

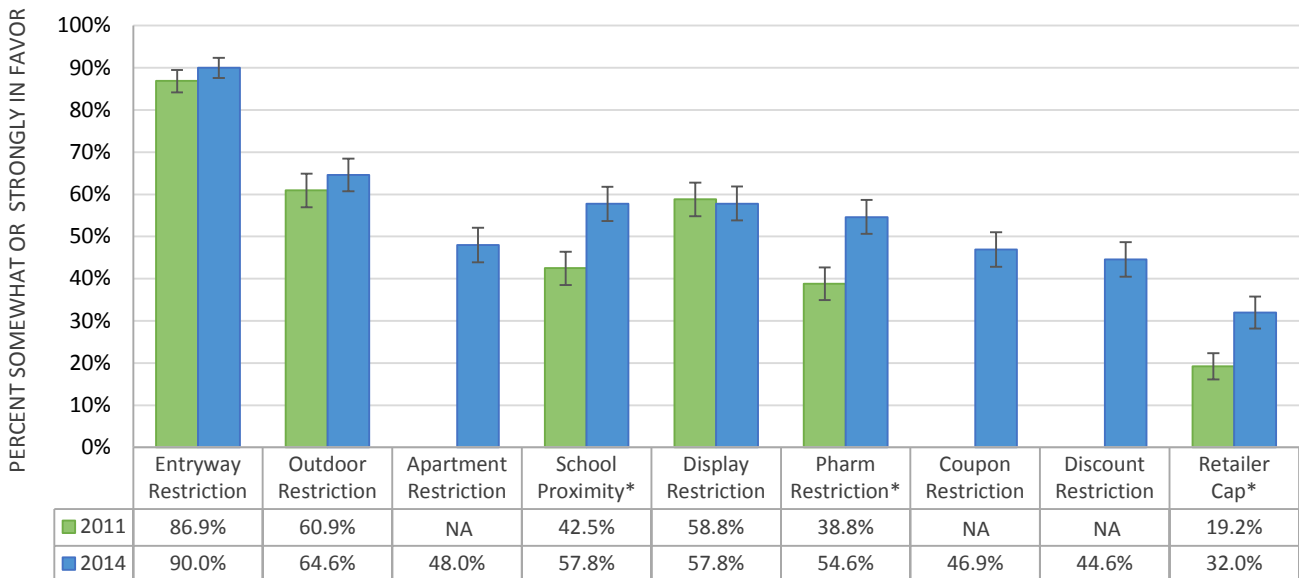


**Local Government Decision Makers Support Tobacco Control
Point of Sale and Smoke-Free Air Policies**

Evidence-based solutions that impact tobacco use include Tobacco-Free Outdoors (TFO), Smoke-Free Housing (SFH), and Point of Sale (POS) policies. The results from a 2014 survey of New York State county-level elected officials and chief health officers at county health departments demonstrate local government decision makers support TFO, SFH, and POS policies, and that support for these policies has increased since 2011.

- Ninety percent of NY’s local decision makers currently support a restriction on smoking in building entryways and 65% support a restriction on smoking in outdoor public places such as beaches and parks. Support for these issues was also high in 2011. Almost half currently support a restriction on smoking in multi-unit housing (not measured in 2011).
- Local decision maker support for restricting the sale of tobacco products near schools, restricting the sale of tobacco products in pharmacies, and restricting the number of tobacco retailers increased significantly between 2011 and 2014. In 2014, over half of those surveyed supported restricting the sale of tobacco products near schools (58%) and restricting the sale of tobacco products in pharmacies (55%) and 32% supported a restriction on the number of tobacco retailers in a community.
- About half of local decision makers support restricting the redemption of coupons (47%) and multi-pack discounts (45%) by licensed tobacco retailers (not measured in 2011).

**Percent of NYS Local Government Decision Makers in Support of Tobacco Control
Smoke-Free Air and Point of Sale Policies, 2011 and 2014**



*Statistically significant difference, p<0.001