

# 05hr\_SC-JCEDCA\_sb0202\_pt03



(FORM UPDATED: 08/11/2010)

## WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE ... PUBLIC HEARING - COMMITTEE RECORDS

### 2005-06

(session year)

### Senate

(Assembly, Senate or Joint)

### Committee on ... Job Creation, Economic Development and Consumer Affairs (SC-JCEDCA)

### COMMITTEE NOTICES ...

- Committee Reports ... **CR**
- Executive Sessions ... **ES**
- Public Hearings ... **PH**

### INFORMATION COLLECTED BY COMMITTEE FOR AND AGAINST PROPOSAL

- Appointments ... **Appt** (w/Record of Comm. Proceedings)
- Clearinghouse Rules ... **CRule** (w/Record of Comm. Proceedings)
- Hearing Records ... bills and resolutions (w/Record of Comm. Proceedings)
  - (**ab** = Assembly Bill)                      (**ar** = Assembly Resolution)                      (**ajr** = Assembly Joint Resolution)
  - (**sb** = Senate Bill)                              (**sr** = Senate Resolution)                              (**sjr** = Senate Joint Resolution)
- Miscellaneous ... **Misc**

coming from actual Washingtonians. "Smoke Free D.C." is underwritten by a \$250,000 grant from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation, a non-profit "public health" organization based in New Jersey. The movement was given \$50,000 by the Rockefeller Family Fund, which is based in New York.

ADS BY GOOGLE	
<p><b>Online Death Records</b> Find Birth, Death, Marriage Records Free at KnowX.com! Search Today <a href="http://www.KnowX.com">www.KnowX.com</a></p>	<p><b>Death Records</b> Find death records on anyone in USA. Free summary. <a href="http://www.Public-records-now.com">www.Public-records-now.com</a></p>

The AFL-CIO of Washington enthusiastically supports the ban, claiming in a press release that "secondhand smoke causes 65,000 deaths per year in the United States."

That number is absurd. It's 20 times the estimate of secondhand smoke deaths put out by the Center for Disease Control, and even the CDC's estimate was recently laughed out of a federal court.

If the AFL-CIO really represented the interests of Washington's bar and restaurant workers, it would realize that a smoking ban in the city will cost both industries jobs. Unlike in California, which initiated a statewide ban, Washington is just a short hop from the Virginia suburbs. Virginia's a tobacco-growing state, where a similar ban would face considerably more opposition. A smoking ban in D.C. would simply move D.C.'s smokers to Virginia nightlife, and the accompanying nanny-state culture that comes with these bans will probably further starve the city of the younger permanent residents it claims it wants to attract.

One need only look across the border to Maryland. Montgomery County was one of the first jurisdictions in the country to initiate a public smoking ban, and according to the **Restaurant Association of Maryland**, smaller bars and restaurants have been wounded by it – business is off by about 30 percent on weeknights, 50 percent on weekends. Regular smokers and social smokers simply patronized bars in Washington and other areas in Maryland where smoking was permitted.

A 50-percent drop in weekend business at most independent restaurants means fewer hours and fewer positions for wait staff, cooks, busboys and bartenders. I would guess that every one of those laid-off restaurant workers would gladly trade the negligible, questionable risks associated with secondhand smoke for a return to a regular paycheck. The AFL-CIO apparently sees differently.

The odd thing about all of this is that there are plenty of options for nonsmokers who don't want to be bothered with secondhand smoke. The market is serving them just fine. Smoke Free D.C. in fact runs a list of smoke-free restaurants on its Web site.

But that's not enough. The fact that Washington residents can currently choose between establishments that do or do not allow smoking somehow smacks anti-tobacco activists as oppressive. The goal isn't to ensure that everyone has options, it's to make sure everyone is forced to choose the option they've deemed appropriate.

Make no mistake, the aim of the well-funded organizations pushing smoking



**John Gibson: My Word**



Who should make the Force's tanker fleet: France?

**Brit Hume: Grapevine**



Is Karl Rove to blame Rather's discredited President Bush?

**Bill O'Reilly: Talking Points**



Playing games during Terror...

A must read book! Place your order today.

DELIVER US FROM EVIL

A great read, for both sides.

ORDER TODAY!

AN IRRESISTIBLE HISTORY BY ERIC BURNS ORDER TODAY!



**ALL INCOMING CALLS.  
FREE.**  
ONLY FROM NEXTEL. [▶ SAVE NOW](#)

NEXTEL.D



TODAY'S TOP STORIES :: OPINION :: TV :: RADIO :: FOXFAN :: FOX CONNECT :: WEAT

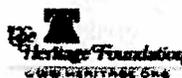
Updated: 6-17-05 5:28am ET

SEARCH

GO



**Hot Topic**  
Businesses that stand to profit from global warming alarmism are pushing Senate to enact new energy taxes



**Ownership Society**  
United Airlines bankruptcy illustrates why workers, not their employers, should control their retirement funds



**Don't Toss**  
Raising pa would be c taxpayers' Social Sec

RESPOND TO EDITOR E-MAIL STORY PRINTER FRIENDLY FOXFAN CENTRAL

MORE VIEWS HEADLINES

## Smoking Ban Smoke Screen

Thursday, November 20, 2003

By Radley Balko

FOX NEWS

Soon, the Washington, D.C., city council will likely tell business owners in Washington, D.C., that they can no longer allow their own customers to smoke. This is because the Washington, D.C., city council has determined that it, not business owners, knows best how to run a business in Washington, D.C.

ARCHIVE

- **Restricting Cold Medicine Won't Curb Meth Use**  
June 16, 2005
- **Basketball Diaries: Hoosier Reflections on Reggie Miller**  
May 06, 2005
- **Taxpayer Fields Forever**  
April 24, 2005
- **Survival Instincts Drive Americans' Discontent**

The city council believes that forcing private businesses to go smoke-free will lure more families out to the city's bars and restaurants. It also believes that a smoking ban protects the city's bar and restaurant workers. By enacting a "smoke-free workplaces" ordinance, the city council has determined that it, not individual employees, is better equipped to decide whether a given waiter or bartender would prefer to work in a restaurant that does or doesn't allow smoking.

Similar policies have, of course, already been enacted in California and in New York City. But there's something particularly disheartening about city officials in the capital of the free world telling their own citizens that they're no longer permitted to light a cigarette, and that business owners are no longer permitted to run their own operation in a way they see fit.

Here's the grabber: The movement to make Washington smoke-free isn't

- **Radley Balko: Restricting Cold Med Curb Meth Use**
- **Feminists: Males Missing on Colleg Campuses**
- **Democrats Must Reconnect With M**
- **Clementina Cantoni, a Friend in Tro**
- **Tongue Tied: Nuts for Squirrels, Bu Pope's Park**
- **CFOs: The Corporate Culprits in Ch**

ADVERTISEMENT

## Online Meet



VIDEO

Neil Cavuto: Common Sense

Is the U.S ready for :

bans across the country has nothing to do with protecting nonsmokers from secondhand smoke. As columnist Steven Chapman points out, the idea that this is about protecting restaurant workers from risk is a canard. The added health risks of secondhand smoke are negligible at best, and they're certainly no worse than the risks incurred by cab drivers, fishermen and those in similarly dangerous occupations.

There's nothing wrong with public health education. Endowments and foundations set up to educate the public on the dangers of smoking, obesity or eating bad clams are fine, even admirable. And we certainly want to encourage science-based studies to determine what we should be eating, drinking or undertaking to best embrace a healthy lifestyle.

But the money behind these smoking bans goes well beyond mere education and advocacy. These groups are now looking to codify that advocacy into law, at the expense of property rights, consumer choice and personal freedom.

It's fine for a private organization to tell me I shouldn't smoke (I don't, by the way). It's something entirely different when that organization brings the state in to tell me I'm not allowed to let anyone smoke on my property.

The former is advocacy. The latter carries whiffs of tyranny.

*Radley Balko is the author of the forthcoming Cato Institute paper "Back Door to Prohibition: The New War on Social Drinking." He maintains a weblog at [www.TheAgitator.com](http://www.TheAgitator.com).*

#### Respond to the Writer

[BACK TO HOME](#)

[BACK TO TOP](#)

[RESPOND TO EDITOR](#) [E-MAIL STORY](#) [PRINTER FRIENDLY](#) [FOXFAN CENTRAL](#)

SEARCH

GO

[FOX SPORTS](#) | [MAKE FOXNEWS.COM YOUR HOME PAGE](#) | [FOX AROUND THE WORLD](#)

[FOX NEWS SHOP](#) | [E-MAIL US](#) | [UPGRADE CENTRAL](#) | [FAQs](#)

[Click here for FOX News RSS Feeds](#)

#### Advertise on FOX News Channel, FOXNews.com and FOX News Radio

[Jobs at FOX News Channel.](#)

[Internships at FOX News Channel \(Summer internship deadline March 1, 2005\).](#)

[Terms of use.](#) [Privacy Statement.](#) For FOXNews.com comments write to [foxnews@foxnews.com](mailto:foxnews@foxnews.com); For FOX News Channel comments write to [comments@foxnews.com](mailto:comments@foxnews.com)

© Associated Press. All rights reserved.

Copyright © 2005 ComStock, Inc.

This material may not be published, broadcast, rewritten, or redistributed.

Copyright 2005 FOX News Network, LLC. All rights reserved.

All market data delayed 20 minutes.





# WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE



# The Facts

Every company's greatest assets are its customers, because without customers there is no company.  
 - Michael LeBoeuf

## Businesses Harmed by Smoking Bans

Anti-smoking organizations insist that bans are somehow good for people in hospitality businesses. This chart shows otherwise. These businesses have lost a significant amount of business as a direct result of smoking bans. Many are closed. Many that are still open have told us they doubt they'll survive much longer.

**Sources:** 85-90% of the information on this list comes from news articles. Most of them are listed here. The rest comes from owners who have contacted me directly, usually through e-mail. Blank spaces represent data that is unavailable or that doesn't apply.

Note: Due to time commitments elsewhere, I'm no longer able to keep this list up to date. For the most up to date version, please click [here](#). Many thanks to Samantha Philips for taking over this time consuming job.

**New Neighbor Marketing**  
 Restaurant Marketing to your new neighbors is a must-We do it all

**Restaurants & Dining**  
 Check out local food destinations. Find dining options from 'A to Z'.

**Free Red Lobster For Two**  
 We've given this to 1,000 people. Offer Expires Tonight!

**Shirley/Hutchinso**  
 National Advertising W Agency.

Ads by

Business	Type Of Business	Closed?	Business Tips Lost	Jobs Lost	City	State/Country
<b>Oscar's Place</b>	Bar/Restaurant		40%	3	Anchorage	AK
<i>"I opened my door 13 years ago to give the common man a place to go. Now 3 years after the do gooders passed the smoking ban, my business still hasn't recovered, and I may have to close my doors forever."</i>						
<b>Cafe Santa Fe</b>	Restruant	Closed	100%	100%	Fayetteville	AR
<b>Casa Taco</b>	Restruant	Closed	100%	100%	Fayetteville	AR
<i>"Sales dropped off dramatically. We lost our late-night business ... a lot of people come in after the bars close."</i>						
<b>Hoffbrau</b>	Bar/Restruant	Closed	100%	100%	Fayetteville	AR
<i>Before closing, The Hoffbrau reported a 50% drop in liquor sales due to the ban.</i>						
<b>Ozark Brewing Co</b>	Brew Pub	Closed	100%	100%	Fayetteville	AR
<b>Crocodile Cafe</b>	Restaurant	Closed	100%	100%	Tempe	AZ
<b>Pooch's Easy Street Billiards</b>	Pool Hall	Closed	100%	100%	Tempe	AZ
<b>Calico Saloon</b>	Tavern		30%	5	Lancaster	CA
<b>Daddy's</b>						

<b>Lounge</b>	Tavern		35%	3	Long Beach	CA
<b>Doherty's</b>	Tavern		66%		Tulare	CA
<b>Dunkhouse Saloon</b>	Tavern		50%		Clearlake Oaks	CA
<b>Femino's Blue Gum</b>	Restaurant	Closed	100%	100%	Willow	CA
<b>Fireside Lounge</b>	Tavern		70%		Escondido	CA
<b>Grand Central Casino</b>	Casino		42%	15	Lakewood	CA

*Since the ban took effect in February, liquor sales are down 42 percent and food sales have dropped 25 percent. Fifteen employees have been laid off and another 40 to 50 jobs are in jeopardy.*

<b>Laurel Bowl</b>	Bowling Alley	Closed	100%	100%	San Luis Obispo	CA
--------------------	---------------	--------	------	------	-----------------	----

*385 league bowlers quit when the smoking ban went into effect, with a loss of \$200,000. Laurel Bowl had been in business for 37 years before the ban.*

<b>Marco Polo Lounge</b>	Tavern		80%		Tulare	CA
--------------------------	--------	--	-----	--	--------	----

*"On nights where we allow our patrons to smoke, we make about \$120 a night. Last Monday we didn't allow our customers to smoke. Our total sales were five dollars."*

<b>Rim Ram</b>	Tavern		75-90%		Santa Fe	CA
----------------	--------	--	--------	--	----------	----

*Before the smoking ban, we would take in about nine-hundred dollars on Wednesday nights. The week following the start of the smoking ban we barely made three-hundred dollars. The next week we only made seventy-five dollars, and we made even less in the weeks following."*

<b>The Lika Club</b>	Tavern		60%		Bell	CA
----------------------	--------	--	-----	--	------	----

<b>The Old Dog House</b>	Tavern	Closed	100%	100%	Soulsbyville	CA
--------------------------	--------	--------	------	------	--------------	----

