

Prevalence, compliance and support for smoking ban in Brazilian workplaces: ITC Brazil findings

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ITC is a longitudinal cohort survey coordinated by University of Waterloo in Canada and in Brazil by INCA and the Cancer Foundation. This research was designed to evaluate tobacco control measures, for example health warnings, tax and price policies, smoking cessation treatment and smoke free policies.

In Brazil, the research was conducted by telephone with 1,200 adult smokers and 600 adult non-smokers in three cities (Rio de Janeiro, Porto Alegre, and Sao Paulo), using a stratified random sampling design.

During the Wave 1 some Brazilian municipalities had local legislation prohibiting smoking in closed places. When the Wave 2 was conducted, a national smoke free law was in force, so we could verify if there were changes in smoker's behaviors in workplaces.

AIM

To examine the results from ITC Brazil Wave 1-2 Surveys regarding smoking behavior and perception in workplaces after its prohibition nationwide in 2011.

FINDINGS ON SMOKING BAN IN WORKPLACES

	ITC Surveys	Smokers	Non Smokers
Smoking is not allowed in any indoor area of workplaces	W1 (2009)	78%	79%
	W2 (2012-13)	85%	89%
Noticing smoking in indoors areas of workplaces in the last month	W1 (2009)	21%	23%
	W2 (2012-13)	17%	12%
Support for smoking bans in indoor workplaces	W1 (2009)	75%	85%
	W2 (2012-13)	80%	84%

CONCLUSIONS

- Regulation and enforcement for the smoking ban in workplaces are producing good advances, but it is strongly recommended that Brazil strengthens the smoke-free legislation through campaigns to employers and expand the inspection by sanitary surveillance local agencies.
- Observed smoking in the workplaces in the combined sample has remained relatively unchanged.



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