

# Pennsylvania's Clean Indoor Air Act (CIAA)



Exemptions to the CIAA represent a significant threat to the health of patrons and employees of the hospitality and gaming industries in PA. The literature demonstrates that **clean indoor legislation does not hurt business revenues or employment.**



A study of Pennsylvania's CIAA found **no negative economic impact** on restaurants' and bars' sales, and exemptions for drinking establishments did not increase sales. Research on other states' clean indoor air legislation has also found no negative impact on bar and restaurant sales or employment.



A study of air quality before and after the CIAA found that indoor **air pollution levels dropped by almost 90 percent.** Studies in other states corroborate these findings and demonstrate the difference in air quality between smoke-free venues and exempted venues, such as casinos.



The American Lung Association estimates **smoke-free air will save 52 hospitality workers' lives per year in Pennsylvania.**



Numerous studies have demonstrated improvements in health following the implementation of clean indoor air laws, including **reductions in lung- and heart-related symptoms such as asthma and heart attacks.**

## EXEMPT VENUES

- Full services truck stops
- Tobacco shops
- Tobacco manufacturers, wholesalers, and importers
- Private clubs
- Cigar bars
- Drinking establishments, including restaurants where food accounts for 20% or less of revenues
- 25% of a casino's gaming floor
- And others...

**RECOMMENDATION: Eliminate all exemptions from the Clean Indoor Air Act. Exemptions harm workers and patrons while burdening government-sponsored healthcare; they do not increase revenues or employment.**

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# Pennsylvania Clean Indoor Air Act's Application-Based Exceptions\*

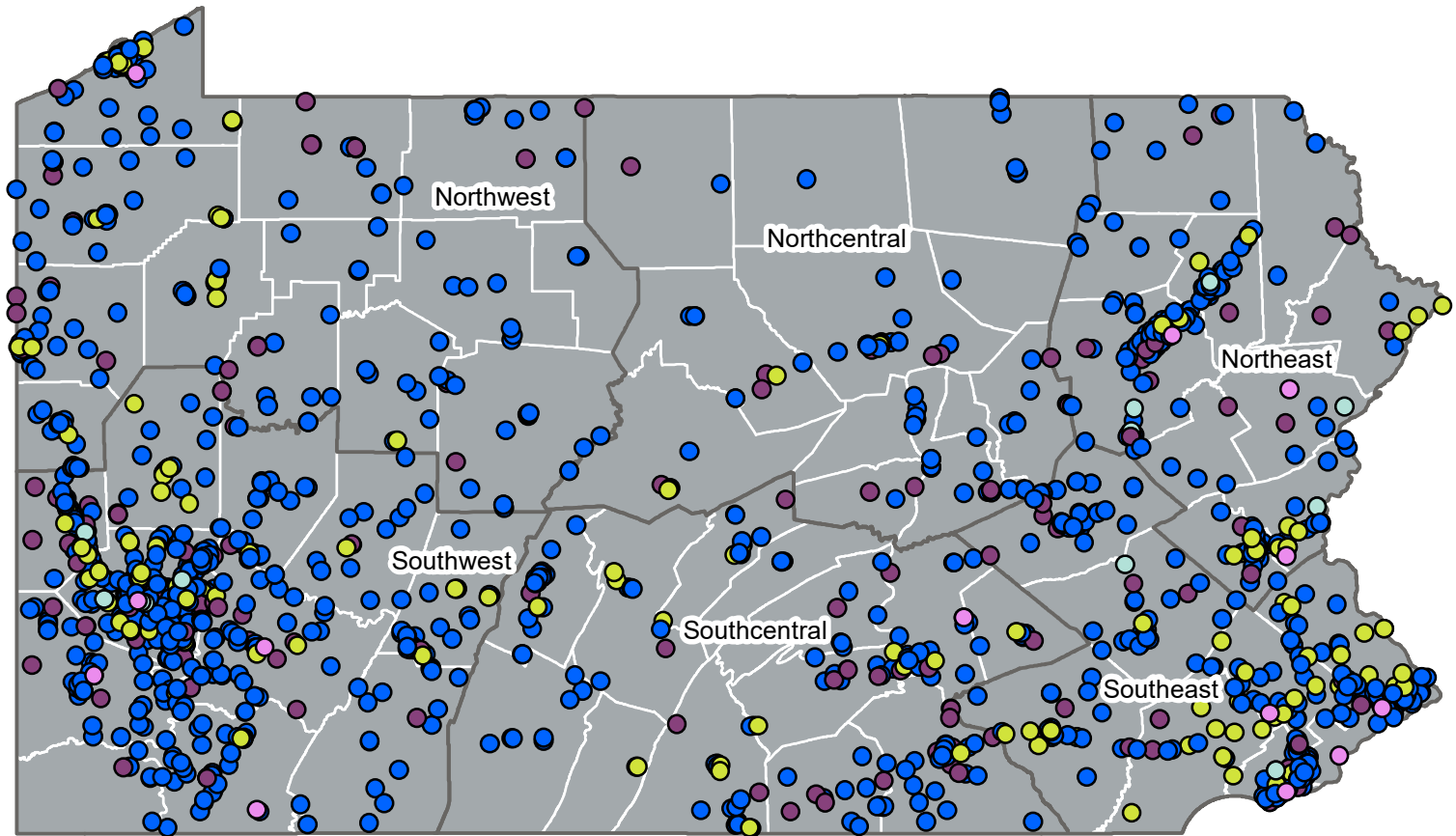
Where are Pennsylvanians still exposed to smoke in the workplace?  
*In 1,700 exempt venues throughout the state...*

## Exempt Venues

- Casino
- Cigar Bar
- Tobacco Shop
- Bar (Type I)
- Bar Attached to Restaurant (Type II)

\* Data are recent as of December 2020. Application-based exceptions are included here, in addition to casinos. All Pennsylvania casinos have provided "proof of hardship" to receive exempt status. Additional venues that are exempt from the Act by definition (e.g. private clubs) are excluded.

- Health District Boundaries
- Counties



The Southwest district has the most exempt venues (n=662), with more than double that of any other health district.

Notes: Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, casinos became temporarily smoke-free as of June 2020, and were still smoke-free at the time this map was produced. They are included on the map due to their typical status under CIIA. Other venues may also have altered smoking rules during the COVID-19 pandemic.

Venues with unrecognized addresses have approximate locations based on nearby intersections when possible. 100% of venues statewide have been mapped. Symbols of neighboring venues may overlap. Philadelphia County has a separate clean air law; only its casino is included here. Visit [www.pactonline.org](http://www.pactonline.org) for more information on Pennsylvania's 2008 Clean Indoor Air Act (CIIA).

Sources: Pennsylvania Department of Health and Pennsylvania Gaming Control Board.  
Map Produced: December 2020