<b>Bart's</b>	Bar/Restaurant	Closed	100%	100%	Louisville	CO
---------------	----------------	--------	------	------	------------	----

*Bart's had been in operation for nearly 30 years.*

<b>Red Garter Lounge</b>	Tavern		45%		Greeley	CO
--------------------------	--------	--	-----	--	---------	----

<b>Roasty's Steakhouse</b>	Restaraunt		60%		Greeley	CO
----------------------------	------------	--	-----	--	---------	----

<b>Union Colony Brewery</b>	Brew Pub	Closed	100%	100%	Greeley	CO
-----------------------------	----------	--------	------	------	---------	----

<b>Bear and Grill</b>	Bar/Restaurant		30-40%		Fairfield	CT
-----------------------	----------------	--	--------	--	-----------	----

*"I used to close down at 1 a.m. Now I close down at 9:30. The next three hours are dead."*

<b>Brown Derby</b>	Tavern		50%		Montville	CT
--------------------	--------	--	-----	--	-----------	----

<b>La Primavera</b>	Restaurant	Closed	100%	100%	Meriden	CT
---------------------	------------	--------	------	------	---------	----

*When the statewide smoking ban snuffed out cigarettes in his bar area last October, 80 percent of his business went up in smoke. The restaurant was one of the few family restaurants remaining in the city.*

<b>Pinstripes</b>	Sports Bar	Closed	100%	100%	Norwich	CT
-------------------	------------	--------	------	------	---------	----

<b>Pinstripes Sports Cafe</b>	Sports Bar	Closed	100%	100%	Norwich	CT
-------------------------------	------------	--------	------	------	---------	----

<b>Rack N' Roll</b>	Pool Hall		30%		Stamford	CT
---------------------	-----------	--	-----	--	----------	----

<b>Tracie's Pub</b>	Tavern		40%		Bristol	CT
---------------------	--------	--	-----	--	---------	----

*My business has dropped about 30 to 40 percent since the smoking ban. I've spoken with a lot of bar owners in town and they all have the same problem.*

<b>Back Stage Cafe</b>	Bar/Restaurant	Closed	100%	100% 20	Wilmington	DE
<b>Coach House</b>	Bar/Restaurant	Closed	100%	100% 8	Wilmington	DE
<b>Just Mugs Saloon</b>	Tavern		33%		Bear	DE
<b>Naamans Cafe</b>	Restaurant	Closed	100%	100% 8	Wilmington	DE
<b>Bogey's</b>	Restaurant/Sports Pub		>20%		Venice	FL
<b>Cherry Pocket</b>	Restraunt		30%	30%	Lake Wales	FL

*Small business work so hard for their business, it is hard to believe the Goverment can just take it away without any thought at all.*

<b>Collier Lee Vending</b>	Vending Machines		40%	N/A	Cape Coral	FL
----------------------------	------------------	--	-----	-----	------------	----

*We have over 60 customer accounts in 4 counties all of which have shown losses of 25% to 60% since the start of the ban.*

<b>Double Nichol Pub</b>	Tavern		10%	10% 3	St.James City	FL
--------------------------	--------	--	-----	-------	---------------	----

<b>Elks</b>	Private Club		50% (Bingo)		Ft. Pierce	FL
-------------	--------------	--	----------------	--	------------	----

*"Our Charity money is down 50% or more over this time last year. We are going to be able to spend only about \$5,000.00 this year on our Christmas programs vs. \$12,000.00 plus last year. The Christmas programs include Salvation Army, Waterfront Mission, Sharing and Caring (food bank) and then we take needy families shopping for food, clothes and a few toys for the kids. We did about 17 families*

<b>Elks #1795 (Private Club)</b>	Lodge Private Club		40%	22%	Fort Walton	FL
----------------------------------	--------------------	--	-----	-----	-------------	----

*"Charity money is down 45%. Our Charities are Kids of Florida and the Veterans. That is who is really getting hurt the most by this!"*

<b>Elks #2256 (Private Club)</b>	Lodge Private Club		20%	30%	Pensacola Beach	FL
----------------------------------	--------------------	--	-----	-----	-----------------	----

*"We've lost 70 members because of the ban"*

<b>Elks #2273 (Private Club)</b>	Lodge Private Club		60%	60% 1	Plantation	FL
----------------------------------	--------------------	--	-----	-------	------------	----

<b>Grandma's Kitchen</b>	Restaurant	Closed	100%	100% 5	Thonotosas	FL
--------------------------	------------	--------	------	--------	------------	----

<b>Gulf Harbor Yacht Club</b>	Private Club		68%		New Port Richey	FL
-------------------------------	--------------	--	-----	--	-----------------	----

<b>Jerseys Sports Cafe</b>	Sports Bar		25%	20% 4	North Fort	FL
----------------------------	------------	--	-----	-------	------------	----

*Whatever happened to the individuals freedom to choose where you go and what you do in public?*

<b>Melons Bar &amp; Grill</b>	Bar/Restaurant	Closed	100%	100% 4	Port Charlotte	FL
-------------------------------	----------------	--------	------	--------	----------------	----

*Before closing they experienced a 50% loss in sales and a 60% loss in tips becuase of the smoking ban.*

<b>Miller's Ale House (35 Locations)</b>					Jupiter (and	FL
--	--	--	--	--	--------------	----

*After the law took effect July 1, 2003, the Ale House chain experienced the first decline in business in its 15-year history, said Dave Reid, vice president for operations. ...For the first*

five months of 2004 alcoholic beverages sales were down \$2 million compared with January through May of 2003"

**The Falls** Restaurant Closed 100% 100% Naples FL  
*"We lost 70 percent of our income," Renzello said. "The law put us out of business." 90 percent of her customers were smokers.*

**Toucans** Bar & Grill 30-40% 50% 3 Tampa FL  
 West Palm Beach FL

**Zook's**  
*"It has almost put me out of business. We are down about 45 percent for each month," Zook said. "Our food sales were 48 percent of our business. Now they are down to 10 percent. A lot of people who had drinks with lunch or dinner are not coming in now. They can't eat here."*

**Village Inn** Sports Bar 37% 6 Skokie IL

**Friends and Company** Bar/Restaraunt 30% Lexington KY

*The restaurant has experienced the lowest revenue in the last 19 months.*

**Jackpot Bingo** 50% Tatets Creek KY

*The Tates Creek High School Marching Band stands to lose about \$80,000 this year in bingo money.*

**Lynagh's Pub** Bar/Restruant 40% Lexington KY

*"Smokers still come, but not as often and they don't stay as long."*

**Maxwell's** Tavern Closed 100% 100% Lexington KY

*Maxwells had been open for 14 years.*

**Nicholson's Cigar Bar** Cigar Bar 100% 100% Lexington KY

*Owners of Nicholson's Cigar Bar say it didn't make sense to operate a smoke-less cigar bar*

**Aloha** Tavern Closed 100% 100% Hingham MA

**Blarney Stone** Tavern 25% Springfield MA

**Blue Room Cafe** Tavern 25% Chicopee Falls MA

*The business has been open since 1936*

**City Line Cafe** Tavern 50% Springfield MA

*"People are complaining about it. They're saying 'Why go out for a drink when I can buy a six-pack and sit at home?' It's really hurting us."*

**Gold Mine Restaraunt** Bar/Restaraunt 50% 50% 2 Fall River MA

*"There should be places for both the smoker and nonsmoker. I do not smoke but you are killing our business!!!"*

**J.C. Grear's** Restaurant Closed 100% 100% South Weymouth MA

**Marlboro Cozy Cafe** 60% 2 Marlboro MA

*We had 5 employees, now have 3 and that includes me. If this is result of one month of the ban after 35yrs in business I may have to close my doors.*

**Anchor Inn** restaurant Closed 100% 100% Gaithersburg MD

*Since the ban was implemented October 2003 Anchor Inn suffered a 40 percent loss in Keno, beer, wine, liquor and food sales.*

**Buffalo Billiards** Pool Hall 50% Gaithersburg MD

**Buffalo Wings and Beer** Bar/Restaurant 50% Gaithersburg MD

<b>Corner Pub</b>	Tavern		40%		Silver Spring	MD
<b>Dietle's Tavern</b>	Tavern	Closed	100%		Silver Spring	MD
<b>Gentleman Jim's</b>	Restaurant		40%		Gaithersburg	MD
<b>Grand Marquis Caf,</b>			30%		Olney	MD
<b>J.J. Muldoon's</b>	Bar/Restaurant		20%		Gaithersburg	MD
<b>Mark Timmons</b>	Tavern		20%		Rockville	MD
<b>Middlebrook Restaurant and Lounge</b>	Bar/Restaurant		50%		Germantown	MD

*"I'm so bitter today because I have worked too hard to keep this business going. It's just not fair."*

<b>Mrs. O'Leary's</b>	Restaurant and Pub		50%		Gaithersburg	MD
<b>Normandie Farm's</b>	Bar/Restruant		50%	2	Tysons Corner	MD
<b>Pelican Pete's</b>	Restaurant		60%		Germantown	MD
<b>Potomac Valley Lodge</b>	Lodge		17%	75% 4	Poolesville	MD

*"I think in the future we'll have to close in the winter. We'll lay everyone off, let them collect unemployment for a few months and bring them back. They'd make more on unemployment."*

**Quarry House Tavern** 70% Silver Spring MD  
*New customers who come to the bar because it's smoke-free don't bring in the revenue that smokers did, she said. "They have one beer, a glass of water and something to eat," she said, whereas smokers tend to stay longer and eat and drink more alcohol.*

<b>Silver Fountain Restaurant</b>	Restaurant		33%		Rockville	MD
<b>Stained Glass Pub</b>	Tavern		30%		Olney	MD
<b>Uncle Jed's Roadhouse</b>	Tavern		50%	70% 2	Bethesda	MD

*...Smaller establishments have seen total sales decline by an average of 30 percent during the week and 50 percent on weekends, according to Melvin Thompson, vice president of the Restaurant Association of Maryland*

<b>Black Duck Lounge</b>	Tavern		70%		Houlton	ME
--------------------------	--------	--	-----	--	---------	----

*"I've never seen it like this before. It's like all the customers just disappeared."*

<b>Nutshell Tavern</b>	Tavern	Closed	100%	100%	Biddeford	ME
<b>Village Variety</b>		Closed	100%		Fryeburg	ME
<b>Grandma's</b>	Restaraunt		33%		Cloquet	MN
<b>Perkins</b>	Restaraunt		26%		Duluth	MN
<b>Aessa</b>	Bar/Restaurant		35%	6	New York	NY
<b>Airport Inn</b>	Tavern		40%		Binghamton	NY

*Evans says business has dropped at least 40-percent in the last year. Her liquor license expires next April, and she says, she doesn't plan on renewing it. The Airport Inn was a successful business for 18 years.*

<b>American Legion</b>	Private Club		60%	50%	Elmira Heights	NY
------------------------	--------------	--	-----	-----	----------------	----

**American**

<b>Legion Post 1041</b>	Bingo Hall		68%		Buffalo	NY
<b>Amherst Bowling Center</b>	Bowling Alley	Closed	100%		Buffalo	NY
<b>Argyle's EasyStreet Tavern</b>	Tavern		12%		Cortland	NY
<b>Athens Cafe</b>	Restaurant		55%	10	Astoria	NY
<b>B&amp;G Bar and Grill</b>	Bar/Restaurant		30%		Buffalo	NY
<b>Barker Brew Pub</b>	Bre Pub	Closed	100%	100%	Fredonia	NY
<i>Closed after 10 yrs. in business</i>						
<b>Barrie's Tavern</b>	Tavern		40%		Syracuse	NY
<b>Bec's Ivy Grill</b>	Bar & Grill		23%	3	Oneida	NY
<b>Blarney Stone</b>	Bar/Restaurant		15%	1	New York	NY
<b>Blessed Sacramento Church</b>	Bingo Hall		50%		Albany	NY
<b>Blinkey's</b>	Tavern	Closed	100%	100%	Delhi	NY
<b>Blondie's Tavern</b>	Tavern		25%		Elmira Heights	NY
<b>Bowl-O-Drome</b>	Bowling Alley		14%	2	Ithica	NY
<i>The business lost almost \$30,000 and 110 bowlers during the 32-week league season... In the bowling alley's busiest months between January and May, Parkin saw a 14 percent decrease in activity comparing the same period in 2004 to 2003.</i>						
<b>Brazen Head Pub</b>	Tavern		40%		Monroe	NY
<b>Brown Shanty</b>	Tavern		20%	1	Watertown	NY
<b>Buoy's Dockside Tavern</b>	Tavern		36.5%		Oswego	NY
<b>Cabaret</b>	Tavern		40%	1	Buffalo	NY
<b>Caffe on the Green</b>	Bar/Restaraunt		35%		New York	NY
<i>Bar business fell about 35 percent immediately after the ban. It has picked up since he added a "butt hut," an outdoor tent where patrons may smoke, but it's still less than before the ban.</i>						
<b>Canandaigua Billiards</b>	Pool Hall		40%		Canandaigua	NY
<b>Caseys Pub</b>	Tavern		35%	1	Sunnyside	NY
<b>Castle Heights</b>	Tavern	Closed	100%	100%	New York	NY
<b>Celtic Cultural Organization</b>	Bingo Hall		30-35%		Troy	NY
<i>"From July 25 through Nov. 1, we are down about \$12,000 from the same period last year."</i>						
<b>Central Hotel</b>	Bar/Restaurant		50%		Port Leyden	NY
<b>Champions Billiards Cafe</b>	Brew Pub/Pool Hall		33%		Parkville	NY
<b>Chances</b>	Tavern	Closed	100%	100%	Falconer	NY
<b>Chili American</b>						

