DAYS
- 6 DON'T KNOW
- 7 REFUSED

12. Do you think tobacco products should or should not be visible in stores?

- 1 Should
- 2 Should Not
- 3 DON'T KNOW
- 4 REFUSED

13. Other countries, such as Canada, require tobacco retailers to keep their products out of customers view. What is your opinion about a similar requirement in New York State that would require tobacco products to be kept out of view in stores?

- 1 Strongly in favor
- 2 Somewhat in favor
- 3 Neither in favor nor against
- 4 Somewhat against
- 5 Strongly against
- 6 DON'T KNOW
- 7 REFUSED

14. What is your opinion about a regulation that would limit the number of stores that could sell tobacco in your community?

- 1 Strongly in favor
- 2 Somewhat in favor
- 3 Neither in favor nor against
- 4 Somewhat against
- 5 Strongly against
- 6 DON'T KNOW
- 7 REFUSED

15. Do you think tobacco products should or should not be sold in stores that are located near schools?

- 1 Should
- 2 Should Not
- 3 DON'T KNOW
- 4 REFUSED

16. What is your opinion about a regulation that would ban the sale of tobacco products in stores that are located near schools?

- 1 Strongly in favor
- 2 Somewhat in favor
- 3 Neither in favor nor against
- 4 Somewhat against
- 5 Strongly against
- 6 DON'T KNOW
- 7 REFUSED

17. What is your opinion about a regulation that would ban the sale of all tobacco products in pharmacies?

Are you..

- 1 Strongly in favor
- 2 Somewhat in favor
- 3 Neither in favor or against
- 4 Somewhat against
- 5 Strongly against
- 6 DON'T KNOW
- 7 REFUSED

18. I'm going to read you a series of statements about teens and smoking, for each tell me whether you strongly agree, somewhat agree, neither agree nor disagree, somewhat disagree or strongly disagree:

- a. Teen smoking is a significant problem in our community
- b. Advertising in local stores make teens more likely to smoke
- c. Tobacco products that are visible in stores make teens more likely to smoke.
- d. Teens would smoke less if tobacco products were not visible in stores.
- e. Teens are more likely to smoke if they see smoking in the movies.
- f. Most teens start smoking because they think it is cool
- g. Teens start to smoke because they have access to cheap cigarettes
- h. Teens start to smoke because they live near stores that illegally sell cigarettes to teens.
- i. While teens acknowledge that smoking is a health risk, they don't think the risk matters to them right now.

**Now we have just a few questions about tobacco use.**

19. Have you smoked at least 100 cigarettes in your entire life?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Yes
2. \_\_\_\_\_ No (skip to Q24)
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Don't know

20. Do you now smoke cigarettes everyday, some days, or not at all?

1. \_\_\_\_\_ Everyday
2. \_\_\_\_\_ Some days
3. \_\_\_\_\_ Not at all (skip to Q24)
4. \_\_\_\_\_ Don't know

21. During the past 12 months have any healthcare providers advised you to stop smoking? (**read each**)

- a. Doctor, nurse, physician assistant, or clinic staff
  - 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Yes    2 \_\_\_\_\_ No    3 \_\_\_\_\_ Did not see healthcare provider
- b. Dentist or Dental Hygienist
  - 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Yes    2 \_\_\_\_\_ No    3 \_\_\_\_\_ Did not see dentist

22. During the past 12 months have any of the following other groups advised you to stop smoking? (**read each**)

- a. Substance Abuse Counselor
  - 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Yes    2 \_\_\_\_\_ No    3 \_\_\_\_\_ Did not see counselor
- b. Mental Health Counselor
  - 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Yes    2 \_\_\_\_\_ No    3 \_\_\_\_\_ Did not see counselor
- c. Family, children, spouse, parents
  - 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Yes    2 \_\_\_\_\_ No    3 \_\_\_\_\_ N/A

23. Where do you purchase your cigarettes most of the time?

1. \_\_\_ Grocery stores
2. \_\_\_ Pharmacies
3. \_\_\_ Convenience Stores
4. \_\_\_ Gas Stations
5. \_\_\_ Indian Reservations
6. \_\_\_ Internet
7. \_\_\_ Other [**Please specify**] \_\_\_\_\_

24. (**Ask of all**) Do you currently use any other tobacco products? 1 \_\_\_ Yes 2 \_\_\_ No (skip to Q27)

