

The 2006 National Social Climate Survey of Tobacco Control

Background

The National Social Climate Survey of Tobacco Control (SCS-TC) is developed by scientists at the AAP Richmond Center. The SCS-TC is an annual cross-sectional data collection program designed to measure knowledge, social norms, and practices regarding tobacco in the adult population (18 years of age or older) living in households. The Social Climate Survey of Tobacco Control (SCS-TC) has been administered to representative samples of U.S. adults who were interviewed by telephone in either 2000, 2001, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, and 2006.

Survey Instrument

The SCS-TC is an annual cross-sectional survey that contains items pertaining to normative beliefs, practices/policies, and knowledge regarding tobacco control across seven social institutions. These institutions include 1) Family and Friendship Groups, 2) Education, 3) Government and Political Order, 4) Work, 5) Health and Medical Care, 6) Recreation, Leisure, and Sports, and 7) Mass Communication and Culture. Although the SCS-TC includes items to measure smoking status and cessation, the survey emphasizes social and environmental indicators. These intermediate indicators were selected to provide a comprehensive assessment of the social climate in which people are exposed to and make decisions about tobacco control interventions. Survey items were developed and selected based on an extensive review of extant tobacco control surveys and then reviewed by an external panel of tobacco control researchers. The panel developed many of the items included in the survey, while others were selected from existing measurement instruments with established validity. Specifically, the SCS-TC included items from the Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System (BRFSS) (Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, 2002a) and the Tobacco Use Supplement- Current Population Survey (TUS-CPS) (Hartman, Willis, Lawrence, Marcus, & Gibson, 2002), as well as modified items from the California Adult Tobacco Surveys. Each year, the survey is revised to add questions to address new issues.

Sample

Samples from all years represent the civilian, non-institutionalized adult population over age 18 in the United States, including Alaska and Hawaii. Households were selected using random digit dialing procedures to include households with unlisted numbers. Once a household was contacted, the adult to be interviewed was selected by asking to speak with the person in the household who is 18 years of age or older and who will have the next birthday. Five attempts were made to contact those selected adults who were not home. The samples are weighted by race, gender, and age within each census region, based on the most current U.S. Census estimates.

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homesm – Over the past 3 months, has anyone smoked anywhere in your home, even a puff?

1. Yes
2. No

homerule – Which statement best describes the rules about smoking in your home:

1. No one is allowed to smoke anywhere,
2. smoking is permitted in some places or at some times, or
3. smoking is permitted anywhere **go to control**

hshandle - Here are 4 different ways that people handle smoking in their homes. Please tell me which best describes how cigarette smoking is handled in your home: (Read all four choices and select one)

1. No one is allowed to smoke in my home;
2. Only special guests are allowed to smoke in my home;
3. People are allowed to smoke only in certain areas of my home;
4. People are allowed to smoke anywhere in my home **go to control**

enforce - How much of the time is this rule enforced? Would you say:

1. None of the time,
2. Some of the time,
3. Most of the time, or
4. All of the time

control -How much can you control whether or not people smoke in your home? Would you say:

1. not at all,
2. a little,
3. somewhat, or
4. a lot

rulenforce - Would you be able to enforce a rule about no one smoking in any part of your home?

1. Yes **go to hasacar**
2. No
3. Don't Know
4. Refused **go to hasacar**

docsf - If a doctor advised you to keep your home smokefree, would you be able to enforce a rule about no one smoking in any part of your home?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't Know
4. Refused

hasacar - Do you have a car or do you travel in a car regularly?

1. Yes
2. No **go to sshome**
3. Don't Know **go to sshome**
4. Refused **go to sshome**

carsmo - In the past 3 months, has anyone smoked in your car, even a puff?

1. Yes
2. No

carrule - I am going to read four different ways people handle smoking in their cars. Please tell me which best describes how cigarette smoking is handled in your car:

1. No one is allowed to smoke in my car,
2. Only special guests are allowed to smoke in my car,
3. People are allowed to smoke in my car only if the windows are open, or
4. People are allowed to smoke in my car at any time **go to crcontrol**
5. Don't Know/Not Sure **go to crcontrol**
6. Refused **go to crcontrol**

carenrce - How much of the time is this rule enforced?