<b>Legion Post 1830</b>	Private Club	70%			Scottsville	NY
<b>Christanis Bar and Grill</b>	Tavern	40%			Rochester	NY
<b>Clifford's Tavern</b>	Bar/Restaurant	40%			Cold Brook	NY
<b>Coin Operated Amusements</b>	Vending Machines	20-50%			Jamestown	NY

*Revenue from vending machines and games cut in half in many places.*

#### **Coldspring**

<b>Volunteer Fire Dept.</b>	Tavern	50%	75%	1	Steamburg	NY
-----------------------------	--------	-----	-----	---	-----------	----

*The fire department owns the bar. Money from the bar buys equipment for the fire department. The income has been cut in half. This money buys new ambulances, trucks, gear ect. Remember, this all volunteer. Without the bar money we are going to have to rely on the town for revenue. You may lose your house or even someone's life without the money for the equipment.*

<b>Coleman's Irish Pub</b>	Bar/Restaurant	19%		4	Syracuse	NY
<b>Cook Bar &amp; Grill</b>	Bar/Restaurant	40%		2	Buffalo	NY
<b>Cork and Bottle</b>	Tavern	Closed	100%	100%	Potville	NY

*Located near the PA border, this was literally a Mom and Pop business, run by a couple with no employees to "protect."*

<b>Crossroads Steak House</b>	Restaurant	Closed	100%	100%	Kennedy	NY
<b>D&amp;S Diner</b>	Restaurant	Closed	100%	100%	Savannah	NY

*Sales were down \$3,000 in July 2002 compared to July 2001. Hardest hit were on Friday nights and Sunday mornings.*

<b>Dadio's Central Tavern</b>	Tavern	30%			Corfu	NY
<b>Damon's Party House</b>	Tavern	40%			Cicero	NY
<b>Delmar Sportsman's Tavern</b>	Tavern	30%		1	Massena	NY

*"We had hoped...nonsmokers who haven't been frequenting taverns due to the smoke-filled air would make up for at least some of the financial loss. Unfortunately, at least in our place, this has most definitely not happened. Our sales are at an all time low"*

<b>Desperado's</b>	Tavern	90%			Wallkill	NY
--------------------	--------	-----	--	--	----------	----

*"I can count on my fingers the people who don't smoke who come in here. The regulars say they won't come."*

<b>Doc's little Gem</b>	Diner	27%			Syracuse	NY
-------------------------	-------	-----	--	--	----------	----

*"We fought tooth and nail and won a local County victory, only for the state to turn it over to a complete ban."*

<b>Dodesters</b>	Tavern	20%			Syracuse	NY
------------------	--------	-----	--	--	----------	----

*"My business is down 20% from the same period last year, even though I'm now open three more hours a day and I didn't have a kitchen then."*

<b>Eagle Beverage</b>	Distributor	25%	N/A		Oswego	NY
-----------------------	-------------	-----	-----	--	--------	----

**Company**

*"Deliveries to pubs and taverns have decreased substantially, greater than 25 percent."*

<b>Edigan's</b>	Restaurant	Closed	100%	100%	Binghamton	NY
<b>Elbo Room</b>	Tavern	Closed	100%	100%	New York	NY
<b>Elks Lodge (Private Club)</b>	Private Club	Closed	100%		Jamestown	NY

*Bingo, which funded their charitable work, is now completely shut down.*

<b>End Zone</b>	Bar/Restaurant		30%	1	Liverpool	NY
<b>Euzkadi</b>	Restaurant		50%		New York	NY
<b>Fiddler's Green</b>	Tavern	Closed	100%	100%	New York	NY

*We have just lost too many customers to this law, which I did not vote for, bar owners did not vote for, bartenders did not vote for, and the public did not vote for."*

<b>Fieldstone Recreation</b>	Billiard/Bar/Snacks		40%	1	Bronx	NY
<b>Finish Line</b>	Bar/Restaurant		40%	2	Bellerose	NY
<b>Five Corners</b>	Bar/Restaurant		32		oneida	NY

*After 20 years of hard work this is what NY state does to us. Where are all these nonsmokers?*

<b>Fountain Bowl</b>	Bowling Alley		40%	N/A	8	Jamestown	NY
<b>Freddies</b>	Bar/Restaurant		50%	3	Buffalo	NY	
<b>Friar Tuck's</b>	Restaurant		50%		Cotati	NY	

*"Just as my establishment was beginning to flourish, I'm hit with this smoking ban which has killed my daytime business. People who used to stay for a couple of hours now only stay for one quick drink and leave."*

<b>Fulton Ale House</b>	Tavern		25%		Fulton	NY
<b>George &amp; Shirl's Tiny Tavern</b>	Tavern		41%		Southport	NY

*In October 2002, the bar made \$6,000. This past October, after the ban went into effect, they made just \$3,500,*

<b>Golden Rail Ale House</b>	Tavern		25%		Newburgh	NY
<b>Hancock's Hudson Tavern</b>	Bar/Restaurant		15%		Rochester	NY

<b>Harry's Hanover Square</b>	Bar/Restaraunt	Closed	100%	100	New York	NY
---------------------------------------	----------------	--------	------	-----	----------	----

*"Overnight, we lost 60 percent of our evening bar trade. For the bar, it was the difference in profit and loss. Sales of expensive cigars had been almost as important as the sales of Scotch" Harry's had been in business for more than thirty years*

<b>Harter's</b>	Bar/Restaurant		40%		Camden	NY
<b>Holmes &amp; Watson's</b>	Tavern		30%		Troy	NY
<b>Hotel McDonald</b>	Hotel		70%		Bath	NY
<b>Ireland's 32</b>	Tavern		50%		Suffern	NY
<b>Jean's Bar &amp; Grill</b>	Tavern		26%		Wilson	NY
<b>Just One More</b>	Tavern		30%		Bath	NY
<b>KayCey's</b>	Tavern		45%		Hyde Park	NY

**Kim's  
Trackside  
Tavern** Tavern 25% 25% Auburn NY

*Our local cayuga county health dept. continues to refuse to issue smoking waivers to businesses who have suffered a financial hardship.*

**Knights of  
Columbus** Bingo Hall 80% Malone NY

**La Bataclana** Tavern Closed 100% 100% Jackson Heights NY

**Lakeview  
Hotel/Blues  
Rock Cafe** Tavern 50% 50% mayville NY

*On the first day of the ban, my tips and number of customers dropped 50%, and never came back up.*

**Le Bar Bat** Tavern Closed 100% 100% New York NY

**Liberty Lanes** Bowling 27% Camden NY

**Madame X** Tavern 50% New York NY

**Mama Lena's** Restaurant Closed 100% 100% Binghamton NY

*Mama Lena's had been in business for more than 40 years.*

**Manhattan  
Beer** Vendor 19% New York NY

**Distributors**  
*Stagnant sales have led to a 7% drop in beer demand citywide, and a 19% drop citywide to clubs.*

**Maple Tree Inn** Tavern Closed 100% 100%<sup>3</sup> Portville NY

**Mel's Place** Tavern 78% 100% Falconer NY

*After proving they had lost significant business, Mel's place was granted of the NY's few waivers. Their business immediately returned to the pre ban level, but the owners are worried about what will happen when the waiver runs out in a year.*

**Metropolitan  
Restaurant** Bar/Restaurant 25% 2 Cheektowaga NY

**Middleport Inn** Bar/Restaurant Closed 100% 100%<sup>13</sup> Middleport NY

*"This damn state really knows how to kill people's dreams."*

**Millennium** Restaurant 40% 3 New York NY

**Mills Race  
Restaurant** Bar/Restaurant 40% 2.5 Mt. Morrison NY

**Nibsby's Pub** Bar/Restaurant 18% Syracuse NY

**Nocturne** Nightclub Closed 100% 100%<sup>70</sup> New York NY

**O'Neill's** Tavern 20% 3 New York NY

*"People who don't go to pubs just don't go to pubs. They said the ban would be good for business and for employees, yet my business is down and three good staff are out of work and unable to find another job...Most of my staff are smokers, and now they're being protected from second-hand smoke."*

**Olympian  
Sumont Inc** Pool Hall/Bar/Rest 40% 3 Long Island NY

**Open Net  
Lounge** Tavern 11% Massena NY

**O's Place** Tavern Closed 100% 100% Endicott NY

**Pangaea** Tavern Closed 100% 100% New York NY

Sports Bar/Night

<b>Panorama Club</b>		50%	50%	4	Rochester	NY
<i>We are a small night club that was doing very well until the smoking ban hit us and it hit us very hard. We are very scared of our future, if any.</i>						
<b>Partner's Pub</b>	Bar/Restaurant	20%		1	Johnstown	NY
<b>Patsy's Lounge</b>	Tavern	46.4%	50%	2	Jamestown	NY
<i>"I have let 2 employees go and the other 3 have had their hours cut in half."</i>						
<b>Peter K's</b>	Bar/Restaurant	35%		2	Cheektowaga	NY
<b>Pocketeer Billiards</b>	Pool Hall	60-70%			Buffalo	NY
<i>"The President says small business is the backbone of our country, NYS says screw small business just give us your money and your blood! All of it!!!!!!"</i>						
<b>Pocketeer Billiards South</b>	Pool Hall	Closed	100%		Springville	NY
<i>From the Owner: "Pocketeer Billiards South is now officially closed due to the Hitler like laws the NYS. Politicians have enacted! NY continues in its efforts to drive business out to other states. I like many others have now chosen to leave after living here 58 years."</i>						
<b>Rafferty's</b>	Bar/Restaurant	35%		2	Syracuse	NY
<b>Richard's Ole Timer</b>	Bar/Restaurant	17%		1	Clay	NY
<b>Riverside Lanes</b>	Bowling	20%		2	Marcy	NY
<b>Roesch's</b>	Tavern	Closed	100%	100%	New York	NY
<i>Lauterborn, 60, said his bar, Roesch's in Queens, saw 40 customers nightly before the ban but only about five after it. He closed in September and says his children are supporting him while he looks for work. His tavern had been a 100 year old family owned business.</i>						
<b>Rough Kutts Tavern</b>	Tavern	21%		1	South Dayton,	NY
<b>Roy D Graves VFW Post 1194</b>	Tavern	22%			Potsdam	NY
<b>Salingers</b>	Tavern	35%		2	Rochester	NY
<b>Sammy G's</b>	Bar/Restaurant	50%			Rome	NY
<b>Seven's Bar</b>	Tavern	30%			Malone	NY
<b>Shamrock Tavern</b>	Tavern	50%			Oswego	NY
<i>"It's not right. Our livelihood is being taken away."</i>						
<b>Sharkey's Sports Bar and Grill</b>	Sports Bar	60%			Staten Island	NY
<b>Shorty's Sports Bar &amp; Grill</b>	Bar/Restaurant	30%			Utica,	NY
<b>Silo's</b>	Bar & Grill	35%			Chestnut Ridge	NY
<b>Slade</b>	Restaurant	40%			New York	NY
<b>Slick Willie's</b>	Pool Hall	25%			Tonawanda	NY
<b>Southgate Lanes</b>	Bowling Alley/Bar	55%		7	West Seneca	NY
<b>Stumble Inn</b>	Tavern	Closed	100%	100%	Champlain	NY
<b>Sugoba Bistro</b>	Bistro	Closed	100%	100%28	New York	NY

*After 8 years of success in NYC, the NY smoking ban killed my Bistro in less than a year! In less than 3 month my business declined 37%. Within six months I was unable to meet payroll*

and I had to lay off 28 employees.

