

ABSTRACT: ANNUAL SYNAR REPORT FFY 2026

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: 29

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

Table 1. Summary of Results, 2012-2025

	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Tobacco Retailer Violation Rate	8.6%	16.6%	14.4%	18.8%	14.9%	5.7%	5.3%	8.8%	7.5%	3.5%	17.9%	10.8%	14.0%	9.3%
Weighted Tobacco Retailer Violation Rate	8.5%	16.8%	14.4%	18.9%	15.0%	5.7%	5.4%	8.8%	7.7%	3.4%	17.8%	10.8%	14.1%	9.3%
# of Attempts by Minors to Purchase Tobacco	373	361	402	404	208	209	206	205	107	315	252	269	215	227
# of Successful Attempts by Minors to Purchase Tobacco	32	60	58	76	31	12	11	18	8	11	45	29	30	21
# of Counties in which Successful Attempts Were Made	23	33	27	36	19	8	11	12	6	5	24	17	17	11

Table 2. Successful Attempts by Minors to Purchase Tobacco by Location, 2012-2025

Location	2025	2024	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Western North Dakota	7	24	29	42	14	3	7	7	4	1	16	10	18	13
Eastern North Dakota	25	36	29	34	17	9	4	11	4	10	29	19	12	8
Total	23	60	58	76	31	12	11	18	8	11	45	29	30	21

The Synar Amendment requires that States maintain a noncompliance rate at or below 20%, or they could lose up to 10% of SUPTRS 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: \$7 million (approx.)