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This year OHK and KAMU are teaming

## Smoking Ban Support

Last week [GALLUP](#) released a study that shows the majority of US citizens are in favor of Smoking Bans. This is the first time the question has been asked since 2001, and this time, the results show that 59% of Americans favor smoking bans in public areas, which is up from 39%.

Currently there are 27 states and the District of Columbia that have all passed smoke free laws. Kansas is one of the 27, with the law being passed February 2010 and going into effect July 1, 2010. Since the smoking ban has been passed, a statewide poll was conducted and released by Public Opinion Strategies, which found that 77% of Kansan voters support the smoking ban. Smoking is prohibited in most of the following indoor locations in Kansas:

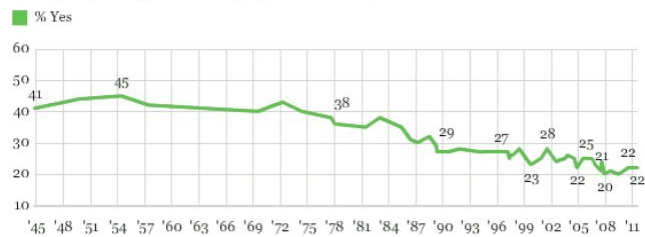
- Public places
- Places of employment
- Restaurants
- Bars
- Within 10 feet of any doorway, open window or air intake where smoking is prohibited

GALLUP asked: "Have you, yourself, smoked any cigarettes in the past week?" 22% of Americans answered that question with YES. This percentage is down from 25% in 2007 and even 45% back in 1954. In Kansas it is reported that approximately 18% of Kansans are smokers.

up to bring a joint conference. It will be held September 14-16, 2011 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Overland Park, Kansas.

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Have you, yourself, smoked any cigarettes in the past week?



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It is important to note that the greatest risk factor for oral cancer is tobacco, documented by the Oral [Oral Cancer Foundation](#)

To view the entire GALLUP report [CLICK HERE](#)

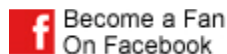
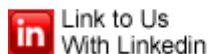
## 2011 Excellence in Oral Health Awards

Do you know of an individual who is a community leader in oral health? Maybe you know a clinician or organization that has made a positive impact? If so, Please let us know by **NOMINATING SOMEONE TODAY** by [CLICKING HERE](#) for the 2011 Nomination Form.

Awards will be presented at the 2011 Oral Health Kansas Conference September 14-16, 2011 at the DoubleTree Hotel in Overland Park Kansas.

**Nominations will be accepted until July 29th, 2011.**

If you have an idea, story or suggestion for a Oral Health Kansas Weekly Wednesday Update please send an email to [jparnell@oralhealthkansas.org](mailto:jparnell@oralhealthkansas.org)



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