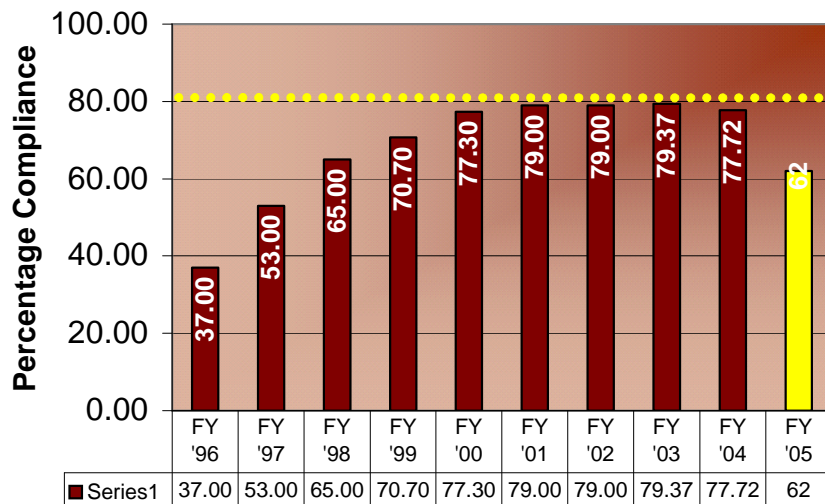


Fast facts about Synar Compliance in Kansas

Kansas Retailer Compliance



- ❖ Kansas was for the first time declared out of compliance with Synar regulations in April 2005.
- ❖ Governor Sebelius certified that the State will select the alternative option penalty under Section 214 of the Consolidated Appropriations Act, 2005. The State will obligate \$2,227,097 by July 31, 2005, to address youth access to tobacco.
- ❖ The Kansas Department of Social and Rehabilitation Services has certified the full amount of the penalty to be spent over the next two fiscal years. The obligation will come from the Social Welfare fee fund, a special revenue source from which the majority is generally spent on direct client services through SRS.
- ❖ Short-term planning and coordination is in progress to provide retailer educational materials, mobilize coalitions, and employ mass media strategies to increase public awareness as inspections continue this fiscal year.
- ❖ Long-term planning and systems development will be the focus of a state level Synar Advisory Group.
- ❖ Sustainable strategies will be identified and implemented to ensure a comprehensive Synar program that will decrease access to tobacco by Kansas youth.

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Fast facts about Youth Access to Tobacco in Kansas

- ❖ There are 3,082 tobacco vendors licensed by the State of Kansas.
- ❖ Approximately 650 of the 3,082 licensed tobacco outlets are inspected on an annual basis across the state of Kansas.
 - Approximately one in every five retail outlets is inspected throughout the year as part of the Synar random sampling process.
- ❖ A large majority of Kansas retailers are conscientious in checking IDs for underage tobacco purchasers.
 - Of 1,205 inspections conducted by ABC from July 2002 to December 2004, 81.% of clerks checked the ID of the underage cooperating individual (UCI).
 - **85% of those clerks who checked ID, did NOT sell to the minor.**
 - 19% of clerks did NOT check ID
 - **Of the 228 clerks who did not check the ID, 93.4% sold to the minor.**

Data Source: KS Department of Revenue, Alcoholic Beverage Control
Synar Inspection Data

- ❖ 26.4% of high school-aged kids in Kansas who currently smoke usually obtain cigarettes in a store.
- ❖ 63.9% of high school-aged kids in Kansas who currently smoke usually obtain cigarettes from social sources (such as older friends, borrowing or from family members).
- ❖ Kansas kids who smoke report that they most recently (in the past 30 days) purchased cigarettes in a gas station (58%) or convenience store (15.8%).
- ❖ Of high school students who currently smoke, only 53% report that they were asked to provide proof of age when attempting to purchase cigarettes from a store.
- ❖ 62.1% of Kansas kids under the age of 17 who are smokers were able to purchase cigarettes illegally from Kansas retail outlets.

Data Source: Kansas Department of Health and Environment
Statewide Youth Tobacco Survey, 2002

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