

**Secondhand Smoke in Worksites
Public Opinion Survey
Genesee County**

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***Commissioned by Tobacco-Free Michigan
*Conducted by the American Cancer Society**



Background

A scientific telephone survey of Genesee County residents was conducted in April 2003 to identify beliefs and opinions about secondhand smoke and assess potential support for a county regulation addressing smoking in worksites. The study, which was commissioned by Tobacco-Free Michigan and conducted by the American Cancer Society, is described in this report.

Methodology

Using a questionnaire developed by Tobacco-Free Michigan, opinions were collected from 578 randomly-selected residents in Genesee County. Survey questions were modeled after similar studies conducted in Michigan and other states. The American Cancer Society Teleservice Center conducted the surveys April 22, 2003 through April 25, 2003.

Results

Results of the study show that nearly all believe that secondhand smoke is harmful. The vast majority believe that indoor areas of worksites should be smoke-free. They also believe that a county regulation is needed to protect children and nonsmokers from secondhand smoke in worksites.

Key Findings

- *89% of Genesee County residents agree that secondhand smoke is harmful.
- *89% of Genesee County residents believe that indoor areas of worksites should be smoke-free.
- *83% of Genesee County residents believe that a county regulation is needed so children and nonsmokers do not have to be exposed to the harmful effects of secondhand smoke in worksites.