1. None of the time
2. Some of the time
3. Most of the time
4. All of the time

crcontrol - How much can you control whether or not people smoke in your car?

1. not at all
2. a little
3. somewhat
4. a lot

noonesmo - Would you be able to enforce a rule about no one ever smoking in your car?

1. Yes **go to sshome**
2. No
3. Don't Know
4. Refused **go to sshome**

docsfcar - If a doctor advised you to keep your car smokefree, would you be able to enforce a rule about no one ever smoking in your car?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't Know
4. Refused

- During the past 7 days, in which of the following places were you exposed to secondhand smoke?

- sshome- in your home?
- sscar- in your car?
- sscarothr- in someone else's car?
- sswork- at work?
- ssindoor- in an indoor public place?
- ssother- in some other indoor place

people - Including yourself, how many people live in your household? **If 1, go to paprvnt**

under18 - How many children under 18 years of age currently live in your household?

oldest - How old are each of your children?

- NOT including yourself, which of the following people living in your household currently smoke cigarettes?

- spousesm- Your spouse or significant other
- childsm- Your children under 18
- adultchldsm Adult children living in house
- otheradlt- Other adults in your household

Now I am going to read several statements. Please tell me whether you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree.

paprvnt - Parents have a responsibility to prevent their children's exposure to second hand smoke?

1. Strongly agree
2. Agree
3. Disagree
4. Strongly disagree
5. Don't Know/Not Sure
6. Refused

inhale - Inhaling secondhand smoke harms the health of babies and children.

1. Strongly agree
2. Agree
3. Disagree
4. Strongly disagree
5. Don't Know/Not Sure
6. Refused

sstest – **ask if under18** indicates a child under the age of 18 lives in home. If a test were available from your child's doctor that would show whether or not your child has been exposed to secondhand smoke, would you get your children tested?

1. Yes,
2. No,
3. Don't know
4. Refused

blctest - **ask if under18** indicates a child under the age of 18 lives in home. If this test were a blood test, would you get your children tested in any case or only if they were already getting blood drawn for another reason?

1. Yes,
2. Yes, but only if my child were already getting blood drawn for another reason
3. No
4. Don't know
5. Refused

- During the past 7 days, in which of the following places have your children been exposed to secondhand smoke? – **ask if inhale** indicates a child under the age of 18 lives in home

- csshome- in your home?
- csscar- in your car?
- csscroth- in someone else's car?
- cssdycare- at daycare?
- csspublic in an indoor public place?
- relative- at a relative's house?
- friend- at a friend's house?
- other- in some other place?

roomsmk - Breathing air in a room today where people smoked yesterday can harm the health of babies and children.

1. Agree,
2. Disagree, or
3. Strongly disagree
4. Don't Know
5. Refused

crsmktoday - Breathing air in a car today where people smoked yesterday can harm the health of babies and children.

1. Agree,
2. Disagree, or
3. Strongly disagree
4. Don't Know
5. Refused

bother - How much does it bother you when you are exposed to other people's cigarette smoke? Would you say it bothers you not at all, a little, moderately, or very much?

1. Not at all
2. A little
3. Moderately
4. Very much
5. Don't Know
6. Refused

chseat - When dining out, how important it to you to choose a completely smoke-free restaurant?

1. Not at all
2. A little
3. Moderately
4. Very much
5. Don't Know
6. Refused

faculty - On school grounds where children are present, do you think that faculty and staff should be allow to smoke in all areas, some areas or not allowed at all?

1. in all areas,
2. in some areas
3. not allowed at all
4. Don't Know/Not Sure
5. Refused

wkindor - In indoor work areas, do you think that smoking should be allowed in all areas, some areas or not allowed at all?

