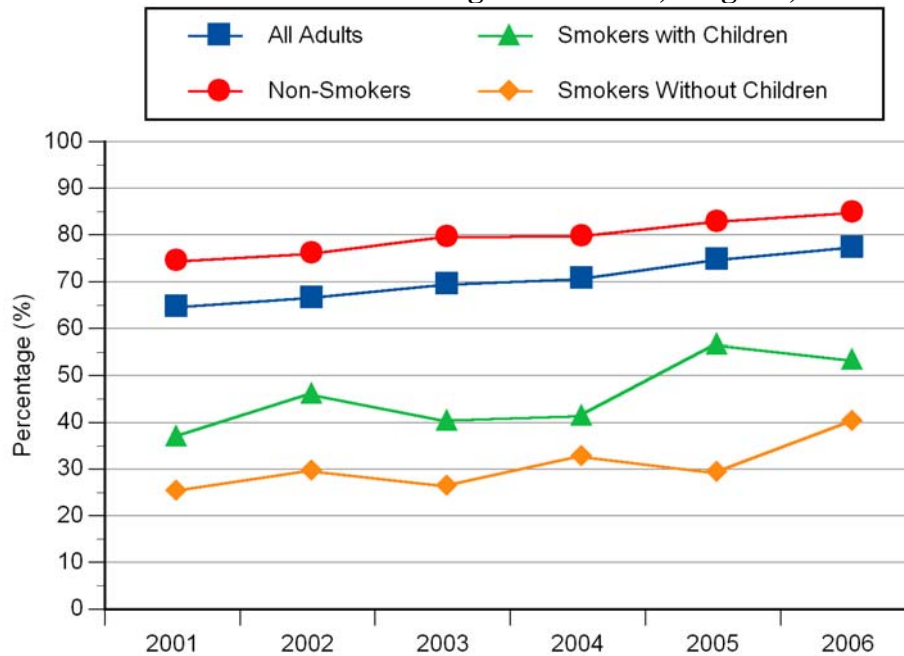


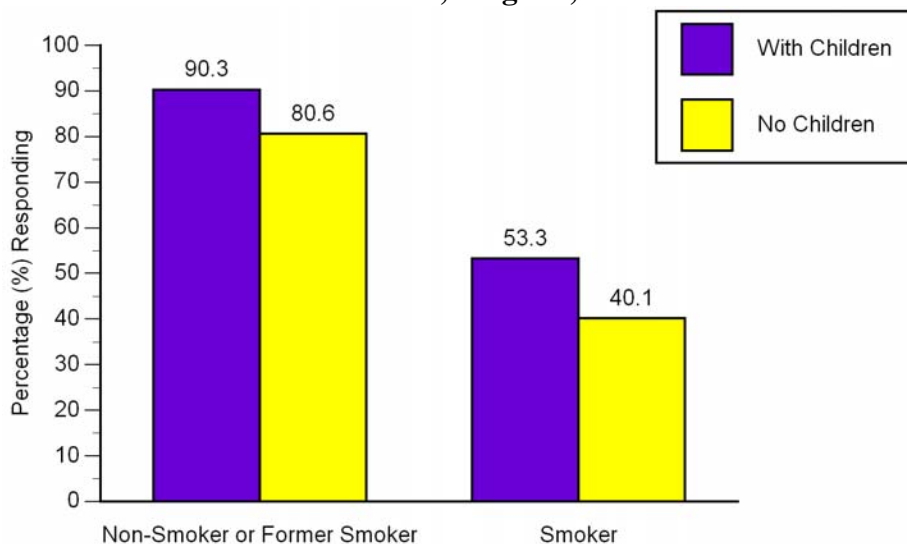
## SECONDHAND SMOKE IN THE HOME IN VIRGINIA

- According to 2006 state health behavior survey findings, three out of four (77.2%) adults did not allow smoking anywhere inside their home.<sup>1</sup> This is a significant increase from 2001 (64.5%) (Figure 1).
- The majority (84.7%) of non-smokers do not allow smoking in the home, and almost half (45.6%) of smokers do not allow smoking. Smokers who have children living in the home are more likely to ban smoking than smokers not living with children (Figure 2).

