

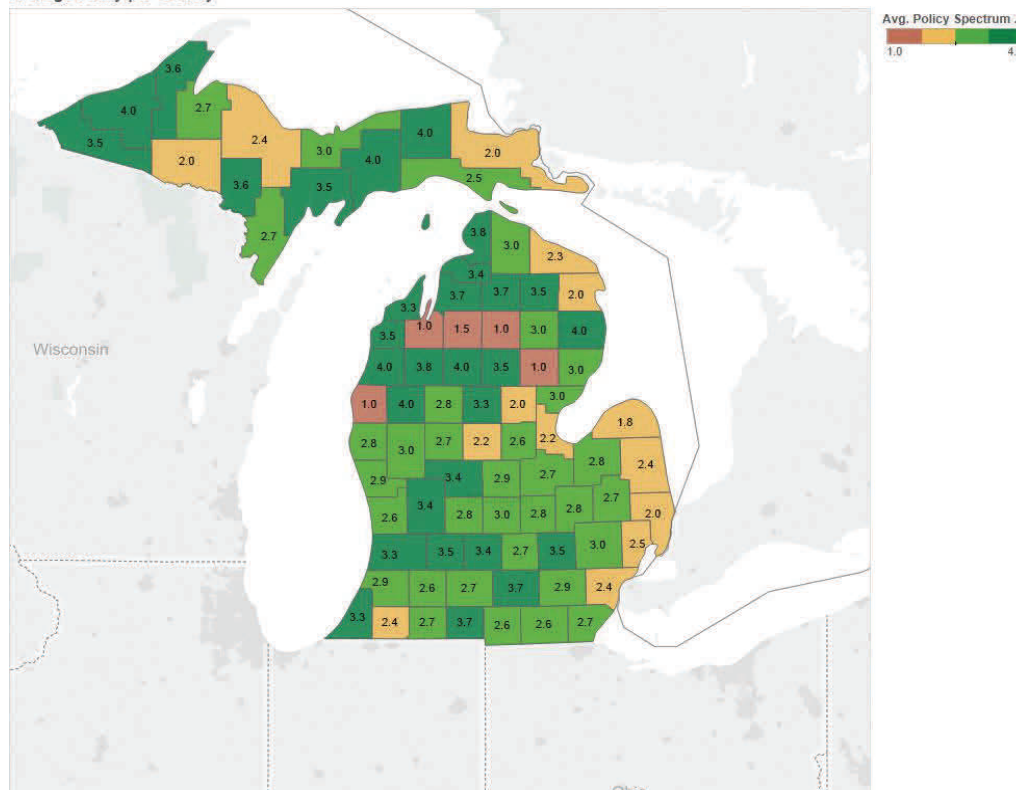
24/7 Tobacco-Free School Policy Status Update August 2014

The U.S. Surgeon General's 2012 report *Preventing Tobacco Use Among Youth and Young Adults* noted that progress has been made in reducing tobacco use among youth, but far too many young people are still using tobacco.

- More than 600,000 middle school students and 3 million high school students smoke cigarettes.
- Each day, more than 1,200 people in the U.S. die due to smoking.
- Almost 90% of new smokers smoke their first cigarette by age 18.
- Between 2011 and 2012, nationwide high schoolers' reported ever-use of electronic cigarettes more than doubled from 3.3% to 6.8%. The CDC reported that in 2013, more than a quarter million youth who had never smoked a conventional cigarette used an electronic cigarette.
- In Michigan, 35.8% of high schoolers have ever tried cigarette smoking.
- 17.9% of Michigan high schoolers reported smoking cigarettes, cigars, cigarillos or little cigars; or using chewing tobacco, snuff, or dip on at least one day during the 30 days before a survey in 2013.
- 11.8% of Michigan high school students were current cigarette smokers in 2013.
- Youth are vulnerable to social and environmental messages and images that make tobacco use seem appealing.