1. in all areas
2. in some areas
3. not allowed at all
4. don't Know
5. refused

employ - Are you currently:

1. employed for wages,
2. self-employed, **go to sflv**
3. out of work for more than 1 year, **go to sflv**
4. out of work for less than 1 year, **go to sflv**
5. homemaker, **go to sflv**
6. student, **go to sflv**
7. retired, or **go to sflv**
8. unable to work **go to sflv**
9. Refused **go to sflv**

wkoffcal - Which of the following best describes your place of work's official smoking policy for indoor areas:

1. smoking is not allowed in any area,
2. it is allowed in some areas,
3. it is allowed in all areas, or **go to sflv**
4. there is no official policy. **go to sflv**
5. Don't Know/Not Sure **go to sflv**
6. Refused **go to sflv**

policy - Would you say that this smoking policy is not enforced at all, poorly enforced, somewhat enforced or strictly enforced?

1. not enforced at all
2. poorly enforced
3. somewhat enforced
4. strictly enforced
5. Don't Know/Not Sure
6. Refused

emstop - Within the past 12 months, has your employer offered any stop smoking program

or other help to employees who want to quit smoking?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't Know
4. Refused

sflvl - Is there a safe level of exposure to secondhand smoke.

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't Know
4. Refused

Next, please tell me which of the following places in your community are currently smoke free, have designated smoking areas, or permit smoking anywhere.

malls - Indoor shopping malls in your community, are they:

1. Completely smoke free,
2. Have designated smoking and non-smoking areas, or
3. Permit smoking anywhere
4. Don't Know
5. DOESN'T APPLY (none in community)
6. Refused

cstores - Convenience stores

1. Completely smoke free
2. Have designated smoking and non-smoking areas
3. Permit smoking anywhere
4. Don't Know
5. DOESN'T APPLY (none in community)
6. Refused

fstfood - Fast food restaurants

1. Completely smoke free
2. Have designated smoking and non-smoking areas
3. Permit smoking anywhere
4. Don't Know
5. DOESN'T APPLY (none in community)
6. Refused

rest - Restaurants

1. Completely smoke free
2. Have designated smoking and non-smoking areas
3. Permit smoking anywhere
4. Don't Know
5. DOESN'T APPLY (none in community)
6. Refused

bars - Bars and taverns

1. Completely smoke free
2. Have designated smoking and non-smoking areas
3. Permit smoking anywhere
4. Don't Know
5. DOESN'T APPLY (none in community)
6. Refused

indspo - Indoor sporting events

1. Completely smoke free
2. Have designated smoking and non-smoking areas
3. Permit smoking anywhere
4. Don't Know

5. DOESN'T APPLY (none in community)
6. Refused

outprk - Outdoor parks

1. Completely smoke free
2. Have designated smoking and non-smoking areas
3. Permit smoking anywhere
4. Don't Know
5. DOESN'T APPLY (none in community)
6. Refused

In the following places, do you think that smoking should be allowed in all areas, some areas, or not allowed at all?

inhos - In hospitals, do you think that smoking should be allowed in:

1. All areas,
2. Some areas, or
3. Not at all
4. Don't Know
5. Refused

outhos - Outside of hospitals, on hospital property, do you think that smoking should be allowed in:

1. All areas,
2. Some areas, or
3. Not at all
4. Don't Know
5. Refused

inmall - In indoor shopping malls

1. All areas
2. Some areas
3. Not at all
4. Don't Know
5. Refused

incstore - In convenient stores

1. All areas
2. Some areas
3. Not at all
4. Don't Know
5. Refused

infast - In fast food restaurants

1. All areas
2. Some areas
3. Not at all
4. Don't Know
5. Refused

inrest - In restaurants

1. All areas
2. Some areas
3. Not at all
4. Don't Know
5. Refused

inbars - In bars and taverns

1. All areas
2. Some areas
3. Not at all
4. Don't Know
5. Refused

aindor - At indoor sporting events

1. All areas
2. Some areas
3. Not at all
4. Don't Know
5. Refused

inparks - In outdoor parks

1. All areas
2. Some areas
3. Not at all
4. Don't Know
5. Refused

pubgov - In government funded public housing?

1. All areas
2. Some areas
3. Not at all
4. Don't Know
5. Refused

pbside - Should people be allowed to smoke on public sidewalks?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't Know
4. Refused

smtwnty - In public places, should people be allowed to smoke within twenty feet of a doorway?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't Know
4. Refused

autchld - Should people be allowed to smoke while driving an automobile when children are present?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't Know
4. Refused

For each of the following statements, please tell me if you strongly agree, agree, disagree, or strongly disagree.

sports - It is acceptable for tobacco companies to sponsor sporting events. Do you?

