

Regional Housing Survey - Fall 2008

Status of No-Smoking Rules among Member Agencies of the NAHRO Pacific Northwest Regional Council

Background:

The Regional Housing Survey was designed to capture the current status of no-smoking rules among members of the PNRC-NAHRO, to assess trends and to identify those who would like support from local public health partners in adopting no-smoking policies.

Results:

Of the 85 PNRC member agencies, 33 (38.8%) completed the online survey between 10/13/08 and 11/10/08. This included one agency in Alaska, three in Idaho, ten in Oregon, and twenty in Washington, representing a total of 42,112 residential units.

Of the 33 respondents, 63.6% have adopted no-smoking rules on at one least property.

The summary below was published in the February 2009 edition of the PNRC Regional Council News (http://www.pnrcnahro.org/newsletters/news_feb2009.pdf).

At least 21 PNRC member agencies have adopted NO-SMOKING rules on one or more properties*

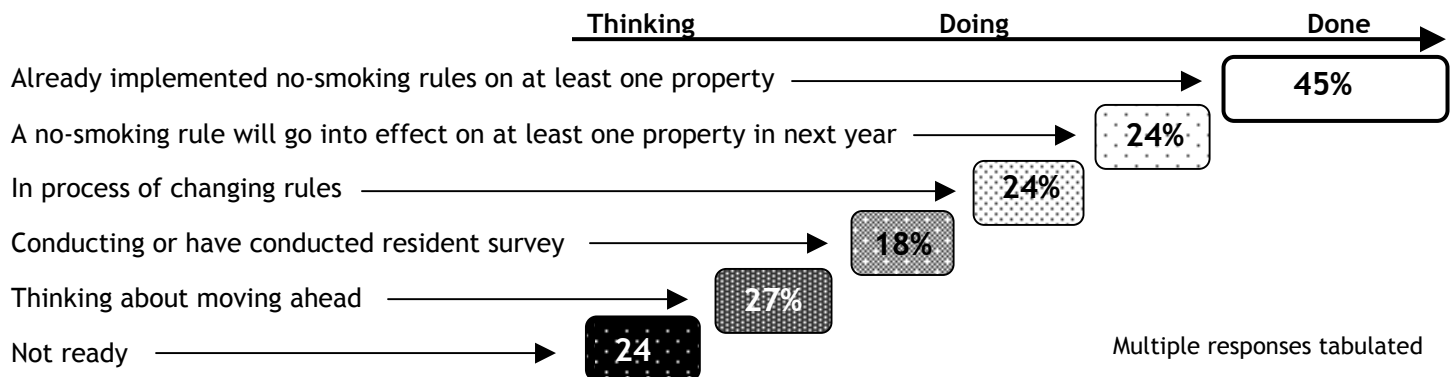
The number of units COVERED by rules that prohibit smoking:

- 2080 units: Everywhere inside the buildings including units and common areas
- 770 units: Inside the buildings plus anywhere outside such as on patios, porches or within a specified distance
- 924 units: Everywhere on the property, indoors and outdoors

TRENDS toward adopting no-smoking rules:

- 47% say they have increased the number of rental units covered by no-smoking rules in the past few years
- 67% say they expect the number of rental units covered by no-smoking rules to increase in next few years

Where PNRC members are IN THE PROCESS of adopting no-smoking rules:



*33 agencies completed the survey 10/08 - Conducted by Health In Sight LLC for the Oregon Tobacco Prevention & Education Program