

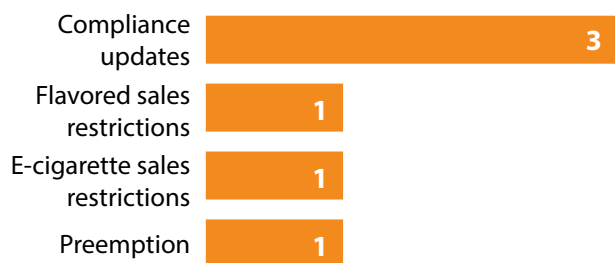
ASPiRE 2023: Year in Review



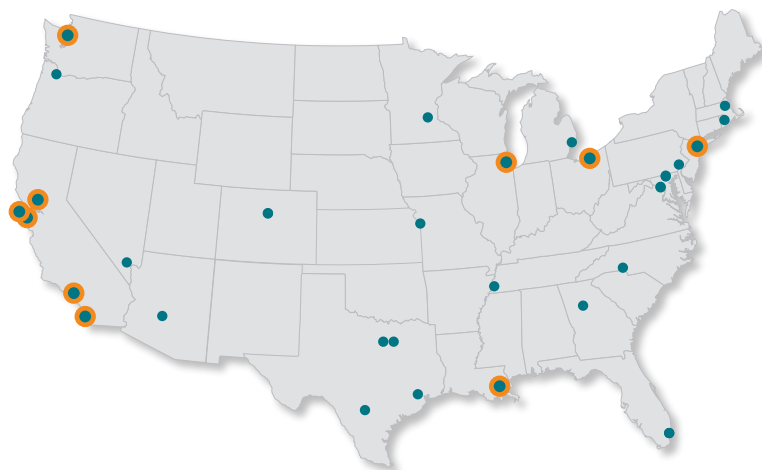
2023 was another busy year for ASPiRE CAB cities, with **six new tobacco retail policies** implemented at the state and/or local levels. The ASPiRE Center also disseminated **10 scientific and translational products** and published **5 editions of the eNews**.

Retail Policies Enacted

Six new tobacco retail policies that affect our CAB cities were enacted in 2023. Policy activity was spread across the country, and several of the policies focused on updating compliance measures for existing policies.



**Some policies are included in the graph more than once because they included multiple components*



10 of the 30 CAB cities are covered by new retail policies passed in 2023

Two local-level policies passed, affecting two CAB cities:

- **Cook County, Illinois** prohibited the sale of any flavored liquid nicotine product, including menthol, throughout the county, which includes Chicago. (MAY)
- **New York City, NY** passed a law holding landlords accountable for knowingly leasing space to an unlicensed tobacco retailer. Violation penalties start with a written warning and proceed to fines if the seller continues to operate on the same premises. (JUNE)

Four state-level policies passed, affecting CAB cities in these states:

- **Washington** passed a law increasing fines for retailers that sell tobacco products to minors and removing all purchase, use, and possession penalties for those under age 21. The law also includes resources to help youth quit. (MAY)
- **Louisiana** passed a law that requires e-cigarette and alternative nicotine product manufacturers whose products are sold in the state to register each product with the state. The law sets registration requirements and fines for violations, prohibits online sales of e-cigarettes and alternative nicotine products to those under age 21 and outlines age verification protocols, and increases the e-cigarette tax. (JUNE)
- **California** passed a law making violations of the state flavor restriction civil offenses rather than criminal, updating violation penalties for the flavor restriction, naming the California Department of Public Health (CDPH) as the lead enforcement agency, outlining what CDPH is authorized to do in its enforcement role, and expanding the definition of “retail location.” (OCTOBER)
- **Ohio** passed flavored tobacco preemption in December 2022. While Governor DeWine vetoed the bill, the House overrode the veto in December 2023, and the Senate followed suit in January 2024. In May 2024, a Franklin County judge ruled the state law unconstitutional, allowing city restrictions on flavored tobacco to remain in effect. (DECEMBER)

**Dates indicate when policies were signed into law. Effective dates and/or implementation dates may be different and vary widely across policies.*

Scientific & Translational Products



ASPiRE Center researchers contributed to **8 scientific products** related to the tobacco retail environment in 2023, including **2 research articles** and **5 conference presentations**. The ASPiRE D&I Core team produced **2 brief reports**.

Research articles:

(ASPiRE authors highlighted in green)

- *Halvorson-Fried SM, Kong AY, D'Angelo H, Delamater PL, Ribisl KM.* [Spacial Clustering of Tobacco Retailers Near US Public Schools.](#)
- *Dobbs PD, Boykin AA, Ezike N, Myers AJ, Colditz JB, Primack BA.* [Twitter Sentiment About the US Federal Tobacco 21 Law: Mixed Methods Analysis.](#)

Conference presentations:

- *Andersen S.* [Retail tobacco policy efforts and implementation barriers in the United States: Insights from practitioners in 30 big US cities.](#) Society for Research on Nicotine & Tobacco (SRNT) 2023 Annual Meeting, March 2023.
- *Chaitan V.* [Shaping the built environment for tobacco to reduce retailer density and resident-to-retailer proximity in 30 big US cities.](#) Society for Research on Nicotine & Tobacco (SRNT) 2023 Annual Meeting, March 2023.
- *Vogel E.* [Perceived helpfulness of tobacco control policies for supporting cessation: a survey in 30 cities across the US with adults who smoke daily.](#) Society for Research on Nicotine & Tobacco (SRNT) 2023 Annual Meeting, March 2023.
- *Baggett C.* [Tobacco retailer density and birth outcomes in the United States: 2000-2016.](#) Society for Research on Nicotine & Tobacco (SRNT) 2023 Annual Meeting, March 2023.
- *Golden S.* [Tobacco retailer density as a risk factor for smoking: A longitudinal analysis of 195 large counties 2006-2010.](#) Society for Research on Nicotine & Tobacco (SRNT) 2023 Annual Meeting, March 2023.
- *Rose SW.* [How Much for Marlboro? Change in Price From a Cohort of Retailers in 30 Major US Cities During the Covid-19 Pandemic.](#) Society for Research on Nicotine & Tobacco (SRNT) 2023 Annual Meeting, March 2023.

Brief Reports:

- ASPiRE Center: [Tobacco Retail Policy Trends in 2022](#)
- ASPiRE Center: [Case Study: St. Paul, MN Tobacco Ordinance 2021](#)

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