

ABSTRACT: ANNUAL SYNAR REPORT

Purpose of Synar Survey: To randomly survey licensed tobacco retailers across North Dakota checking compliance with laws that prohibit the sale of tobacco products to minors. ***This is not an enforcement activity;*** it is a check on compliance.

of Years Synar Survey Has Been Conducted: 14

Who Has to Comply with Synar: All 50 States and 9 Jurisdictions

Table 1. Summary of Results, 2005-2009

	2010	2009	2008	2007	2006	2005
Tobacco Retailer Violation Rate	9.5%	6.1%	1.7%	5.8%	8.1%	7.8%
# of Attempts by Minors to Purchase Tobacco	231	180	239	277	221	219
# of Successful Attempts by Minors to Purchase Tobacco	22	11	4	16	18	17
# of Counties in which Successful Attempts Were Made	15	8	3	10	14	13

Table 2. Successful Attempts by Minors to Purchase Tobacco by Location, 2007-2009

Location	2010	2009	2008	2007
Western North Dakota	4	4	4	4
Eastern North Dakota	18	7	0	12
Total	22	11	4	16

North Dakota

Noncompliance Rate in 1995: Over 50%

Noncompliance Rate in 2000: 11.8%

Noncompliance Rate in 2001: 16.8%

Noncompliance Rate for 2002-2010: Less than 10%

Nationwide

Noncompliance Rate prior to Implementation of Synar: 60-90%

Noncompliance Rate in 1997 (first year of Synar Survey): 40%

Noncompliance Rate in 2007: 10%

The Synar Amendment requires that States maintain a noncompliance rate at or below 20%, or they could lose up to 40% of SAPT Block Grant funding.

Since FFY 2006, all 50 States plus the District of Columbia have been in compliance with the Synar Amendment.

Amount of Block Grant Funding **ND** Receives: \$5.3 million