1. Strongly agree
2. Agree
3. Disagree
4. Strongly disagree
5. Don't Know
6. Refused

events - It is acceptable for tobacco companies to sponsor cultural events, such as concerts or fairs. Do you?

1. Strongly agree
2. Agree
3. Disagree
4. Strongly disagree
5. Don't Know
6. Refused

adstrt - Cigarette advertising increases the chance that a child starts smoking?

1. Strongly agree
2. Agree
3. Disagree
4. Strongly disagree
5. Don't Know
6. Refused

tvstrt - Exposure to cigarette smoking in television programs increases the chance that a child will start smoking?

1. Strongly agree
2. Agree
3. Disagree
4. Strongly disagree
5. Don't Know
6. Refused

actsmo - Adolescents are more likely to smoke if they watch actors smoking in movies.

1. Strongly agree
2. Agree
3. Disagree
4. Strongly disagree
5. Don't Know
6. Refused

- Which of the following activities should result in an R rating for movies? (Note: presentation order is random)

- drugr- Illegal drug use
- drinkr- Heavy drinking
- profr- Profanity
- sexr- Sexual content
- smokr- Cigarette smoking

histr - Any film that shows cigarette smoking should be rated "R," unless the film clearly demonstrates the dangers of smoking or it is necessary to represent smoking of a real historical figure

1. Strongly agree

2. Agree
3. Disagree
4. Strongly disagree
5. Don't Know
6. Refused

adbfor - Theaters should be required to show anti-smoking ads before any film with smoking in it.

1. Strongly agree
2. Agree
3. Disagree
4. Strongly disagree
5. Don't Know
6. Refused

logos - Tobacco logos should not be allowed in any movie scene.

1. Strongly agree
2. Agree
3. Disagree
4. Strongly disagree
5. Don't Know
6. Refused

media - Tobacco companies have been unfairly criticized in the media.

1. Strongly agree
2. Agree
3. Disagree
4. Strongly disagree
5. Don't Know
6. Refused

replace - Tobacco companies target teens to replace smokers who die.

1. Strongly agree
2. Agree
3. Disagree
4. Strongly disagree
5. Don't Know
6. Refused

Next, I'm going to ask some questions about tobacco use.

smk100 - Have you smoked at least 100 cigarettes in your entire life?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't Know
4. Refused

smknow - Do you now smoke cigarettes every day, some days or not at all?

1. Every day
2. Some days
3. Not at all
4. Don't Know
5. Refused

howlong - About how long has it been since you last smoked cigarettes regularly?

1. Less than 1 month ago
2. 1 month but less than 3 months ago
3. 3 months but less than 6 months
4. 6 months but less than 1 year ago
5. 1 year but less than 5 years ago
6. 5 years but less than 10 years ago
7. 10 or more years ago
8. Don't Know/Not Sure
9. Refused

cigday - On the average, about how many cigarettes a day do you now smoke?
Cigarettes

smk30day - On the average, when you smoked during the past 30 days, about how many cigarettes did you smoke a day? Cigarettes

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quitsmk - During the past 12 months, have you quit smoking for 1 day or longer because you were trying to quit smoking?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't Know
4. Refused

quitmed - When you are ready to quit smoking would you consider using a medication such as a patch, pill or gum to help you quit?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't Know
4. Refused

quitline - Is a free telephone quit smoking program (a quitline) is available to you.

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know
4. Refused

quithelp - In the past 12 months, have you called a quitline for help on quitting smoking?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know
4. Refused

vstweb - In the past 12 months, have you visited a website for help on quitting smoking?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know
4. Refused

vstdent - During the past 12 months, how many times have you visited a dentist or other dental professional?

advquit - During how many of these visits were you advised to quit smoking? Times

pricare - Do you have your own primary care provider? Yes/no

vstpricare - During the past 12 months, how many times have you visited your primary care provider? Times

priquit - During how many of these visits were you advised to quit smoking? Times

ASK TO NONSMOKERS – pricare=2 or vstpricare=3

pricare - Do you have your own primary care provider? Yes/no

vstpricare - During the past 12 months, how many times have you visited your primary care provider?