**Susie's Corner** Bar/Restaurant 23% 1 Buffalo NY

**Swan's** Tavern Closed 100% 100% 7 New York NY

*"I felt bad laying off seven workers. Most of them had been with me for the five years Swan's was open. None of them had ever complained about secondhand smoke. "*

**Swift's** Tavern 40% New York NY

*"It's absolutely killed us. This time last year the bar would be packed with the after-work cocktail crowd. Now they just take a bottle of wine or a six-pack to each other's apartments, where they can smoke."*

**Syracuse** Bingo Hall 61% Syracuse NY

**Brigadiers**

*"The hall was losing about \$60,000 per month in net income for the past three months because of the smoking ban."*

**Taylor's** Bar/Restaurant 50% Remsen NY

**Trackside**

**Temple Israel** Bingo Hall 50% Albany NY

*According to Herb Holland, some of the regulars told volunteers that they would abstain from playing bingo, to protest the smoking ban. He hasn't seen them since.*

**The Alps** Restruant Closed 100% 100% Wheatfield NY

**The Cam-Nel** Tavern Closed 100% 100% Mattydale NY

*The Cam-Nel had been in operation since 1952*

**The Dog House** Bar/Restaurant 28% Utica NY

**The Lodge at** Bar/Restaurant 50% 1 Broadalbin NY

**the Lake Inc**

**The Loft** Tavern 30% Frewsburg NY

*"Our town has no attractions to draw in outsiders. We have only locals to rely on as patrons and 95% of them smoke. It will be worse when the snow sets in."*

**The Loop** Bar and restaurant 30% Rochester NY

**Lounge**

*I own a small local tavern and I have a 90% smoking cliental. Let me say it just sucks.*

**The Meeting** Restruant/Tavern Closed 100% 100% Wheatfield NY

**Place**

**The Press Box** Tavern Closed 100% 100% Niagara Falls NY

*The Press Box had been open for 45 years.*

**The Roadhouse** Tavern 40% Brewster NY

**The Royal** Restaurant Closed 100% 100% 20 Buffalo NY

**Pheasant**

*The smoking ban caused an instant 80 percent decrease in revenue. The Royal Pheasant had been a family business for 58 years.*

**The Web** Tavern Closed 100% 100% Ogdensburg NY

*Owners Janet and Anthony Doerr say the smoking ban destroyed their business.*

**The** Tavern 50% Goshen NY

**Wonderbar**

**Thompson** Bar/Restaurant 25% Syracuse NY

**Road Tavern**

**Tommys Park** Tavern 40% Syracuse NY

**Place**

**Unique Lounge** Bar/Restaurant 40% 4 Sloan NY

**Varick** Bar/Restaurant 35% Utica NY

**Restaurant Inc**

<b>VFW Post 6533</b>	Private Club		20%	25%	East Randolph	NY
<b>Village Tavern</b>	Bar/Restaurant		10%		Marcellus	NY
<b>Village Tavern</b>			50%		Wellsburg	NY
<b>Viva Debris</b>	Comedy & Magic Club		30	30%	Syracuse	NY
<b>Voelker Bowling Center</b>	Bowling Alley		30-40%		Buffalo	NY
<i>The smoking ban hit us like an anvil, curtailing bowling activity by 30 to 40 percent and the bar business by 20 to 30 percent.</i>						
<b>Walmore Inn</b>	Restruant/Tavern	Closed	100%	100%	Sanborn	NY
<b>Whiskey Ward</b>	Tavern		20%	2	New York	NY
<b>Whispers Cocktail Lounge</b>	Bar/Night Club		50%	90%	Middletown	NY
<b>Windsor Ale House</b>	Tavern	Closed	100%	100%	Jamestown	NY
<b>Woody's Pub</b>	Bar/Restaurant		25%	3	Lockawanna,	NY
<b>Ye Olde Anchor Inn</b>	Bar/Restaurant		18%	22%	Lakewood	NY
<b>Adam's Place</b>	Tavern	Closed	100%	100%	Toledo	OH
<b>Bait Shop</b>	Bar & Grill	Closed	100%	100%	Toledo	OH
<b>Blue Jeans</b>	Tavern	Closed	100%	100%	Toledo	OH
<b>Consaul Tavern</b>	Tavern	Closed	100%	100%	Toledo	OH
<i>Consaul Tavern had been in business over 53 years.</i>						
<b>East Broadway Nightclub</b>	Nightclub		50%		Toledo	OH
<i>"From the get-go I've lost business. I've lost 50 percent -- everybody's losing money."</i>						
<b>East Broadway Nite Club</b>	Night Club	Closed	100%	100%	Toledo	OH
<b>Elbo Room</b>	Pizza Parlor/Tavern		25%	2	Toledo	OH
<b>End Zone Electronics</b>	Tavern	Closed	100%	100%	Toledo	OH
<b>Fat Tuesdays</b>	Tavern	Closed	100%	100%	Toledo	OH
<b>Jordan's Place</b>	Tavern	Closed	100%	100%	Toledo	OH
<b>Kacy's</b>	Sports Bar		50%		Worthington	OH
<i>"Kacy's Sports Bar and Grill has room for 300 customers, but now, it's virtually empty."</i>						
<b>Laskey Lounge</b>	Tavern	Closed	100%	100%	Toledo	OH
<b>Prime Time South</b>	Night Club	Closed	100%	100%	Toledo	OH
<b>Rack Time Billiards</b>	Pool Hall	Closed	100%	100%	Toledo	OH
<b>Ragtime Ricks</b>	Tavern	Closed	100%	100%	Toledo	OH
<b>Rooster Inn</b>	Brew Pub	Closed	100%	100%	Toledo	OH
<b>Shamrocks</b>	Tavern	Closed	100%	100%	Toledo	OH
<b>The "In" Zone</b>	Tavern	Closed	100%	100%	Toledo	OH
<b>Bliss' Steak Ranch</b>	Restaurant	Closed	100%	100%	Eugene	OR
<i>Closed after 32 years in business</i>						

**Doc's Pad** Tavern Closed 100% 100% 24 Eugene OR  
*"Let's face it, the economy is horrible. But for us specifically, the smoking ban was the knockout punch." The Olsen family had owned Doc's for 16 years.*

**Max's Tavern** Tavern Closed 100% 100% Eugene OR  
**The Peacock** Bar/Restaraunt 40% Corvallis OR  
*Connor owned the Peacock for years - and says it was the ban that caused him to sell the bar. He says business gross fell from \$1.5 million in 1997, the year before the ban went into effect, to \$900,000 last year.*

**The Peacock (New Owner)** Bar/Restaraunt 50% 36 Corvallis OR

**China One** Restaurant Closed 100% 100% Round Rock TX

**Good Time Charlie's** Restaurant 30% San Antonio TX

**Matt's No Place** Restaurant Closed 100% 100% Dallas TX

*Business simply dried up, restaurateur Matt Martinez said, after the City Council enacted a smoking ban in restaurants and other public places. "I just got fed up," said Martinez, "You work to get a clientele and build your business, and then the city comes and takes it from you."*

**Alexander Mackenzie Inn** Hotel 92% 16 Fort St. John CANADA

*"Since we were 'beaten' into compliance by the WCB, our business has dropped in the lounge from \$1,000 a day to \$80. "*

**Bacchus** Nightclub Closed 100% 100% Vancouver CANADA  
*In its first two years, it regularly would close to its 275-person indoors capacity, Sorochan {the owner} says. As business dwindled, you'd be lucky to find 60 patrons on hand.*

**Beacon Hill Arms** Tavern Closed 100% 100% Ottawa CANADA

*Dave O'Connor, who successfully ran Ottawa's Beacon Hill Arms pub for nine years, said the ban forced him out of business. "From September to February, we lost close to \$80,000 in sales"*

**Bovine Sex Club** Tavern 50% Toronto CANADA

**Branigan's** Tavern Closed 100% 100% 50 Polo Park CANADA

**Bud's Place** Tavern 23% 5 Cambridge CANADA

**Cellarman's Alehouse** Tavern 35% Midland CANADA

*Friday nights used to generate \$2,400-\$3,100 before the smoking ban. Since the ban those numbers dropped to \$900-\$1,400.*

**Cobalt** Tavern 50% Toronto CANADA  
*"You build this business, and you're proud of it, and all of a sudden the city makes this blind decision...places like us get totally screwed."*

**Coffee Time** Coffee Shop 50% 100% Barrie CANADA

**Coffee Time** Coffee Shop Closed 100% 100% Markham CANADA

**Eightball VIP Sports Cafe** Sports Bar 40% 2 Chatham CANADA

**Elements** Nightclub Closed 100% 100% Toronto CANADA

**Elsewhere** Tavern 50% Toronto CANADA

*We cut staff early to save cost and boredom. The City of Toronto promised us a deluge of non-smokers who would be deliriously happy to visit us because we're non-smoking. Where*

are they?

<b>Gardeli's</b>	Bar/Restaurant	Closed	100%	100%	Castlegar	CANADA
<b>Hemingway's</b>	Bar/Restaraunt		40%	6	Ottawa	CANADA
<b>Inuvik Curling Club</b>	Private Club		66%		Inuvik	CANADA

*The president of Inuvik's Curling Club predicts it will lose \$40,000 by the end of the year, and says the town's smoking by-law is to blame.*

<b>Larry's Pit Stop</b>	Tavern		49%	1	Kingston	CANADA
-------------------------	--------	--	-----	---	----------	--------

<b>MacKenzie Lounge</b>	Tavern		80%		Yellowknife	CANADA
-------------------------	--------	--	-----	--	-------------	--------

<b>Mingles Coffee Shoppe</b>	Coffee Shop	Closed	100%	100%	Kitchener	CANADA
------------------------------	-------------	--------	------	------	-----------	--------

*Before Closing, Mingles saw a 45% drop in sales.*

<b>Mr. B's</b>	Restaurant	Closed	41%		Tilsbury	CANADA
----------------	------------	--------	-----	--	----------	--------

<b>nastys</b>	Sports Bar		37%		Dunnville	CANADA
---------------	------------	--	-----	--	-----------	--------

<b>Red Dog Cafe</b>	Restaurant	Closed	100%	100%	Acton	CANADA
---------------------	------------	--------	------	------	-------	--------

<b>Rupert Pub</b>	Tavern	Closed	100%	100%	Prince Rupert	CANADA
-------------------	--------	--------	------	------	---------------	--------

<b>Sam's Hotel</b>	Tavern		60-70		Wallaceburg	CANADA
--------------------	--------	--	-------	--	-------------	--------

*"(Business is down) probably 60-70 per cent (at night) and 90 per cent in the daytime."*

<b>Sky Garden</b>	Restaurant	Closed	100%	100% 6	Ottawa	CANADA
-------------------	------------	--------	------	--------	--------	--------

*"It was 100% because of the bylaw. Sales dropped 50%. Our cups of coffee were down 400 to 500 a day, our meals 20 to 30 a day."*

<b>The Coffee Bar</b>	Coffee Shop		50%		Whitehouse	CANADA
-----------------------	-------------	--	-----	--	------------	--------

<b>The Patch</b>	Tavern		70%		St. Albert	CANADA
------------------	--------	--	-----	--	------------	--------

<b>The Spotted Dick</b>	Tavern		60%		Toronto	CANADA
-------------------------	--------	--	-----	--	---------	--------

<b>Tubbys Pizza</b>	Pizza Parlor		20%	2	Crescentwood	CANADA
---------------------	--------------	--	-----	---	--------------	--------

<b>Bewley's</b>	Tea and Coffee	Closed	100%	100%	Dublin	IRELAND
-----------------	----------------	--------	------	------	--------	---------

<b>Oriental Cafe</b>	Shop					
----------------------	------	--	--	--	--	--

*The shop, located on Westmoreland St, had been in business since 1986*

<b>Bewley's</b>	Tea and Coffee	Closed	100%	100%	Dublin	IRELAND
-----------------	----------------	--------	------	------	--------	---------

<b>Oriental Cafe</b>	Shop					
----------------------	------	--	--	--	--	--

*The Grafton Street Shop had been open since 1927.*

<b>Fibber Magees</b>		Closed	100%	100%	Eyre Square	IRELAND
----------------------	--	--------	------	------	-------------	---------

*"We're damned if we do and damned if we don't," Lawless said {Defying the law}. "We're either going to go out of business or be put out of business." Before closing the bar suffered loses of 66%*

<b>MacTurcaills</b>			20%		Dublin	IRELAND
---------------------	--	--	-----	--	--------	---------

If your business has been harmed by a smoking ban, or if you know of one that has been, please let us know. If possible, have the owner contact us. Newspaper articles are also welcome. Please include the URL.

Click here to contact The Facts, and here to send information to Samantha Philips, who maintains the most current version of this list.

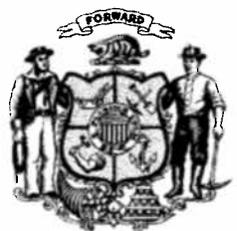
Last Update: Sunday, October 31, 2004

© 2000 - 2004 Dave Hitt

[Home](#)   [Contact Us](#)



# WISCONSIN STATE LEGISLATURE



# The Facts

*"Of all tyrannies a tyranny exercised for the good of its victim may be the most oppressive. It may be better to live under robber barons than under omnipotent moral busybodies. The robber baron's cruelty may sometimes sleep, his cupidity may at some point be satiated, but those who torment us for our own good will torment us without end for they do so with the approval of their own conscience.*

- C.S. Lewis. "

## The Facts

## Smoking Ban Links

### Understanding The Numbers

Nicotine Nannies insist taht smoking bans are good for business. Here are dozens dozens of articles, from a wide varity of sources, which prove they're lying about t too. A few links require a free registration before you can read the article.

### Epidemiology 101

Links to newspapers and TV news web sites often expire, sometimes in a few mor sometimes in as little as a week. We recommend printing anything you'd like to sa future reference. If you find a dead link, please drop us a line.

### Epidemiology 102

Some of these links require free regestraioins. You can usualy get around thaty by Firefox with the BugMeNot plug in.

### Studies

Bar, eatery owners ask county to reconsider smoking ban

### The EPA Report

*Martin Duffy, owner of Duffy's Bar and Grill in Osseo, said his income decreased percent from March, the last month before the smoking restrictions went into effec May.*

### The WHO Study

*Jeff Ormond, who owns Gabby's Saloon and Eatery in northeast Minneapolis, sai has seen his business slip 12 percent in April and 24 percent in May.*

### Smoking Bans And Businesses

*Ormond co-founded the Minneapolis Hospitality Association, a group of more tha bars and restaurants in Hennepin's largest city...very business on the {MHA}list h reported losses of 10 to 50 percent of its regular monthly business in two months. said that he has personally cut 10 of his 93 employees in the past two months.*

### Businesses Harmed

*In March, she said the VFW's gross receipts exceeded \$400,000. In April and May said receipts are closer to \$250,000. Gambling receipts, she said, are down 46 pei*

*Money lost to the smoking ban, she said, is money lost for local charities.*

### ASH FRAY IN CITY'S PROJECTS

### Ban Studies

*Brooklyn Democratic Assemblyman Felix Ortiz said his legislation would immedi require public housing complexes to make 50 percent of their apartments smoke-fi*

### Ban Links

*By 2010, smoking in the projects would be outlawed completely, Ortiz said.*

Nanies have been lying that they'd never go after people in their homes. Yeah, rig

Fighting The  
NYS Ban

Ban Damage: Diary Of A Disaster Page 2

The continuing story of a tavern owner trying to keep her business running in the face of huge losses due to a smoking ban.