**Figure 1. Adults Who Do Not Allow Smoking in the Home, Virginia, 2001 through 2006**



**Figure 2. Adults Who Do Not Allow Smoking in the Home, By Smoker Status and Presence of Children, Virginia, 2006**

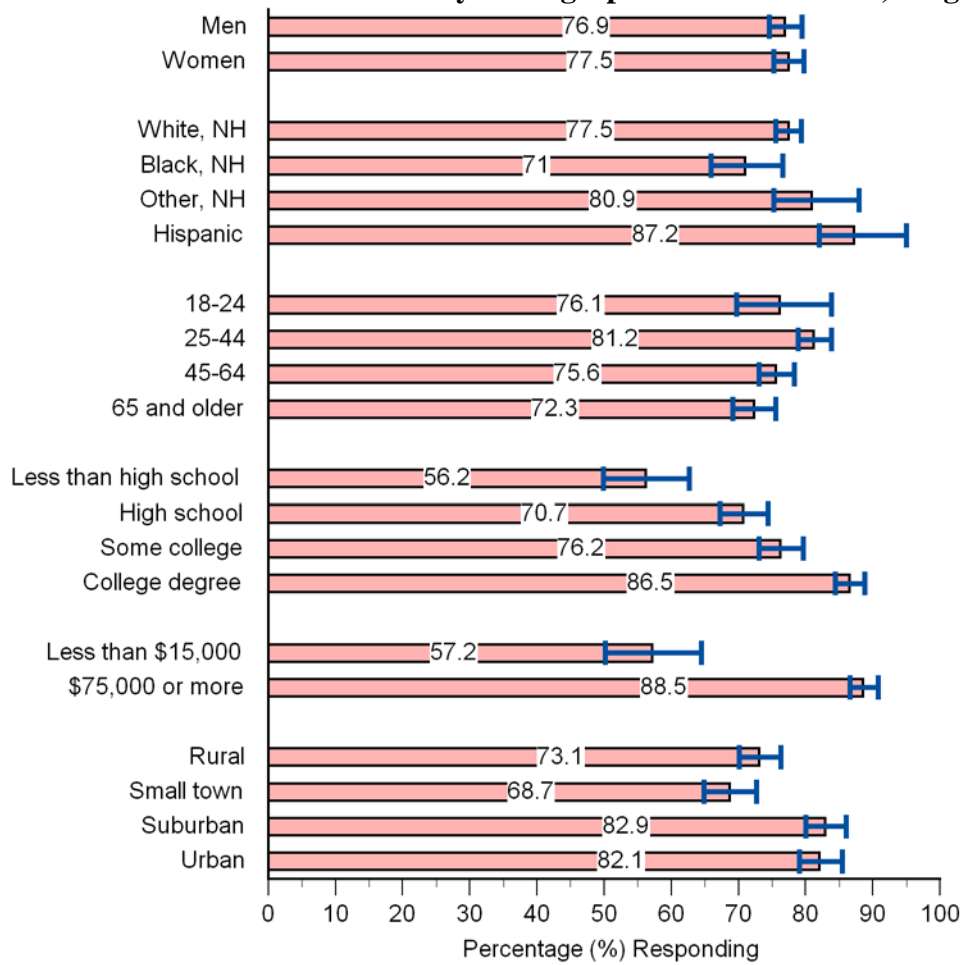


**Who Is Less Likely to Allow Smoking in Their Home**

Looking at 2006 survey data<sup>2</sup>, the findings indicate that the following groups are less likely to live in smoke-free households (see Figure 3 – 95% confidence intervals are displayed):

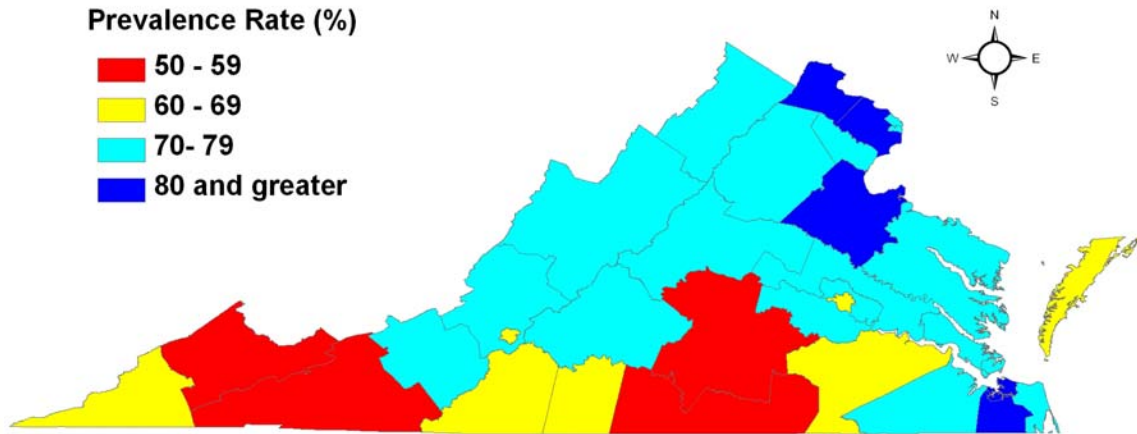
- Blacks
- Adults 45 years and older
- Adults with fewer years of education
- Adults who make less income
- Residents of rural and small town communities
- Adults with no children living in the home (see previous figures)

**Figure 3. Smoke-Free Rules in the Home by Demographic Characteristics, Virginia, 2006**



Certain areas—for example, Southwest Virginia-- have much lower rates of residents not allowing smoking anywhere in their homes (Figure 4).<sup>2</sup> Rates range from 52.6 percent in Mount Rogers Health District to 87.1 percent in Fairfax Health District.

**Figure 4. Smoke-Free Rules in the Home by Health District, Virginia, 2005-2006**



Source: Virginia Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System.  
Percentages are weighted according to population characteristics.

<sup>1</sup> Source: Virginia Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System. Percentages are population-weighted. The survey respondent was asked “which best describes the rules about smoking inside your home?: not allowed anywhere inside your home, allowed in some places or at some times, allowed anywhere, or there are no rules.” Having a smoke-free rule is defined as not allowing smoking anywhere inside the home.

<sup>2</sup> Source: Virginia Behavioral Risk Factor Surveillance System. 95% confidence intervals are reported.