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# & AIR QUALITY WORKFORCE

## AT THE SMOKE-FREE PALACE CASINO

### The Palace Casino

GROWTH TWO YEARS AFTER IMPLEMENTING A SMOKE-FREE POLICY

The Palace Casino in Biloxi implemented a smoke-free policy when it reopened on June 14, 2011. The casino voluntarily prohibited smoking inside all of the casino facility, with the exception of a smoking lounge located off of the casino floor. The purpose of this brief is to summarize the available data about the potential economic impact of this new policy.

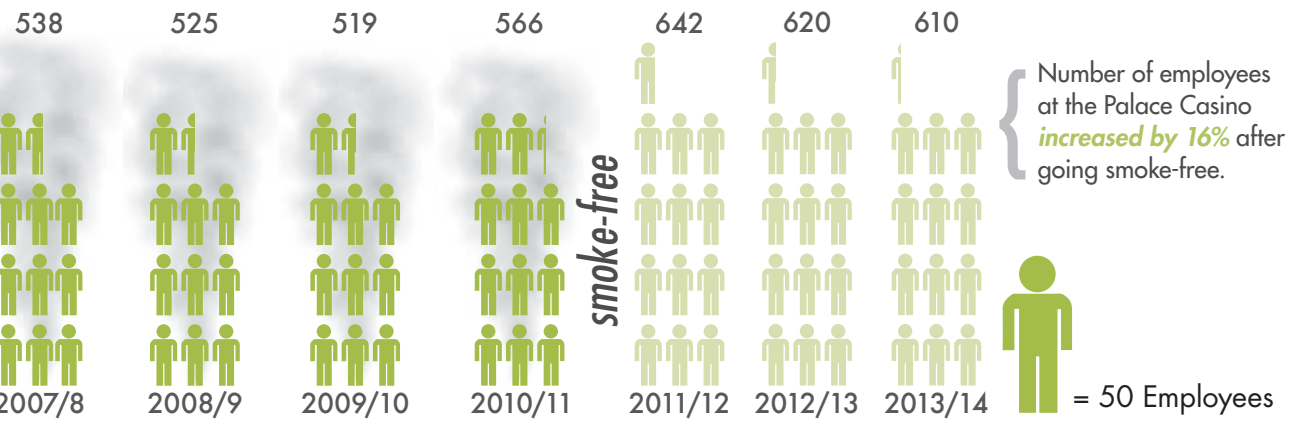
The Mississippi Gaming Commission releases quarterly reports that provide data on all of the non-reservation casinos. Although these reports do not release revenue data, the commission does release data on the number of employees, number of slot games,

and number of table games for each casino. This brief examines these data for the Palace Casino, in the context of the Coastal Region Casinos.