25. If yes, do you use?

- |  |                 |                 |                  |             |
|--|-----------------|-----------------|------------------|-------------|
| a. Cigars:<br>know/Refused             | 1 ___ Every day | 2 ___ Some days | 3 ___ Not at all | 4 ___ Don't |
| b. Pipes:<br>know/Refused              | 1 ___ Every day | 2 ___ Some days | 3 ___ Not at all | 4 ___ Don't |
| c. Chew:<br>know/Refused               | 1 ___ Every day | 2 ___ Some days | 3 ___ Not at all | 4 ___ Don't |
| d. Snuff:<br>know/Refused              | 1 ___ Every day | 2 ___ Some days | 3 ___ Not at all | 4 ___ Don't |
| e. Hookah<br>know/Refused              | 1 ___ Every day | 2 ___ Some days | 3 ___ Not at all | 4 ___ Don't |
| f. Gutka<br>know/Refused               | 1 ___ Every day | 2 ___ Some days | 3 ___ Not at all | 4 ___ Don't |
| g. Dissolvable tobacco<br>know/Refused | 1 ___ Every day | 2 ___ Some days | 3 ___ Not at all | 4 ___ Don't |
| h. Other<br>know/Refused               | 1 ___ Every day | 2 ___ Some days | 3 ___ Not at all | 4 ___ Don't |

26. Have you ever used chewing tobacco, snuff or dip as an alternative when smoking restrictions have kept you from smoking in certain places.

- 1 \_\_\_ yes
- 2 \_\_\_ no

27. Have you heard of the New York State Smokers' Quitline?

1. \_\_\_ yes
2. \_\_\_ no (skip to Q30)
3. \_\_\_ don't know

28. If yes, how have you heard about The New York State Smokers' Quitline? Choose all that apply.  
(Read Alternatives)

- 1. \_\_\_ newspaper article
- 2. \_\_\_ newspaper ad
- 3. \_\_\_ radio
- 4. \_\_\_ billboard
- 5. \_\_\_ TV ads
- 6. \_\_\_ movie slide
- 7. \_\_\_ Internet
- 8. \_\_\_ event: Specify: \_\_\_\_\_
- 9. \_\_\_ other: specify: \_\_\_\_\_

29. Have you ever used the New York State Smokers' Quitline?

- 1. \_\_\_yes
- 2. \_\_\_no
- 3. \_\_\_not sure

**We are almost finished! Your information will remain anonymous but we need some general information.**

30. What is your age? \_\_\_\_\_

31. Record sex (**do not ask**): 1 \_\_\_\_\_ Male 2 \_\_\_\_\_ Female

32. How many children live in your household who are younger than 18 years old? (**Record Number**) \_\_\_\_\_

33. Which one of the following best describes your race/ethnicity? (**Read alternatives**)

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_ White
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_ Black or African American
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_ Latino/Hispanic, white or non-white
- 4. \_\_\_\_\_ Asian
- 5. \_\_\_\_\_ Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander
- 6. \_\_\_\_\_ American Indian, Alaska Native
- 7. \_\_\_\_\_ Other [**Please specify**] \_\_\_\_\_
- 8. \_\_\_\_\_ Don't know/Not sure

34. What is the highest grade or year of school you completed?

1. \_\_\_\_ Grades 1 through 8 (Elementary)
2. \_\_\_\_ Grades 9 through 11 (Some High School)
3. \_\_\_\_ Grade 12 or GED (High School Graduate)
4. \_\_\_\_ College 1 to 3 years (Some College or Technical School)
5. \_\_\_\_ Bachelor's Degree (College Graduate)
6. \_\_\_\_ Postgraduate Degree (Master's, M.D., Ph.D., J.D.)

35. Bearing in mind that this is completely confidential, please tell me which category best describes your yearly household income. Is it... (**Read categories**)

1. \_\_\_\_ Under \$25,000
2. \_\_\_\_ \$25 to \$49,000
3. \_\_\_\_ \$50 to \$74,000
4. \_\_\_\_ \$75 to \$99,000
5. \_\_\_\_ \$100 to \$149,000
6. \_\_\_\_ over \$150,000
7. \_\_\_\_ Don't know (**DO NOT READ**)
8. \_\_\_\_ Refused (**DO NOT READ**)

Thank you for taking the time to help us study this important issue.