

Grades for Ten Largest Cities in California

Strong tobacco control laws in the largest cities in California could make a big difference in protecting more than a quarter of California’s residents from secondhand smoke and other dangers of tobacco.

Unfortunately, for years California’s top ten most populous cities have done little to improve their grades and none have earned an overall grade of an “A.” Elected officials in California’s most populated areas must do more to ensure their residents are protected from the harmful effects of tobacco.

California’s Report Card

Ten Largest Cities in California by Population		Overall Tobacco Control Grade
Los Angeles	Pop: 4,040,079	C
San Diego	Pop: 1,420,572	D
San Jose	Pop: 1,043,058	B
San Francisco	Pop: 883,869	B
Fresno	Pop: 536,683	F
Sacramento	Pop: 508,172	C
Long Beach	Pop: 475,013	C
Oakland	Pop: 432,897	B
Bakersfield	Pop: 389,211	F
Anaheim	Pop: 359,339	F

Population numbers from State of California, Department of Finance, E-1 Population Estimates for Cities and Counties. Sacramento, CA, May 1, 2019.