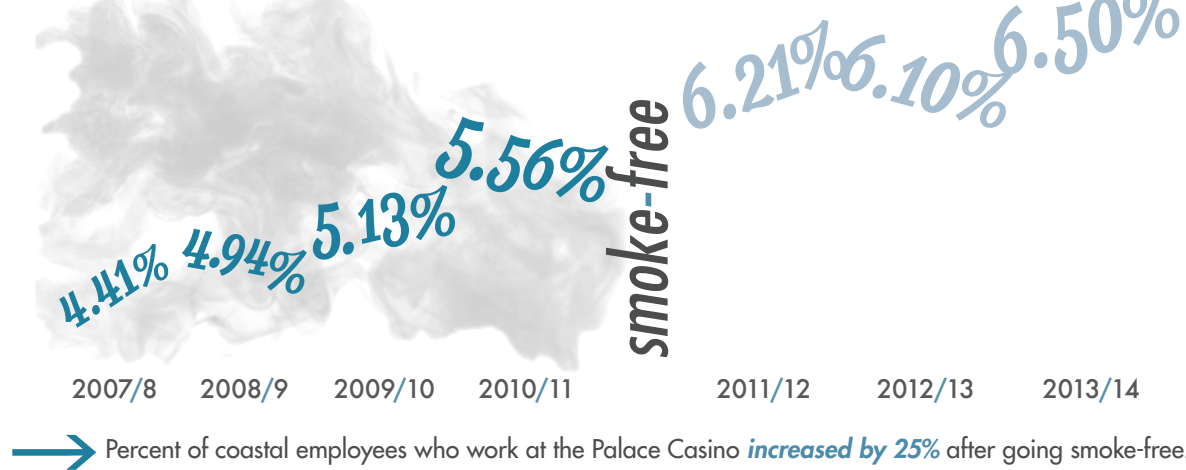
#### COASTAL REGION CASINOS

1. Beau Rivage
2. Boomtown
3. Grand Casino
4. Hard Rock Casino
5. Hollywood Casino
6. Imperial Palace
7. Island View Casino
8. Isle of Capri
9. Palace Casino
10. Sliver Slipper
11. Treasure Bay

#### NUMBER OF EMPLOYEES AT THE PALACE CASINO



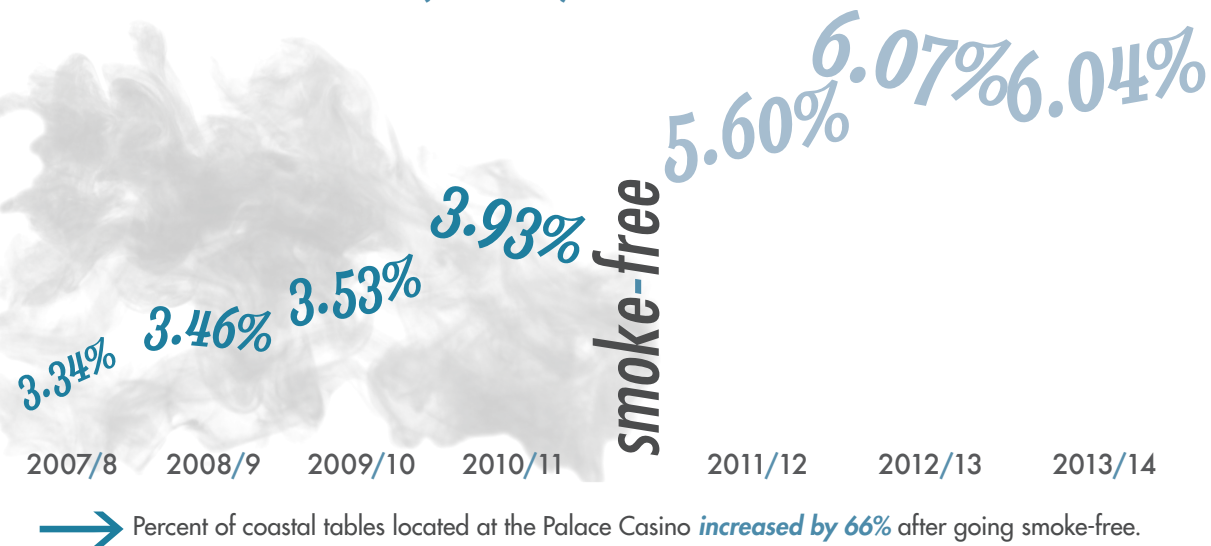
#### PERCENT OF TOTAL (COASTAL) EMPLOYEES AT THE PALACE CASINO