Odds and Ends

The Truth

*The bar owners are reporting record lows, the customers who held on for a while support us are long gone. Non-smoking customers are not showing up in droves, they spend their money, in fact they don't show up at all. They were not our customers, with. Staff morale is at all time lows, many have left because they were laid off or hours significantly cut which has now impacted their livelihoods. Those who still have a job are working double the hours to make the same amount of money they used to with less hours.*

Agendas

*The frustration reached a new high as we started the 3rd month. Organized by a club whose business losses are down approximately 30 percent with gambling losses down 46%.*

Links

Restaurant, bar owners say smoking ban has hurt business

*The study, released Tuesday, measured alcohol sales by wholesale distributors to Lexington hotels, bars and restaurants. Richard Thalheimer, who performed the study, said those sales dropped 9.8 percent to 13.3 percent since the ban took effect in April 2004.*

Bar owners still fuming

*"I used to work four days. I'm down to one day," said James O'Toole, a bartender at Dudley's Parkview Tavern in New Rochelle, who has taken another job driving a limousine. "From last summer to this summer, coming into this season, business is at least 45 percent. ... The bar is empty."*

*At the Willett House Restaurant in Port Chester, manager Dennis Gallagher said he landed a one-two-three punch. Revenues plunged — he said he lost an estimated \$100,000 in June 2003, the first month of the ban — which forced him to put his by-the-hour bartenders on the payroll to make up their lost tips. And the business he ran selling cigars at the bar has closed.*

*"From a health standpoint and from an economic standpoint, the law has made a tremendous amount of sense and has been an overwhelming success," said Rick Lepkowski, vice president of the Westchester chapter of the American Cancer Society. "Culturally, most people are a lot less tolerant of being in places where people do not smoke. In terms of education and the cultural acceptability of smoking, I believe we've returned a corner."*

Editor's note: It's not very often that a nicotine nanny will admit that their goal is to spread intolerance, but here you have it in black and white.

Smoking ban: Lost sales are cited in 2nd legal challenge

*William Kozlak, of Jax Cafe, 1928 University Av. NE., said total sales were down*

*\$64,942 compared with the same month a year ago. Jeffrey Ormond, of Gabby's, 1900 NE. Marshall St., said that his gross receipts had dropped 12.4 percent.*

*The lost business is hurting charitable gambling as well, said Michael Kuduk of the Lions Club. He estimated revenue losses of about 25 percent.*

#### Bar Closes Doors, Blames Smoking Ban

*Julian's restaurant and bar made its last call for patrons on Saturday night. Owner Julian Sanfillipo says the smoking ban is to blame for the decline and eventual death of his business.*

*Julian's first opened its doors to the public in 1979.*

2004-05: School year in review

*A university fixture for more than a decade, Calamity Cafe, closed its doors, much to the dismay of its loyal following. The restaurant cited the smoking ban as hurting business and a reason to close.*

#### MN Bar Owners Hurting

*"Everybody is seeing declined sales," Ormond said.*

*"We're down between 25 and 30 percent," one bar owner said.*

*"This is the worst – what you're looking at – the worst problem," Ormond said, indicating the empty barstools. "Our bar was always semi-full."*

*Ormond said business was down 26 percent since the ban went in effect.*

*"Our bartenders' tips are down 50 percent. People come in and have one drink and say 'Hi' and then 'Bye, thank you, gotta go to the bar where we can smoke.'"*

*Before the smoking ban, Ormond had six people serving drinks on a Saturday night. Ormond said he was cutting it to three, because he needed fewer people to serve the declining bar clientele. In all, Ormond crossed 51 work shifts off his schedule, an amount equal to 10 full-time jobs.*

#### Smoking ban repels visitors

*APPLETON, Wis. — Two groups have backed out of plans to bring their conventions here because of a ban on smoking set to take effect July 1, according to the Fox Cities Convention & Visitors Bureau.*

*The bureau's executive director, Lynn Peters, declined to name the groups, but The Post-Crescent of Appleton said one was a scotch-and-cigar-loving sportsmen's association and the other a military group with lots of older smokers as members.*

## Bar Closes Doors, Blames Smoking Ban

Ads by Goooooogle

*A fixture on the north side of Columbus has closed it's doors for the final time.*

*Julian's restaurant and bar made its last call for patrons on Saturday night. Owner Julian Sanfillipo says the smoking ban is to blame for the decline and eventual death of his business.*

### **Smoking Ban**

Do you like public smoking? Give your opinion and Win!

[www.itsyouropinion2.com](http://www.itsyouropinion2.com)

*Both past and present patrons crowded the bar for one last time Saturday night. Julian's first opened its doors to the public in 1979.*

Smoke-free law drives patrons away from some Exeter businesses

*J.P.'s Exeter Pub, on Route 3, is losing the bulk of its business and is in fear of closing, according to long-time bartender Linda Osenkowski.*

### **Food Smoker**

Buy Food smoker online. Shop Target.com  
[www.Target.com](http://www.Target.com)

*... Neil White, owner of Middle of No-where Diner, who said he wouldn't want to guess at how many customers he's lost. "It's a large amount of people who used to sit, eat and smoke," he said. "Now they might get a coffee and run. The ambiance has changed. The locals don't stay. It definitely affects revenue."*

### **Authentic Bartending**

1-800-TEND-BAR.  
Learn the Skills of Bartending-Have Fun & Make Money  
[www.authenticbartending.com](http://www.authenticbartending.com)

*In the case of J.P.'s Exeter Pub, business relies heavily on smoking customers.*

*Linda Osenkowski, a 23-year employee, said, "It's bad. We're not far from going under. This is just a small, little bar that doesn't serve food. Just snacks and pizza. It's really hurt us bad."*

### **Free Bartending School**

Learn the skills you need to become a bartender, at no cost to you.  
[www.FreeBartendingSch.com](http://www.FreeBartendingSch.com)

*"During the day, I have an older crowd. When you have bad weather, they can't go outside. They'll end up with pneumonia and die," Osenkowski observed. "At night, the younger crowd is just not coming in. They want to be able to have a cigarette and a beer."*

State gave flawed data on smoking ban's effect

*You dismissed our complaints about the data being flawed. But how else would you characterize a report on the effect of the smoking ban that left out businesses that closed after the ban? Leaving out the hundreds of businesses forced to close because of the ban clearly distorts the findings.*

*Even with this manipulation of the data, the report found that bar and tavern sales fell dramatically following the implementation of the ban and that they have not recovered since. Translating this into sales, the ban cost New York's bar and tavern owners more than \$80 million in sales since the law went into effect.*

(This article originally appeared in the Albany Times Union. The TU charges for articles more than seven days old, so this link points to a site which mirrors articles. It's a great

site, BTW, for this kind of information.)

Smoking ban: Lost sales are cited in 2nd legal challenge

*William Kozlak, of Jax Cafe, 1928 University Av. NE., said total sales were down \$64,942 compared with the same month a year ago. Jeffrey Ormond, of Gabby's, 1900 NE. Marshall St., said that his gross receipts had dropped 12.4 percent.*

*The lost business is hurting charitable gambling as well, said Michael Kuduk of the Lions Club. He estimated revenue losses of about 25 percent.*

Bars still hurting from smoking ban

*At Rosie's Tavern in Granby, owner Rose Anthony has watched her business plummet over the better part of two years.*

*"My last quarter that I had to pay my sales tax, I only paid four hundred and fifty dollars. That's considerably down from fifteen, sixteen hundred I normally pay per quarter," said Mancino, owner of Fulton Ale House.*

*Mancino says he's tired of fighting and unless something drastically changes, he will give up his business of 35 years in September.*

The Smoking Ban's Impact

*"We received a call this morning that, with the smoking ban going into effect July 1st, they're going to take their party elsewhere. It was booked for 200 people, several thousands dollars worth of business, and it's amazing just 12 hours after the election that we got the call," says Joe Kohlbeck, co-owner of The Bar."*

MN: Diary Of A Disaster

The continuing story of Stub and Herb's: the diary of a tavern in Minneapolis struggling to survive the new ban on smokers. Recent Entries:

*We have made it through the first weekend of the smoking ban. Sales at my bar were down each day by about 25% from the week before. Our Sunday food and liquor sales were reduced by 50%. One VFW was down 65%.*

*Bar sales are still the number one concern. A NE landmark lost a banquet of 125 because the party could not smoke.*

*Several violent incidents have occurred. A bar owner in St. Paul spoke out publicly today warning women not to leave drinks unattended while they go outside to have a cigarette. The drinks have been drugged. Another bar owner on West Bank reported an altercation with the smokers and local gang members that got out of hand. A downtown club had a patron violently assaulted after going outside for a smoke. Several bars reported drug and alcohol use while customers are outside.*

*Every day I hear from more and more business owners telling me the problems they are experiencing thanks to the smoking ban. I have heard staff is quitting because of reduced hours and lost tips, assaults and drug and alcohol use while customers are out smoking have increased, and city streets are a mess. I have heard revenue losses in Bloomington, Minneapolis, and Hennepin County down anywhere from 13% to 65%. One VFW has already informed their city they will no longer be donating charitable gambling revenues to the city coffers.*

*All the while, surrounding cities and counties report record sales.*

The people most affected by bans are not faceless corporate giants, but small entrepreneurs who have invested their savings, their heart and soul and years of their lives into their business, only to see it destroyed by laws intended to protect people who don't want to be protected from a completely contrived threat.

We'll continue to post updates to this report as they become available.

Skycity downgrade blamed on smoking ban

*Shares in Skycity Entertainment Group Ltd fell sharply on Friday after the New Zealand-based gaming firm downgraded its full year profit forecast due largely to the worse-than-expected impact of smoking bans.*

City smoking bans drag down business for some

*In Pueblo, bar and restaurant owners tick off the list of businesses that have closed since a nonsmoking ordinance was passed two years ago.*

*There's Mugsy's and the Town Tavern, longtime watering holes near the Rocky Mountain Steel Mill; Bruno's Beer Joynt downtown; Pepper's, a northside dance club; and the Silver Saddle, a decades-old dance hall on the south side.*

*Pete Meersman, president of the Colorado Restaurant Association, said Pueblo's experience is typical of a migration in Colorado cities that have banned smoking. Smoking customers simply move from restaurants and bars inside the city to those outside.*

*"If you take Pueblo, Fort Collins and all of these cities, there are places just outside the city limits that saw an increase in business, especially the bar crowd," Meersman said.*

*The Restaurant Association of Maryland found that restaurant and bar business fell by 11 percent in Talbot County during the year after a smoking ban was enacted.*

*"We found that the economic damage to smaller independent restaurants and bars was much more significant than large chain restaurants," said Melvin Thompson of the Restaurant Association of Maryland.*

Got a Light?

*Two University of North Texas economists studied the effects of the smoking ban in restaurants, and the results were released in October 2004: Dallas lost \$11.8 million (or 3.6 percent) in alcoholic beverage sales in 2003 compared with 2002. You could blame it on a sliding economy, but business was booming in the smoke-friendly suburbs, where hooch sales increased from 3.2 percent (Richardson) to 7.9 percent (Plano) to 12.2 percent (Frisco). The only other city showing a loss was Irving, down 0.8 percent.*

*The study also claims four longtime Dallas restaurants were forced to close on account of the ban.*

Smoking ban affects gaming revenue more than forecast

*Macquarie analyst Steve Wheen surveyed a number of large charitable trusts that operate slot machines in New Zealand and found their gaming revenues had fallen between 11 per cent and 17 per cent compared with the levels of the previous year. . .*

*"The smoking ban impact felt by the charitable trusts continues to support our notion that Sky City has underestimated the potential impact of the ban," he said.*

Mpls. Bar Owners Say Ban Is Bad For Business

*"We're down between 25 and 30 percent," one bar owner said.*

*"Our bartenders' tips are down 50 percent. People come in and have one drink and say 'Hi' and then 'Bye, thank you, gotta go to the bar where we can smoke.'"*

*Before the smoking ban, Ormond had six people serving drinks on a Saturday night. Ormond said he was cutting it to three, because he needed fewer people to serve the declining bar clientele.*

*In all, Ormond crossed 51 work shifts off his schedule, an amount equal to 10 full-time jobs.*

Lincoln police will issue ticket for comedian's on-stage cigar

*Casady said one of his sergeants thought briefly about ticketing White during his act.*

*"But she said 'No way was I going to give a ticket to a comedian on stage with a crowd of 8,000 people,' " Casady said.*

Total smoking ban rejected by city

*After a smoking ban was passed in Toledo, bars lost about 35 percent of their business, opponents said.*

Seniors slam butt-ban plan {that} Would forbid smoking in homes

*Health officials are considering prohibiting elderly smokers from lighting up in their own homes at least an hour before home-care workers are due to arrive*

The nicotine nannies have constantly told us they'd never go after people in their own homes, while quietly (and sometimes not so quietly) planning to do it when the time was right.

