

New Yorkers Living in Multi-Unit Dwellings Are Commonly Exposed to Secondhand Smoke

In New York State, over 11 million (55%) adults lived in a residence other than a single-family home in 2006 (U.S. Census Bureau). These multi-unit dwellings include duplexes, apartments, condominiums and townhouses. Eighty percent of nonsmokers and 34% of smokers living in multi-unit dwellings do not allow smoking inside their own unit.

- In New York State, 47% of nonsmokers and 40% of smokers who prohibit smoking in their own multi-unit dwelling reported being exposed to secondhand smoke in their unit in the past 12 months.
- In New York City, half of all smokers and nonsmokers who prohibit smoking in their own multi-unit dwelling reported being exposed to secondhand smoke in their unit in the past 12 months.

Tobacco control interventions aimed at reducing exposure to secondhand smoke in multi-unit dwellings change the environment, decrease exposure to secondhand smoke, and decrease social acceptability of tobacco use.

Percentage of Adults Living in a Multi-Unit Dwelling Who Prohibit Smoking in Their Own Unit but Were Exposed to Secondhand Smoke