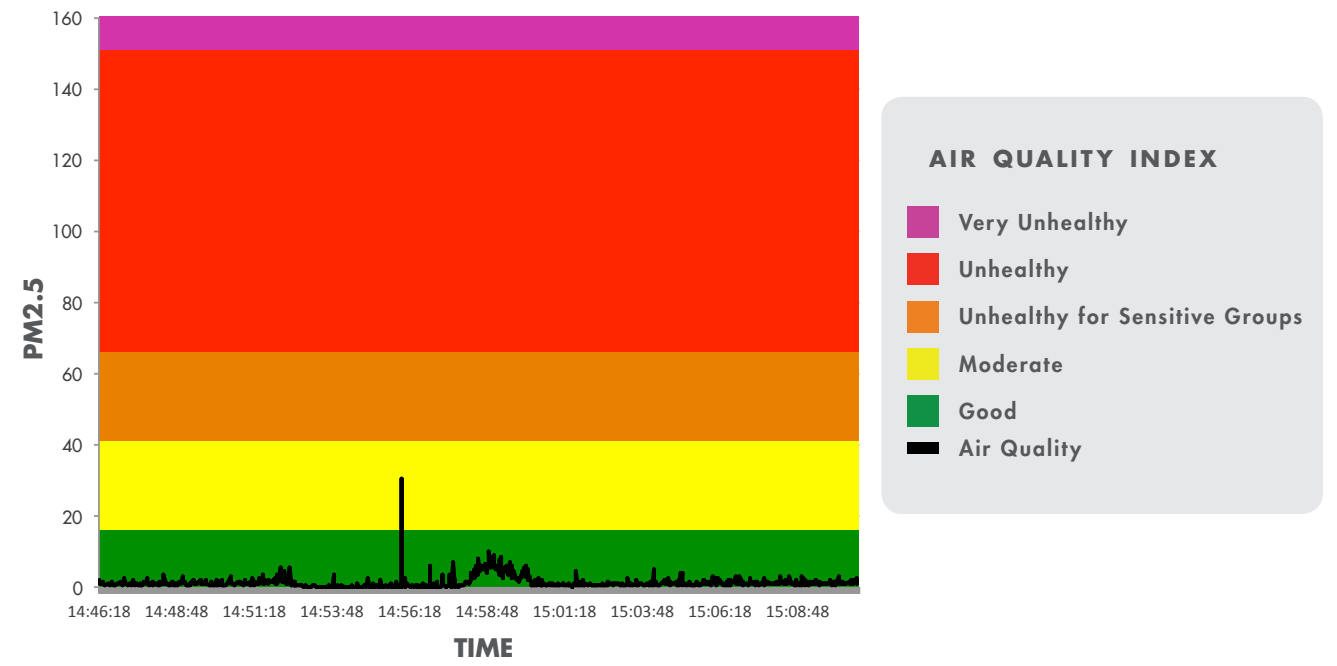
#### NUMBER OF TABLES AT THE PALACE CASINO



