

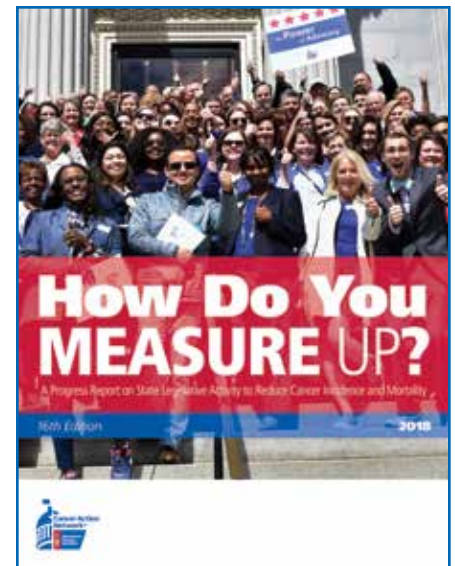
# MONTANA

## How Does Your State Measure Up?

The 16th edition of How Do You Measure Up?, along with this one-page summary, illustrates how your state stands on issues that play a critical role in reducing cancer incidence and death. The goal of every state should be to achieve “green” in each policy area delineated in the report. By implementing the solutions set forth in the report, state legislators have a unique opportunity to save lives, save money and fight back against cancer. How does your state measure up?

To read this report online, please go to: [www.acscan.org/measure](http://www.acscan.org/measure)

**Number of Areas that Met Green Benchmarks: 3 of 9**



### Performance Area

- G** Green represents a state has adopted evidence-based policies and best practices
- Y** Yellow indicates moderate movement toward the benchmark
- R** Red shows where states are falling short

### Access to Care

State Decisions on Increasing Access to Health Care Through Medicaid Up to 138% FPL

- G** State has broadened Medicaid eligibility, covering individuals under 138% FPL

State Appropriations for Breast and Cervical Cancer Screening Program - Fiscal Year 2017-2018

- R** State appropriations for the program are less than 33% of the CDC award – 23% of the CDC award

### Quality of Life

Establishing a Palliative Statewide Expert Advisory Council

- G** Passed ACS CAN model legislation or similar legislation with main components of model legislation

2018 Pain Policy in the States

- R** Below 50% match to model policy

### Prevention

2018 State Cigarette Excise Tax Rates, \$1.70 per pack

- Y** Between \$0.88 and \$1.75 per pack (the national average)

Smoke-free Legislation at the State Level

- G** 100% smoke-free in non-hospitality workplaces, restaurants and bars

Fiscal Year 2018 State Funding for Tobacco Control, \$5.2 million annually – 35.8% of CDC recommended spending

- Y** 25-49.9% of the CDC recommended funding level

Medicaid Coverage of Tobacco Cessation Treatments (Traditional Medicaid)

- Y** At least 1 type of counseling (individual, group, or telephone) and at least 1 FDA-approved tobacco cessation medication covered for all enrollees

State Laws Prohibiting Minors from Using Tanning Devices

- R** There are currently no state laws regarding tanning by minors that meet ACS CAN's recommended legislative policy guidelines

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## ACS CAN

ACS CAN, the nonprofit, nonpartisan advocacy affiliate of the American Cancer Society, supports evidence-based policy and legislative solutions designed to eliminate cancer as a major health problem. ACS CAN works to encourage elected officials and candidates to make cancer a top national priority. ACS CAN gives ordinary people extraordinary power to fight cancer with the training and tools they need to make their voices heard. For more information, visit [www.acscan.org](http://www.acscan.org).

## BLUEPRINT FOR LEGISLATORS

For the sixteenth year, ACS CAN has published a blueprint for state legislators on how to save more lives from cancer. Framed entirely on evidence-based policy approaches, How Do You Measure Up? provides an outline of what states can do to reduce the cancer burden and provides a snapshot of how states are progressing on critical public health measures.

## HANGING IN THE BALANCE

This year's report includes a special section that will become a reoccurring feature of the How Do You Measure Up? Report. The new "Hanging in the Balance" section will shed light on a timely topic each year. This year the section details how policies aimed at combatting opioid addiction in Montana impact cancer patients and survivors' access to pain treatment. View the pain report card online: [www.acscan.org/painreportcard](http://www.acscan.org/painreportcard).

## CALL TO ACTION

The data in this year's edition of How Do You Measure Up? show that there is still much public policy work to be done to achieve our mission of eliminating suffering and death from cancer. It is estimated that nearly 1.7 million people in the United States will be diagnosed with cancer in 2018 and more than 600,000 people will die from the disease this year alone. ACS CAN is dedicated to ensuring that lawmakers enact state health policies that help prevent cancer and save lives.

In many cases, it costs the state little or nothing to do the right thing. In most cases, these solutions will save the state millions and perhaps billions of dollars in health care costs and increased worker productivity. If you want to learn more about ACS CAN's programs or inquire about a topic not covered in this report, please contact the ACS CAN State and Local Campaigns team at [measure@cancer.org](mailto:measure@cancer.org). You can also visit us online at [www.acscan.org](http://www.acscan.org).