Average Policy per County



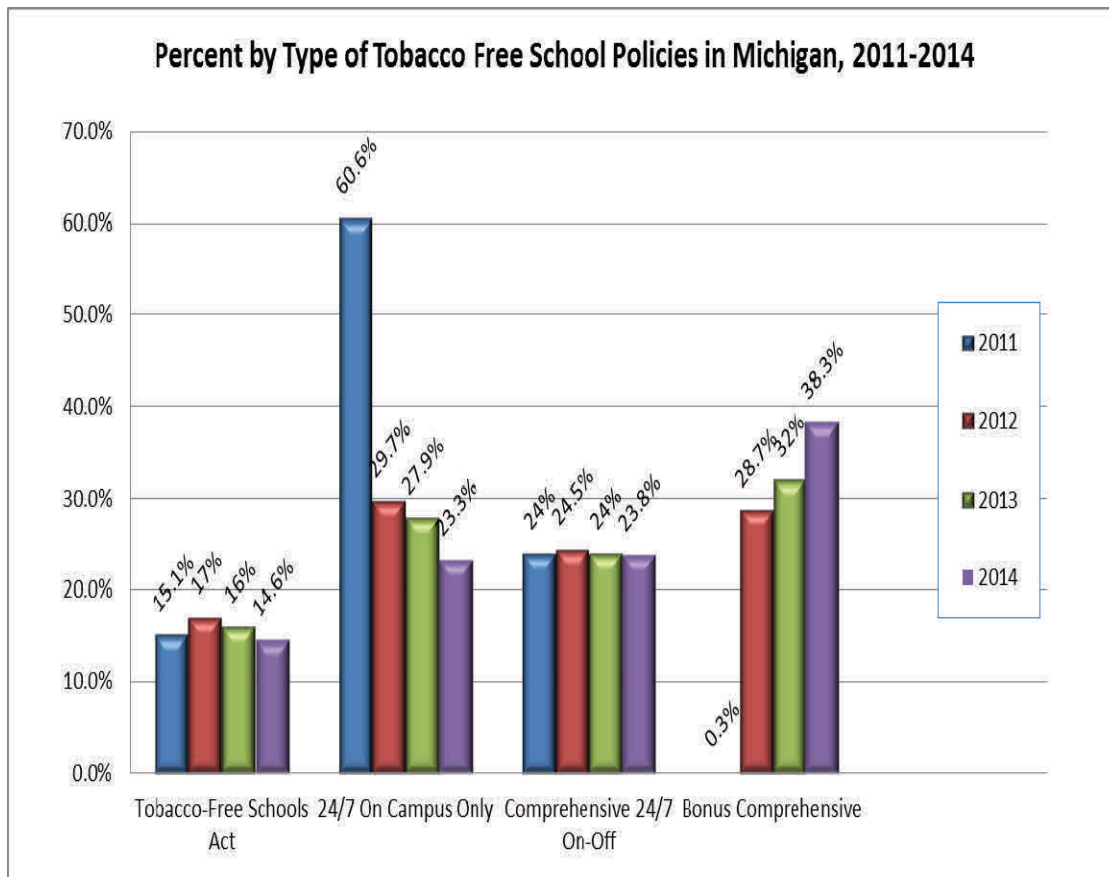
Map based on Longitude (generated) and Latitude (generated). Color shows average of Policy Spectrum Number. The marks are labeled by average of Policy Spectrum Number. Details are shown for County and State.

Parents, teachers, administrators, peers, and the community can prevent youth tobacco use and help current users to quit by establishing tobacco-free policies for students, faculty, staff, and visitors both on campus and at all off-campus school-sponsored events.

The Michigan Department of Community Health and its partners work with schools to develop comprehensive tobacco-free on- and off-campus school policies to promote a healthy environment for the future of Michigan.

The Michigan Tobacco Free Schools Act (PA 140 of 1993) prohibits tobacco use by anyone inside buildings at all times, but tobacco use is permitted outside on district property after 6pm and weekends.

Most Michigan Public Schools protect young Michiganders' health by adopting policies stronger than the law!



In Spring 2011, most districts queried had 24/7 on-campus only tobacco-free policies. There was a further positive shift in the strength of tobacco-free school policies in 2012.

By Summer 2014, over 62% of school districts polled had overwhelmingly chosen to adopt comprehensive 24/7 tobacco-free policies that apply both on-campus and at all school-sponsored events off-campus.

Over half of all comprehensive policies also specifically prohibit new generation products such as e-cigarettes, snus, sticks, or orbs. **85.4% of school districts now have policies stronger than the Michigan Tobacco Free Schools Act.**

The total number of students covered by known policies is 1,374,541, which is 87.88% of all students in the State of Michigan. Only 14,144 students in public schools are not covered by this assessment; the remaining 175,429 students are in charter schools.

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Type of Policy	Number of Policies
Tobacco-Free Schools Act	86
24/7 Tobacco-Free On-Campus Only	137
Comprehensive TF 24/7 On and Off Campus	140
Bonus Comprehensive TF 24/7 On and Off Campus	225
Grand Total	588

For more information about comprehensive 24/7 tobacco-free school policies contact the MDCH Tobacco Section at 517-241-2762.