#### PERCENT OF TOTAL (COASTAL) TABLES AT THE PALACE CASINO



#### SMOKE-FREE | PALACE CASINO

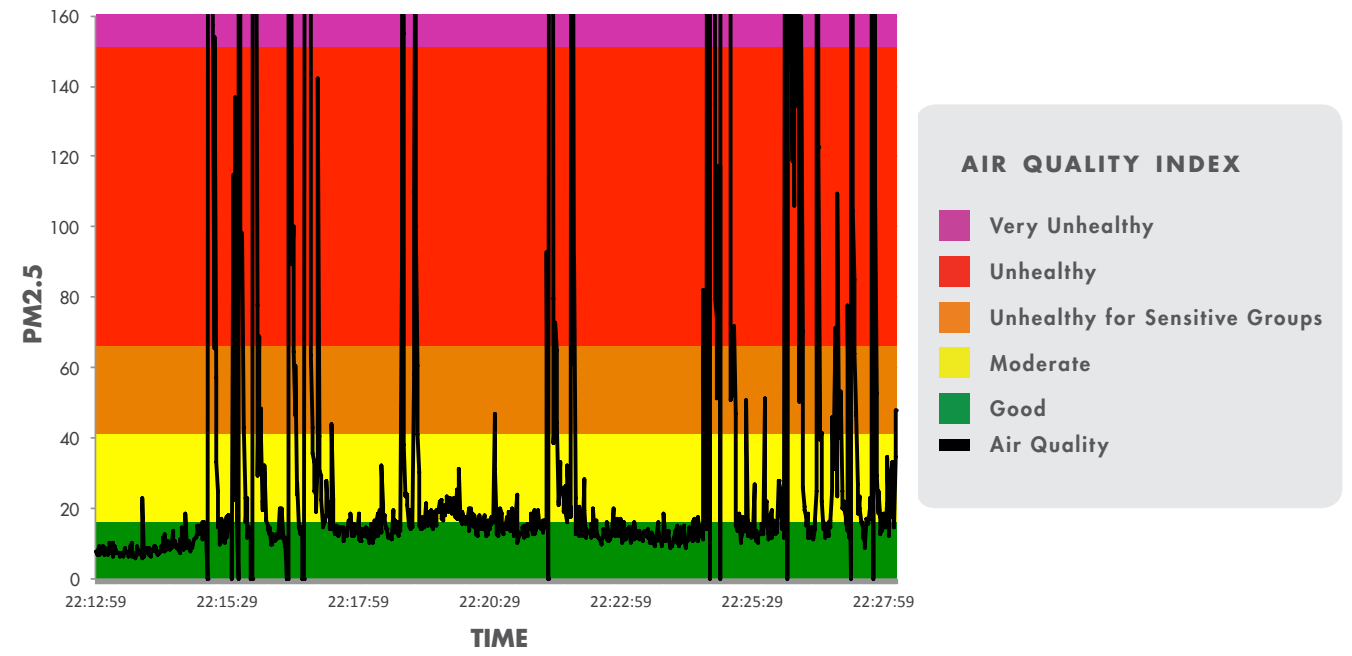


PM2.5 = 1.3 µg/m3

This PM2.5 level is within the current U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's threshold for **Good Air Quality**.

→ venue 30

#### SMOKING ALLOWED | BILOXI CASINO

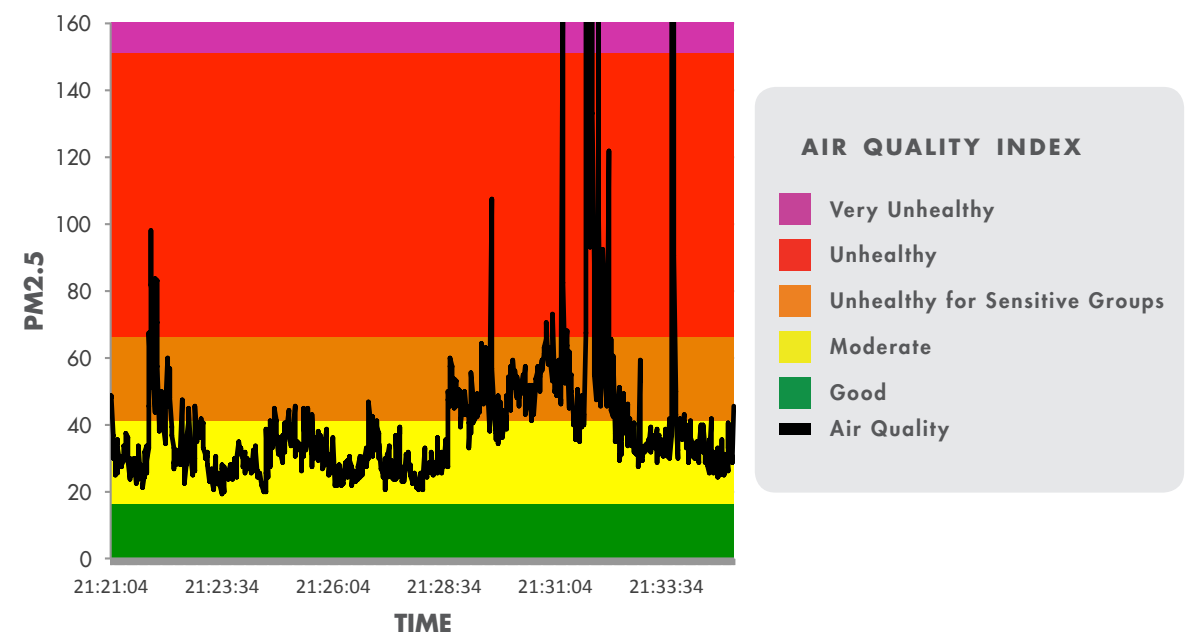


PM2.5 = 57.9 µg/m3

This PM2.5 level exceeds the current U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's threshold for **Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups Air Quality**.

→ venue 29

#### SMOKING ALLOWED | BILOXI CASINO



PM2.5 = 44.9 µg/m3

This PM2.5 level exceeds the current U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's threshold for **Unhealthy for Sensitive Groups Air Quality**.

→ venue 28