GOP digs in heels on smoking ban

*When Louisville banned smoking in public places, Outback Steakhouse partner Tom Flanagan watched dozens of customers flock to the chain's restaurants in nearby Lafayette, where they could light up without concern. It took a year and a half to attract enough new customers to get sales back to normal.*

*"We can deal with that, but a lot of the mom-and-pop restaurants probably can't," said Flanagan, among a group that owns all 19 Outback restaurants in Colorado.*

Diary Of A Disaster

*30 of my 35 customers were smoke haters. This particular group of smoke haters told us they were from the American Lung Association and the Minnesota Department of Health. They ate half price appetizers and toasted the fresh air in the bar with their ice tea and water. One slipped my bartender a note saying "even if Stub and Herb's goes out of business, God will take care of him."*

Casinos fear ban on smoking

*Gaming revenue at Delaware's three "racinos" - racetracks that have slot machines - fell 11 per cent in 2003 after a smoking ban was implemented in 2002.*

Smoking bans burn businesses

*Spending in bars and restaurants is discretionary. No one can force a smoker to go and spend money where he doesn't want to.*

Lincoln Businesses Say Smoking Ban Is Killing Them

*"Our sales are down about \$20,000 a month," said Cheerleads Bar & Grill owner Dean Borgmann.*

*Borgmann is so concerned that on Monday, he and two other bar owners complained to the City Council. They reported that business has dropped 30 percent.*

*"Our lunch crowds have dropped by more than half. We've already cut 14 hours of operation of when we're open," Borgmann said.*

*"I will be very lucky to survive over the summer," Borgmann said.*

Max's Diner restaurants, started in 1990s, close

*Business at the Max's Diner restaurants dropped 20 to 25 percent after Toledo's smoking ban went into effect, eating away profits, said Jeff Kaminsky, who has owned the*

*restaurants with his wife, Kathy, for five years.*

Fifty people will be losing their jobs. That's pretty good protection against second hand smoke.

Toledo bowling center to yield to restaurant

*The bowling center's closing will occur almost 46 years to the day after it was opened by James Nopper, who said at the time he patterned the operation after developments in Florida and California.*

*"Part of the reason that motivated him into selling was that he was so drastically impacted by the smoking ban in Toledo," Mr. Healey said.*

Restaurants say smoking ban is costing them money

*In one week, the alcohol sales at Katz has dropped 20 percent, and their overall sales 13%. At P.O.E.T.S., the owner says they're down from 20 percent to 33 percent on any given day and at the Q Pub, where they stopped selling food to allow their customers to smoke, sales are down 36 percent.*

Bar owner to fight fine for violating smoking ban

*Robert Mogavero says he lost half of his business at Mulligan's Sports Pub immediately after the ban took effect January 31st.*

Smoking ban splits bowling fans

*While smoking is bad for your health it's good for business. According to the Connecticut Bowlers' Association 49 percent of bowlers light up. Since the ban, business has bombed.*

*"I'm down 25 to 50 percent because of the smoking ban and that's a big chunk of my business" says Izzi.*

Bar Owners Coming Together To Fight Smoking Ban

*"I'm losing \$300 a day," one Columbus bar owner says. "I'm near bankruptcy.*

*"This is all my husband and I do for a living. This is it," she says. Saying the smoking ban is destroying her profits. "I rang \$37 on a Tuesday. That's from 10am to 230am," Leslie said. "I've cut all my vendors in half." Fowler says he's losing somewhere around 15% to 25% range.*

*"I feel bad. I've let three bartenders go," Tim Cashin, owner of "Somewhere Else" tavern says. "I'm seeing revenue loss of \$1200-\$1500 a week."*

Some Defy Bloomington Smoking Ban

*"We get a profit and loss statement every week, and the numbers are going down, so it's*

*hurting," said Joanna Segyde, restaurant manager.*

*The workers are in an environment free of second-hand smoke for the first time. On the other hand, the manager has had to lay-off a half-dozen staffers because of decreasing revenue.*

Smoking ban splits bowling fans

*While smoking is bad for your health it's good for business. According to the Connecticut Bowlers' Association 49 percent of bowlers light up. Since the ban, business has bombed.*

*"I'm down 25 to 50 percent because of the smoking ban and that's a big chunk of my business" says Izzi.*

Study: Smoking ban hurt bar business

*Sales tax at Talbot County bars and restaurants with liquor licenses declined by nearly \$3 million, or 11 percent, from May through December 2004 when compared with the same period in 2003.*

*The number of bars and restaurants with liquor licenses dropped from 39 in November 2003 to 29 at the end of 2004. Talbot County went smoke-free in April 2004.*

Hall Manager Says Smoke Ban Forces Closing

*A widely known Lincoln pool hall is closing because of lost revenue since the city's smoking ban was implemented Jan. 1, the business' general manager says.*

*Laurie Anderson of Big John's Billiards said the pool hall has lost at least \$10,000 in three weeks and can't make payroll. Big John's will close for good Sunday night after 21 years of business, she said.*

The price to pay for smoking ban in pubs

*SCOTLAND'S smoking ban is set to cost an initial 2300 jobs, force nearly 150 pubs to close and rob the Chancellor of £59 million a year in tax revenue, a new report claims.*

Smoking ban leads to last orders

*Mr Halkett said he lost 85% of his regulars as soon as he brought the ban into force and claims his experience proves it will not work for small traditional pubs.*

*Mr Halkett pulled the last pint in his bar on Tuesday and the property - a bar since 1878 - has now been put up for sale.*

Smoking ban blamed for layoffs

Smoking ban hard to enforce

*"I just can't afford to throw people out of here," said Roger DeRosier, a nonsmoker and the owner of Mr. D's, where business is off more than 40 percent since the smoking-ban law went into effect July 5.*

Pink is the colour of paper slips being handed out at a Melfort hotel as . . . the province's smoking ban comes into effect.

*"We've given our bar staff lay off notices. There is not a lot of things you can do as a bar owner. It is a very scary thing," said Waneta Goldstein, manager of the Chances R Motor Hotel of laying off two staff.*

*"...in Drafties our customers are requesting a smoking environment. Can we value our customer opinions? No, because our government wants to control us even more by engaging a law that eliminates our rights."*

More than 70% of bars and pubs hurt by New Brunswick smoking ban

*The smoking ban is having a devastating impact on the small businesses that dominate the pub, bar, tavern and nightclub sector of the hospitality industry. Fully 79% of drinking establishments report the smoking ban is having an impact and 71% say the impact is negative. Pubs, bars and taverns report an average decline in liquor sales of 23.9% in October compared to a year earlier, nightclubs a decline of 34.5% and legions a decline of 18.8%.*

Smoking ban will crimp charitable gambling

*For example, a survey by the Canadian Restaurant and Foodservices Association during the first month of the province's ban that took effect Oct. 1, found New Brunswick's smoking ban was having a negative impact on establishments with bars, pubs, taverns, legions and night clubs. In this survey, 71 percent of respondents reported sharp declines in liquor sales. In small businesses the effect was pronounced, with pubs, taverns and bars reporting that liquor sales fell almost 14 percent from the same time a year earlier. At legion clubs, the survey found, the decline was almost 19 percent.*

*Estimates range as high as 60 percent for the number of bingo players who smoke. Crary and Jim Newcomer, commander of VFW Post 1296 predict that once the smoking ban goes into effect, bingo will die as a source of charitable funds in Bloomington and player will migrate to the Indian casino at Mystic Lake. For the VFW, which rents the attached space next to its club for use as a bingo hall, that could mean as much as \$182,000 in lost revenue.*

*What do losses like that mean to the community? Steve Enebo, a VFW trustee, and Patty Gustner, club manager for American Legion Post 550, rattled off a number of contributions to veterans organizations and to active service men and women and their families — everything from washers, dryers and television sets for the VA medical center to "care packages" for military personnel to Cub Foods certificates for military families to honor guards for funerals to a hospice suite at the VA medical center.*

*But then the self-righteous will be able to drink and dine without the annoyance of other people's bad habits. What is value of an American flag on the coffin of a war veteran*

*compared to a benefit like that?*

### Smoking Ban Survey Results

*The Thunder Bay Chamber of Commerce has released details of a new survey on the impact of the City smoking ban and it shows several business bars in particular are being badly hurt.*

*The survey polled restaurants, coffee shops, bars, lounges, bingo halls and the Casino . Of those, 93-percent of the bars and lounges contacted say they have suffered losses since the ban was imposed. Of those who say business is down, average losses reportedly averaged 43-percent.*

*All of them say they have laid off or reduced staff and they also say reduced sales have forced them to cut back on the business they do with their suppliers.*

A Bar in Liverpool that banned smoking has described the experience as "commercial suicide"

*Mr Carragher said: "It's felt like I've been committing commercial suicide.*

*"However, our no-smoking policy has meant that we cannot offer all of our guests freedom of choice when they visit us and this has proved a major obstacle in getting the business to generate the kind of income stream levels we had hoped for on opening."*

*"One particular problem is that, if a group of six people come in and one person in the party smokes, the whole group want to leave because that one person is prohibited from lighting up"*

### New York City's Smoking Ban Goes Up In Smoke In Astoria

*Many cafe owners and managers said they enforced the ban initially. But that lasted just a few months, as customers got upset or didn't come at all, reducing between 20 and 35 percent of total revenue, they said.*

Smoking ban may mean last call for bar

*That leaves going smoke-free or no longer serving food. Ronning did that for about two months when the ban first took effect – first going smoke-free, then closing his kitchen.*

*His business fell off about 30 percent – a drop he said is the difference between making it and going under.*

Ireland's smoking ban a disaster, says Irish trade leader

*The VFI's latest research up to September reveals that brewers sales volume to the on-trade are down 10 per cent, spirit sales have dropped by over 10 per cent and some pubs have already been forced to close because of loss of revenue.*

*He said: "Almost immediately there was a drop in the number of customers and the volume of sales. Customers are unhappy to be ostracised outside pubs. They are deciding not to drink at all or at home."*

Ireland's smoking ban shows results

*A survey for the Licensed Vintners Association (LVA), representing 750 pubs in Dublin, said compliance was excellent in the capital but sales are down by 16 percent.*

*It claims 2,000 full and part-time jobs are being lost in the Dublin pub trade alone.*

Madison offers some advice on smoking ban

*Two dozen tables sit unused in a darkened dining room of Pedro's Mexican Restaurant on Madison's north side.*

*Pedro's owner, Jim Martine, a Neenah native who learned the restaurant trade from his parents when they owned Martine's restaurant in Appleton, recalls weekends when 200 customers from nearby shopping centers would crowd the dining room, reserved for smokers.*

*However, he said since Madison passed an ordinance banning smoking in restaurant dining rooms in 2002, those customers have gone elsewhere, along with the jobs needed to serve those customers.*

A month later, smoking ban 'heavily' affecting bars, coffee shops and nightlife

*Anyone who goes round Paceville can see this, he said: people are spending more time outside the venues than inside and bar business has been seriously affected.*

Restaurateur says smoking ban has crippled business

*Rod Anderson said his 16,000-square-foot Hereford House has seen sales dip \$10,000 a week since a smoking ban took affect in Lawrence in July.*

*The staff has been cut by 16, to 74 people, to cut expenses. Receipts from tourists have dropped 40 percent. Bar business is down \$1,000 to \$1,500 daily.*

*"Happy hour, Friday nights, the place was packed," Anderson said of the restaurant's bar. "Now there's five people there."*

Smoking ban, less traffic grills Captain Ribman's Meat Market

*The Meat Market, 811 New Hampshire St., will close for good tomorrow.*

*The Meat Market is not the only establishment the ban has affected.*

*Tanner's Bar & Grill's sales have been down by 20 to 30 percent since the ban started, said Susan Wood, day manager at Tanner's, 1540 Wakarusa Drive. Tanner's has only*

*been open since September 2003, but Wood said she could tell a difference business.*

*"My bar used to be lined with smokers every lunch," Wood said.*

*Wood doesn't see those people anymore. The numbers have dropped and there's no other feasible cause, Wood said.*

#### Smoking Ban Impact

*Kacy's Sports Bar and Grill has room for 300 customers, but now, it's virtually empty.*

*Business is so bad at Kacy's, the manager is quitting for another job.*

#### The Story of Jimmy Mac's

Richard Naylor was one of the staunchest defenders of private property rights, and the right of a business man to run his business as he sees fit, in the entire state of NY. Although he won a court case fighting the ban, it was a Pyrrhic victory. The legal fees have cost him his business, which had operated profitably for 23 years.

Richard is a hard worker, a good business man, and a family man. I am disgusted to live in a state that treats men like him as if they were criminals.

#### Landmark Dublin cafes will close

*A Bewley's spokeswoman said Ireland's public smoking ban had also contributed, especially as a request for outside seating was rejected.*

*"People who used to come in for a coffee and a cigarette don't do that now," she told BBC News Online.*

#### Beer sales fall 6% in wake of smoking ban

*While volumes sold at the pump have decreased, sales of beer at off-licences have been climbing — up about 7% this year — as consumers switch to entertaining at home.*

#### Smoking Ban Takes Toll on High School Band

The Tates Creek High School Marching Band stands to lose about \$80,000 this year in bingo money.

"We're trying to supplement this with raffle ticket sales and candy sales, but \$80,000 is a large chunk of change," says Assistant Band Director Andy Critz.

