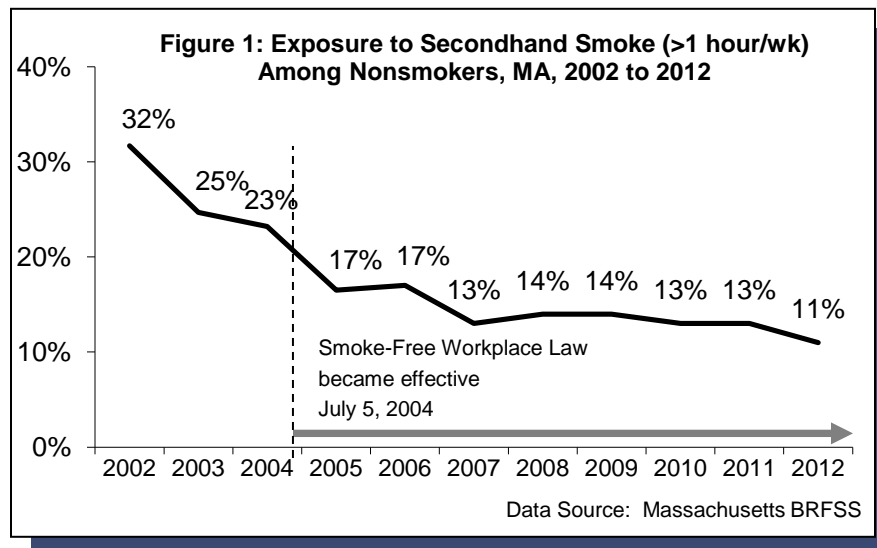


Adults Exposed to Secondhand Smoke

Massachusetts Fact Sheet

Exposure to secondhand smoke among adult nonsmokers has decreased in Massachusetts from 32% in 2002 to 11% in 2012 (Figure 1). The Massachusetts Legislature enacted a comprehensive statewide smoking ban in workplaces, including restaurants and bars, in July 2004. Since enactment of the Smoke-Free Workplace Law, exposure to secondhand tobacco smoke has been dramatically reduced. However, nonsmokers continue to report secondhand smoke exposure, especially at home and in private vehicles.

- 13% of nonsmoking men were exposed to secondhand smoke; 9% of women.
- 11% of whites, 12% of blacks, and 10% of Hispanics were exposed.
- 25% of young adult (18-24) nonsmokers were exposed, the highest of any age group.



Exposure to secondhand smoke is most prevalent among low socio-economic groups, people with no health insurance, people with disabilities, and the LGBT (lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender).