ASK TO ALL RESPONDENTS

askss- In the past 12 months, has your doctor asked you if you are exposed to secondhand smoke?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know
4. Refused

askhse - In the past 12 months, has your doctor asked you if any of your household members smoke?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know
4. Refused

askhome - In the past 12 months, has your doctor advised you to keep your home smokefree?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know
4. Refused

advcar - In the past 12 months, has your doctor advised you to keep your car smokefree?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't know
4. Refused

incover - Health insurance should cover the costs for testing whether or not children are being exposed to secondhand smoke.

1. Strongly agree,
2. Agree,
3. Disagree, or
4. Strongly disagree
5. Don't Know
6. Refused

docquit –It is appropriate for your child’s doctor to encourage smoking parents to quit smoking. Do you:

1. Strongly agree,
2. Agree,
3. Disagree, or
4. Strongly disagree?
5. Don't Know
6. Refused

childped – In the past 12 months, have you accompanied your child(ren) to a pediatrician or a family practitioner?

1. Yes
2. No - **skip to year**
3. Don't Know/Not Sure - **skip to year**
4. Refused - **skip to year**

agechld - How old is the child who most recently visited a doctor? years old

pedprac - Did this child visit a pediatrician or a family practitioner?

1. Pediatrician
2. Family Practitioner
3. Don't Know/Not Sure
4. Refused

Now, I'm going to ask several questions about these visits. Please tell me which of the following things your has done in the past 12 months.

askany - Asked if anyone in the house smokes?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't Know/Not Sure
4. Refused

askhouse - Asked if smoking is allowed in the house?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't Know/Not Sure
4. Refused

askvehic - Asked if smoking is allowed in the family vehicle?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't Know/Not Sure
4. Refused

askchdss - Asked if your child is exposed to secondhand smoke?

1. Yes

2. No
3. Don't Know/Not Sure
4. Refused

testss - Tested your child for exposure to secondhand smoke?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't Know/Not Sure
4. Refused

stricthme - Advised to you enforce a strict rule about no one smoking in any part of the home?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't Know/Not Sure
4. Refused

strictcar - Advised to you enforce a strict rule about no one ever smoking in the car?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't Know/Not Sure
4. Refused

chadv - Advise you to quit smoking

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't Know/Not Sure
4. Refused

Finally, I am going to ask you a few background questions.

year - In what year were you born? 19

hisplat - Are you Hispanic or Latino?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't Know/Not Sure
4. Refused

race - What is your race or ethnicity? Would you say:

1. White,
2. African-American,
3. Asian or Pacific Islander, or
4. American Indian or Alaska Native
5. Other (specify):
6. Refused

marital - Are you:

1. married,
2. a member of an unmarried couple,
3. single, (never been married)
4. divorced,
5. widowed, or
6. separated
7. Refused

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

1. Never attended school or only attended kindergarten
2. Grades 1 through 8 (Elementary)
3. Grades 9 through 11 (Some high school)
4. Grade 12 or GED (High school graduate)
5. College 1 year to 3 years (Some college or technical school)
6. College 4 years or more (College graduate)
7. Don't Know/Not Sure
8. Refused

resid - Which of the following best describes your place of residence?

1. a farm or ranch,
2. rural but not on a farm,
3. a town under 2,500 population,
4. a town with 2,500 to 10,000,
5. a city of 10,000 to 50,000,
6. a city of 50,000 to 100,000, or
7. a city larger than 100,000
8. Don't Know/Not Sure
9. Refused

nophone - Was there a time during the past year that you were without phone service?

1. Yes
2. No
3. Don't Know/Not Sure
4. Refused

income - Which of the following category best describes your 2005 household income from all sources BEFORE taxes?

1. Less than \$10,000

2. \$10,000 to \$15,000
3. \$15,000 to \$20,000
4. \$20,000 to \$25,000
5. \$25,000 to \$35,000
6. \$35,000 to \$50,000
7. \$50,000 to \$75,000
8. \$75,000 or more
9. Don't Know
10. Refused

gender - What is the respondent's gender?

1. male
2. female
3. couldn't tell for sure