#### Restaurant blames diminishing clientele, closure on smoking ban

*"If I had known I was going to lose my business I wouldn't have bought this home."*

*The elder Iamunno claims that the restaurant had done well for the first three years. But*

*when the statewide smoking ban snuffed out cigarettes in his bar area last October, 80 percent of his business went up in smoke, he said.*

#### Smoking Ban Is Killing Local Cafe Businesses

*My business is down 30 percent, I have had to restructure the working hours of my employees. I no longer need them to work as many hours, and never have to double up and have two bartenders a shift. We don't get enough customers.*

*I will be lucky if I break even this year.*

#### Ban goes up in puff of smoke

*A Birmingham pub that became the first in the city to go smoke-free has stubbed out the ban after just TWO weeks.*

*Bar staff at Bennetts put the ash trays back out this week after the move saw takings slump by a staggering 40 per cent.*

*"We really tried, but the place was practically empty and had no atmosphere. If people want a smoking ban, they have to get out and support it."*

#### Smuggling sees jobs going up in smoke

*...retailers in the UK nationally are on average losing almost £1,000 in sales every week to smuggling.*

*As a result, 28 per cent have considered cutting jobs and 25 per cent have been forced to make staff redundant.*

#### No puffs, fewer profits

*"The supposed groundswell of non-smokers that were going to come out of the woodwork to fill that gap haven't," said Doug Stephen, president of WOW Hospitality, which operates several restaurants in Winnipeg, including The Old Spaghetti Factory and Pasta la Vista.*

*...The province estimates its gambling profits will plunge more than \$27 million this year and continue to tumble the following year, thanks to smoking bans. That's a loss of about 10%.*

*VLT revenues have been down about 20% in Winnipeg and Brandon.*

#### Rebel Irish pubs flout smoking ban on the quiet

*Despite the threat of a £2,000 fine and possible loss of their licences, landlords, some of whom have suffered a 50 per cent drop in sales, quietly allow customers to smoke.*

*Survey indicates bars are hurting from smoking ban*

*The respondents claimed a loss of about \$2 million in gross sales during the first half of 2004, a 24.5 percent decrease from the previous year, and 611 lost full and part-time jobs.*

*Mr. Coon said 60 percent of the financial information he received from the bars came directly from their accounting firms, and the remainder came from bar owners.*

Bottom line on ban still money

*The Restaurant Association of Maryland surveyed 150 Montgomery eateries on the ban. Of the 25 respondents, 71 percent had to lay off employees or cut back employees' hours, said Melvin R. Thompson, the association's executive director.*

*The number of beer kegs sold in the 12 months since the ban took effect, compared with the year before, declined about 4.1 percent to 65,308, according to the county. Sales slipped to about \$4.3 million, a 1.76 percent drop from the year before.*

Smoking ban kicks habit out into public space

This side effect of smoking bans is always ignored by anti smoker forces, but it is a serious quality of life issue.

Note how the president of the Chamber of Commerce evaded the question about the ban's impact on business.

New noise plan silent on smoking law's impact

Not mentioned in the article: Mayor Bloomberg is making noise about forcing NYC bars to close at 1 A.M. because of the noise problem his ban created. Not only are they losing business because of the ban, now he wants to force them to close during their most profitable hours.

Remember when NYC was called Fun City?

Toledo smoking ban foes to withhold donations; health agencies are bar owners' target

*"I will back any individual that has cancer, but I will not donate to these third-party organizations that are lined up against us," added Mr. Delaney, who said he himself has skin cancer.*

*"I stopped giving to United Way in 1987 when the very first smoking ban went into effect, and I've urged restaurants to do the same," said Arnie Elzey, owner of Arnie's Eating and Drinking Saloon and another member of Citizens for Common Sense. "I was right. Here they are trying to put us out of business."*

*Officials from the health organizations responded with a written statement condemning the bar and restaurant owners' position.*

Smoking Ban Takes Toll on High School Band

*Jackpot Bingo leases its parlor to a dozen different non-profit groups on a regular basis. Those groups rely on bingo revenue as a main fundraiser. However, since the smoking ban went into effect last April, attendance at the bingos has dropped by more than 50 percent.*

*The Tates Creek High School Marching Band stands to lose about \$80,000 this year in bingo money.*

*"We're trying to supplement this with raffle ticket sales and candy sales, but \$80,000 is a large chunk of change," says Assistant Band Director Andy Critz.*

*If the band can't raise enough money to offset the loss, they may have to cancel some band trips or competitions.*

*N.Y.'s ban made my bar's profits go up in smoke*

*Now, I and my managers have not been paid for three months. We've gone without so that we could pay the bills. I've had to let go a third of my staff. And there's no explanation other than the smoking ban.*

*A friend in the travel industry told me she lost a \$100,000 tour from Germany when the smoking ban went into effect, as they refused to go someplace where they couldn't smoke.*

*Smoking ban 'hits Guinness sales'*

*Profits dropped, say bar owners*

*"It's definitely down. Just look around," said Gary M. Ziemba, the owner and sole occupant on a recent day at the Blue Room Cafe in Chicopee Falls.*

*Ziemba, who is running a business that has been in his family since 1936, said he believes sales have dropped by 25 percent from last summer's take.*

*"People are complaining about it. They're saying 'Why go out for a drink when I can buy a six-pack and sit at home?' It's really hurting us," she said.*

*Smoking ban enforcement fires up*

*In a news conference yesterday, Logan said the ban was "killing local restaurants" and announced that the Maxwell's on Waller Avenue will close Sept. 30 because of the effect of the smoking ban. That location has been open for 14 years.*

*Smoking ban causing despair, claims TD*

*Thousands of smokers are now cancelling weekends away to Galway or Kerry and looking abroad for their breaks. This is damaging to Irish tourism.*

*Owners of Anchor Inn say county smoking ban sunk business*

*Since the ban was implemented October 2003 by the Montgomery County Council, Scaggs said Anchor Inn suffered a 40 percent loss in Keno, beer, wine, liquor and food sales.*

*Prior to the ban, Scaggs had installed a \$350,000 ventilation system in the restaurant with air exchangers that took in smoke and replaced it with fresh air.*

Smoking ban put into effect one year ago

*Slauson said he hasn't seen anything like this drop in sales during the past 24 years that he's owned the business...*

*Administrator Richard Zurn said the smoking ban has cut bar business in half at the lodge.*

*"It's hurt our business tremendously," Zurn said Thursday. "It's way, way down..."*

*"Everybody smokes in a bar," he said. "If you don't want the smoke, don't work there."*

*Zurn said the ban has changed how people act in the bar, and he wasn't sure if "People used to come in and stay," he said. "Now they come in, have one beer, and leave."*

Statistics don't blow smoke: Minicasinios lose revenue

*Let me choose a real person for you at random. How about my waitress here in the Ripe Tomato Bar & Grill at the Grand Central Casino? Let me introduce you to Tracy Willows. She's one of the lucky ones.*

*The single mother of two young children, a former smoker, drives in from Enumclaw for the day shift. Before the smoking ban, she worked 38 hours a week - enough to qualify for the casino's medical and dental benefits - and walked away with \$75 a day in tips.*

*Since the ban started in January, the casino has had to slowly cut her hours to 21 per week, not enough to qualify for benefits. On a good day, she said, she'll make \$25 in tips.*

Inspector says he was told to falsify citations; supervisor denies allegation, blames miscommunication

*When I went there, there was nobody smoking. They had their signs up, and there were no ashtrays, so there was no violation," Mr. Carleski said.*

Sometimes a Cigar Is Just Illegal, G.O.P. Is Told

*Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg is under pressure to ensure that well-heeled cigar lovers are held to the same standards as those who prefer skinnier forms of tobacco. The mayor drew fire in January for attending a black-tie dinner at the St. Regis Hotel where Wall Street tycoons smoked cigars openly.*

## Secret Galas, Shrouded in Smoke

*Mayor Michael R. Bloomberg, who is vehemently anti-smoking, would not automatically disdain an invitation to Mr. Giuliani's party, said his press secretary, Edward Skyler. "He wouldn't not go on account of where it is being held."*

## Board denies smoking-ban waiver

*The business lost almost \$30,000 and 110 bowlers during the 32-week league season, according to a document submitted by Parkin's attorney, James Kerrigan. In the bowling alley's busiest months between January and May, Parkin saw a 14 percent decrease in activity comparing the same period in 2004 to 2003.*

## Bar owners challenge smoking ban in court

*Larry Clough, Colchester, says, "I'm down 2,500 bucks a week. That's \$125,000 a year, and I have no problem with a smoking law being enacted, it's just that it doesn't encompass everybody."*

*Many of the bar and pub owners, some who are going bankrupt, have pooled their money and hired an attorney even though they know it's an uphill battle.*

## Manitoba Smoking Ban Leads to Job Loss

*"Manitoba Lotteries Corp. will give severance packages to 269 workers — a move the corporation says is necessary because of Winnipeg's tough smoking ban.*

*"The ban is expected to drain at least \$50-million annually from the lottery corporation's coffers..."*

## Smoking Ban Leads to Layoffs

### In ashes?

*"...reports that takings have dropped by anywhere between 15 per cent and 50 per cent come as no surprise."*

*"It's a disaster, my trade is easily down 20 per cent," said Frank O'Connell who owns MacTurcaills, a pub in the centre of Dublin that was popular with tourists and locals alike."*

## Dublin hit by smoking ban

*"The research clearly proves that the Dublin pub trade is losing as much as 650 full time staff and 1,300 part time staff. Let's be clear about the real cost of the smoking ban — up to 2,000 jobs are being lost."*

## Smoking ban still inflames some

*Olszewski and other bar and restaurant owners said they hadn't seen an increase in people who said they were attracted by the fact that no smoking was allowed.*

*"It just hasn't happened," he said. "Anyone who thinks this isn't hurting business is wrong."*

Venues: Too early to rate smoking ban impact

*Berry said he is seeing an exodus of formerly loyal patrons to venues such as the American Legion, the local Elks club, and other private clubs that are exempt from the ban.*

Impact of Smoking bans on Dublin Pubs

*On average, Dublin pub sales down by 16%*

*Dublin pub employment levels down by 14% since introduction of Smoking Ban*

*The results clearly illustrate that 2000 full and part-time jobs are being lost in the Dublin pub trade alone*

Rebel Leader Against Ireland's Smoking Ban Shuts His Pub, May Sue Government

£20,000 blow for smoking ban pub

*"We were finding with big parties if a couple of people smoked they were not prepared to go outside for a cigarette, so we ended up losing a table of 20 people*

Vintners say smoking ban has cost 2,000 Dublin jobs

*The Licensed Vintners Association has claimed the workplace smoking ban has led directly to the loss of 2,000 jobs in Dublin.*

*The association, which represents publicans in Dublin, said pub sales were down by 16% since the ban was introduced on March 29.*

Fargo smoking ban debate is about business survival

*A Lakewood, Wash., casino (with restaurant and bar) has laid off 15 employees since the Tacoma-Pierce County Board of Health's new smoking regulations went into effect in earnest Feb. 26. Managers say they will lay off 40 to 50 more if the business slump, which they blame on the ban, continues.*

*"My tips have gone down from \$70 or \$80 a day to less than \$20," Tracy Willows said at the end of her shift, when she is shaking her head at the 20 bucks — if she's lucky — in her pocket and wondering if her pay will be enough to fill her gas tank, much less put food on the table or buy gym uniforms for her two kids.*

We are starving.

*...he recounted a conversation he had had with a woman who supports the ban gleefully, who quipped obliviously that "my hair doesn't stink, my clothes don't stink, and there's so much room at the bar."*

Restaurant smoking ban puffing along a year later

*Edna Hardwick, owner of Montgomery's, said she's never served liquor and doesn't think she should have to just to keep her 40-year-old eatery from closing. But most of her customers have flocked to other diners. "A year ago this place would have been full," Hardwick said, indicating the small lunch crowd. "Now we're operating in the red."*

Ireland Minister Reacts to Smoking in Pubs

*The owners of Fibber Magees, a pub on Eyre Square in this nightlife-rich western city, says its business is off by two-thirds because of the smoking ban.*

*This week, owners Ciaran Levanzin and Ronan Lawless plunked ashtrays on upstairs tables and taped up a sign, "You are now entering a smoking area."*

*By text-message and telephone, frustrated smokers and others quickly spread the news of Fibber Magees' rebellion. By Tuesday night, and for the first time in months, the pub's upstairs room was packed and thick with smoke.*

Law has bar owners fuming

*The consequences, according to Toni Clifford, a bartender at Ace's, are already apparent. On a normal weekday afternoon, she used to take in at least \$30 in tips. Yesterday, she was hoping for \$5.*

Defiant pub flouts new Irish smoking ban

*The city centre pub in Galway, western Ireland, has seen its business drop by 60 percent since March when smoking in workplaces became illegal.*

Parties snuffed out

*"Where's all the non-smokers that said 'we can't go to the bar because there's smoking,'" she added.*

*"We stop the smoking — where are they?"*

Montgomery County restaurant, bar owners say smoking ban has hurt them

*"I've probably lost \$50,000 since October," Levy said. "Everyone is going to VFWs, lodges and country clubs," where smoking is permitted.*

Sign paper, light up. Smoking ban defied at bar

*Naylon said when smokers returned to Jimmy Mac's in April, its bar business increased*

*by \$25,000 from the previous month.*

Where there's no smoke ...

*Sales from the late-night crowd at Bogey's between 10 p.m. and midnight are down about 25 percent, primarily because of lower liquor sales, he said.*

Smoking ban, 1 year later

*"It has almost put me out of business. We are down about 45 percent for each month," Zook said. "Our food sales were 48 percent of our business. Now they are down to 10 percent. A lot of people who had drinks with lunch or dinner are not coming in now."*

*...The Ale House's food sales have rebounded and are up 6 percent over a year ago, but for the first five months of 2004 alcoholic beverages sales were down \$2 million compared with January through May of 2003, Reid said.*

The other outcome of the smoking ban

*The Web - a small tavern in Ogdensburg - will close its doors Saturday.*

*Owners Janet and Anthony Doerr say the smoking ban destroyed their business. Since it went into affect, the Doerrs says business has gone down hill.*

Village Inn seeks relief from ban

*He estimated that sales are off by as much as 37 percent in daytime business...*

*"Since I last appeared at a board meeting in July of 2003," he said, "the Village Inn has been forced to lay off six employees and my payroll has gone from \$47,000 to \$25,000 per month," he said.*

Closed For Good

*Most of the tickets — prompted by complaints from nightlife-hating neighbors — were for excessive noise inside or for "disorderly sidewalk" when smokers loitered outside. "Now 70 people are out of jobs," Ferraro said.*

Irish Pub Owners Call for Smoking Ban to Be Eased as Sales Drop

*Suppliers of drinks to Irish pubs have posted a decline in sales of between 15 percent and 25 percent...*

Lexington smoking ban blamed for decline in bingo revenues

*Lafayette's bingo also has been affected. On the third Saturday in May last year, Lafayette had 139 players at its bingo session and made \$2,219. This year, it had 104 players and raised \$65.*

Restaurants file to halt, repeal smoking ban

*Ratchman said business is up at Ratch and Deb 's. But he said his business 's gain is another 's loss. He said customers fleeing smoke-free establishments have flocked to his restaurant since the ban went into effect on April 19.*

*"I like to be busy, but I don 't like to take stuff from other people," Ratchman said.*

How to light up local nightlife again

*I talk with other service providers (food, alcohol, cleaning supplies, even state-sponsored "Quick Draw" gambling). When it comes to bars, restaurants and other businesses they serve, they all have the same story: Many have closed.*

Bar, tavern groups tout smoking ban study

*The study also found that businesses which supply and service bars have lost 2,650 jobs, \$50 million in earnings and \$71.5 million in gross state product.*

Group: Smoking ban hurts business

*A study released Tuesday by the New York Nightlife Association and the Empire State Restaurant and Tavern Association said the ban that went into effect in July has also led to \$28.5 million in lost wages and \$37 million in lost gross state product. Affiliated businesses lost another 650 jobs and \$56 million in wages and production, the study by Ridgewood Economic Associates said.*

Fayetteville Restaurant Owners Criticize Smoking Ban

*Casa Taco is one restaurant that recently closed its doors. The owner told 40/29's Melissa Kelly that the smoking ban smuffed out his sales.*

*"Sales dropped off dramatically," said Alex Hunt. "We lost our late-night business ... a lot of people come in after the bars close."*

*Along with Hunt, the owners of the Ozark Brewing Co. and Café Santa Fe said the smoking ban was a factor in their decisions to close.*

*Other restaurants, such as Hoffbrau, are taking a major hit.*

*"Our restaurant business is good, but we've lost 50 percent of our liquor sales," said manager Scott Mayes.*

Smoking ban hurts profits, bars say

*The ban, he said, is costing him \$70,000 a year in gross profit. "I'm making up some in food sales, but it will take me five years to get back to the profit margin I was making two years ago."*

*That loss is trickling down to his employees, he said. "It affects whether I can provide insurance and benefits to key employees," he said.*

Smoke-free move threatens diner

*Angelo Bazzoni said that after his Highway 17 eatery banned the weed on Jan. 1, business fell off by more than half and has yet to recover.*

Bar smoking ban: Air cleaner, business down

*They say customers disappeared when the law went into effect in January. The president of the Maine Restaurant Association says business is down by 30 percent at some establishments, especially those near New Hampshire, where tavern air retains its smoky haze.*

*"Business is off big-time," Dick Grotton said. "The law continues to be a source of extreme irritation."*

Businesses Look For Ways Around Smoking Ban

*Allen Gilbert owns Friends and Company. "We've lost a lot of our happy hour crowd. Since the smoking ban has gone into effect, we're down almost 30-percent."*

*The restaurant has experienced the lowest revenue in the last 19 months.*

Smoking ban hitting trade, claim vinters

*Figures from the Dublin trade clearly show that on average, pub revenues have been hit by between 12% and 15%*

Some Lexington bar owners say smoking ban hurting business

From the headline to the closing line, the bias in this article is incredible, and typical of the media. Still, it does contain some useful information.

Smoke-free fans never showed up

*Lisa Sorochan, an owner of the late, lamented Bacchus, says it was hurt badly when the city's smoking bylaw reduced business by about 50 per cent. The Bacchus opened in 2000. In its first two years, it regularly would close to its 275-person indoors capacity, Sorochan says. As business dwindled, you'd be lucky to find 60 patrons on hand. One estimate of the loss at the Bacchus is \$100,000.*

Taps for Union Colony Brewery

*Owner Larry Oyler said Greeley's smoking ban, enacted in December, was the crushing blow to the business that has slumped through a down economy since 2001.*

Business Shuts Doors Due To Smoking Ban

*Owners of Nicholson's Cigar Bar say it didn't make sense to operate a smoke-less cigar bar.*

Tougher smoking ban waiver

*The bar has been a family business for more than 30 years, and they've never had a problem until now. Business dropped drastically after the smoking ban went into effect last year. Kolor has even had to dip into her retirement money.*

Pipe Dreams

*"Santee Wright, the co-owner of Whiskey Ward on Essex Street, said she was battling a 30 to 40 percent drop in sales.*

*"I've had to lay three people off, starting with my doorman - my husband does it for free now," she said."*

Smoking ban a cancer on business, bar owners say

*"Our afternoon business is gone. We've lost quite a bit."*

*"Bar owners claim they are losing as much as 60 percent of their business as smokers flock to establishments where they can light up."*

*"Lora Wilson, owner of Mugsy's Cafe in Oakdale, said she is losing \$150 a day and is cutting back on shifts because she can't afford to pay her staff of four."*

Ban blamed for \$2.9-million cut in funding

*Communities across Manitoba are going to feel more economic fallout from smoking bans.*

*The bans are being blamed for a \$2.9 million cut to urban development initiatives in Winnipeg this year, such as housing and tourism projects.*

Jobs will go up in smoke with statewide smoking ban

*"For example, the Grand Central Casino in Lakewood reports that since the ban took effect in February, liquor sales are down 42 percent and food sales have dropped 25 percent. Fifteen employees have been laid off and another 40 to 50 jobs are in jeopardy."*

*"As one beleaguered casino employee asked the health department officials, "how many people have to lose their cars and their jobs and their homes before you see that trying to protect my health is endangering my livelihood?"*

Bar and restaurant owners plan to fight smoking ban

*Bar owners claim they are losing as much as 60 percent of their business as smokers flock to establishments where they can light up.*

Bar owners hope to fight smoking ban

*Since the beginning of April when the state ban on smoking in bars took effect, the bartender at the Brown Derby on Route 32 said her income has dropped by more than half.*

Smoking ban hurts track

*William Rickman Jr., president of Delaware Park, said the ban resulted in a \$36 million loss in gross revenues last year and about \$72 million throughout the state.*

Owner Closes {Tavern}, Blames Smoking Ban

Smoking ban burns businesses

*"This casino has laid off 15 employees since the Tacoma-Pierce County Board of Health's new smoking regulations went into effect in earnest Feb. 26. And managers say they will lay off 40 to 50 more if the business slump, which they blame on the ban, continues.*

*"My tips have gone down from \$70 or \$80 a day to less than \$20," Willows said."*

Counting the cost of New York's smoking ban

*"They said the ban would be good for business and for employees, yet my business is down and three good staff are out of work and unable to find another job. One big irony is that most of my staff are smokers, and now they're being protected from second-hand smoke."*

*The {The New York Nightlife Association} claims that 76% of 300 members surveyed about the ban said business had fallen by an average 30%.*

Smoking bans could snuff out small bars, eateries

*In New York City, where legislators are considering amendments to the smoking ban, 76 percent of bars and nightclubs experienced a 30 percent decline in business.*

Banning the ban on smoking

*It's worse at Tony's Sports Bar & Restaurant in Queens Village. "It killed our business," said owner Tony Narain. Within the past year, alcohol and beer sales have declined 70 percent, he said. "I'm losing money right now."*

All puffed up over cig law

*Bar owners and their patrons said the past 12 months have been an economic disaster: Bar stools and cash registers are empty, clubs break the law just to survive and smokers are pushed into the street to puff.*

*"New York City has gone from the city that never sleeps to Sleepy Hollow," said Tom Carrube, manager of Sharkey's Sports Bar and Grill on Staten Island. He estimates that revenue has plummeted 60% as regulars stay home or head to nearby New Jersey for a beer and a smoke.*

Oswego Co. grants four smoking ban waivers

Smoking ban hits businesses, charities

How are restaurants affected by smoking ordinance

Restaurants Blame Smoking Ban For Closings

Business goes away with smoke, some say

Smoking ban snuffs out some Indian River County businesses

Up in smoke?

Businesses with smoking-ban waivers waiting for rebound

Smoking ban may be hurting lotto sales

DBJ Confidential - Dallas Ban Costs Hotels a Million Dollars in Lost Revenue

Smoking ban may snuff out lodge

*A band was playing Friday Oct. 10, one day after the ban went into effect, and the no-smoking signs were posted. "[Customers] walked in and walked out," Radice remembered. "Everyone left and went into town and the remaining six non-smokers left because they were bored."*

*"The first weekend the band played for me and Steve," said bar manager Chrissy Seltzer of Poolesville. "It was horrible."*

Smoking ban hurts local business

Bar owners use occasion of big game to let rules go up in smoke

Smoking bylaw clears out curling club bar

Bylaw put me out of business, restaurant owner says

Pierce County Casinos Cry Foul Over Smoking Ban

Smoking ban taken out of the rule book at local sports grill

Tioga Health Board nixes *all* smoking ban waivers  
*Veterinarians* are among those deciding the fate of bar and restaurant owners.

Cold Weather Plus Smoking Ban Equals Bad Business, Tavern Owners Report

Hotel, Club Owner Turning To Internet To Net A Sale

Greeley bars say ban on smoking killing business

Another NYC bar closes

First smoking waiver goes to Cicero Bar

Smoking bylaw hurting business, says hotel owner

Anti-Smoker Activists resist any attempt at waivers.

Niagara County Bars experience 17% loss due to ban.

*Bars and restaurants in Niagara County estimate a 17 per cent loss of business is on the low end since the smoking ban went into effect. I'm told business at some establishments is down by 50 per cent and more.*

Restaurant smoking ban debate heats up

No Smoking? No Customers

Mattydale bar closes after smoking ban

Smoking Ban Kill's Local Tavern

Smoking Ban Waiver Debated

To smoke or not to smoke?

Attendance drops from 140 to 4

Bingo Game Shows a 61% drop In Income

Mills Calls for Repeal of Smoking Ban

NY smoking ban leads to job losses

Smoke-free bar bombs big

War on Smokers

Effects on Canadian Business

10,000 new workers scam

Yellowknife

<http://www.davehitt.com/facts/banlinks.html>

6/20/2005

Effects of ban in NYC

The Economics of Smoking Bans

NY Smokers going to NJ

Barkeeper blames ban for closure

Bingo Players Decry Smoking Ban

California Bar Owners Vow to Continue to Fight California Smoking Ban (1998)

Grand Prix De Trois-Rivières forced to end its racing activities

For Bart's, ban on smoking is a killer

Hazy Future With Smoking Ban

Smoking ban a drag for business owners

NYC busts shop owner for ashtray

Bingo Halls Want NYS To "Butt" Out

Bingo revenues go up in smoke

Why Big Pharma is behind many smoking bans

Restaurants may go up in smoke

Anti-Smoker movement attacking smokers in their homes

Ban on smoking cutting into business at area bingo parlors

Smoking ban has business fuming

Smoking Ban Puts Restaurant Profits Up In Smoke

Smoking bans cause huge drop in bar, restaurant sales

Smoking hearing snuffed

Cafe business up in smoke

The Economics of Smoking Bans

Man sued for smoking in his own back yard

Robert Wood Johnson Foundation Increases Funding for Attacks on Smokers

<http://www.davehitt.com/facts/banlinks.html>

6/20/2005

Want to see something really scary?

Physicians for a Smoke Free Canada advocate taking kids from smoking parents. (PDF file)

### Some opinion pieces:

Passive aggressive

Musician Joe Jackson debates with a nicotine nanny MD, and makes him look like a fool.

Give Them Liberty - To Smoke And Eat

*I've never smoked, but I hate this law. It's government overstepping its powers, and it can be cruel.*

Rage, rage against the dying of the lighters

*This has become a religion, you know, a crusade with all the shuddering hallmarks of zealotry crossed with pedantry — the theocracy of the Tobacco Taliban, the Rapture of the Righteous, the Passion of the Pious.*

Tyranny by bylaw blows, so do smoking Stalinists

*Bar owners who complain about an unequal playing field — that they would lose customers to establishments that permit smoking or that shelled out for soon-to-become-obsolete separately ventilated spaces — actually reinforce, with their whingeing, the inherent stupidity of the bylaw. What they're admitting is that, given a choice, smokers will vote to smoke, with their feet. (I don't mean they'll actually smoke with their feet, although I've seen people do this and it's a neat trick.)*

Tyranny of the majority: Smoking ban is just plain wrong

*The smoking ban grows out of an ever-expanding brand of idiocy; that one has a fundamental right to be free from inconvenience and offense. This insanity is patently un-American.*

Mike's run may go up in smoke

*New York does not want or need Nurse Ratched as mayor.*

Chris Riemenschneider: Smoking ban in clubs? Smoke this

Cruelty to Smokers

Desire vs. Rights

Smoking Ban Proposal is an Attack on Property Rights

They are using 'junk science' to bully us  
By Joe Jackson

Flying Fists and Cancer Sticks

I'm lighting up to fight city's anti-smoking gestapo

Health Czarina Rules from on High

Thank You for Not Drinking . . . In the Bar

Wanted: A Few Good Lawyers

Smokonomics

Post-Reductio America

A note from the person who founded Ban The Ban to fight the nannies in Washington  
D.C.

If you'd like to see an article added to this list, please send us the link.

© 2000 - 2004 Dave Hitt

[Home](#) | [Contact Us](#)