

# **ANNUAL SYNAR REPORT**

**42 U.S.C. 300x-26**

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**FFY 2020**

**State: RI**

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## INTRODUCTION

The Annual Synar Report (ASR) format provides the means for states to comply with the reporting provisions of the Public Health Service Act (42 U.S.C. 300x-26) and the Tobacco Regulation for the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant (SABG) (45 C.F.R. 96.130 (e)).

### **How the Synar report helps the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention**

In accordance with the tobacco regulations, states are required to provide detailed information on progress made in enforcing youth tobacco access laws (FFY 2019 Compliance Progress) and future plans to ensure compliance with the Synar requirements to reduce youth tobacco access rates (FFY 2020 Intended Use Plan). These data are required by 42 U.S.C. 300x-26 and will be used by the Secretary to evaluate state compliance with the statute. The information to be reported is public (45 CFR 96.130 (f)) and is not confidential. Part of the mission of the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) is to assist states<sup>1</sup> by supporting Synar activities and providing technical assistance helpful in determining the type of enforcement measures and control strategies that are most effective. This information is helpful to CSAP in improving technical assistance resources and expertise on enforcement efforts and tobacco control program support activities, including state Synar program support services, through an enhanced technical assistance program involving conferences and workshops, development of training materials and guidance documents, and onsite technical assistance consultation.

### **How the Synar report can help states**

The information gathered for the Synar report can help states describe and analyze substate needs for program enhancements. These data can also be used to report to the state legislature and other state and local organizations on progress made to date in enforcing youth tobacco access laws when aggregated statistical data from state Synar reports can demonstrate to the Secretary the national progress in reducing youth tobacco access problems. This information will also provide Congress with a better understanding of state progress in implementing Synar, including state difficulties and successes in enforcing retailer compliance with youth tobacco access laws.

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<sup>1</sup>The term “state” is used to refer to all the states and territories required to comply with Synar as part of the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant Program requirements (42 U.S.C. 300x-64 and 45 C.F.R. 96.121).

## Getting assistance in completing the Synar report

If you have questions about programmatic issues, you may call CSAP's Division of State Programs at (240) 276-2550 and ask for your respective State Project Officer, or contact your State Project Officer directly by telephone or email. If you have questions about fiscal or grants management issues, you may call the Grants Management Officer, Office of Financial Resources, Division of Grants Management, at (240) 276-1422.

## Where and when to submit the Synar report

The ASR must be received by SAMHSA no later than December 31, 2019 and must be submitted in the format specified by these instructions. Use of the approved format will avoid delays in the review and approval process. The chief executive officer (or an authorized designee) of the applicant organization must sign page one of the ASR certifying that the state has complied with all reporting requirements.

The state must upload one copy of the ASR using the online WebBGAS (Block Grant Application System). In addition, the following items must be uploaded to WebBGAS:

- FFY 2020 Synar Survey Results: States that use the Synar Survey Estimation System (SSES) must upload one copy of *SSES Tables 1–8* (in Excel) to WebBGAS. **Please note that, beginning with the FFY 2019 ASR, SSES will generate Tables 6, 7, and 8, which are based on the optional microdata on product type, retail outlet type, and whether identification was requested. If your state does not submit these optional data, Tables 6, 7, and 8 will be blank. Tables 6, 7, and 8 are generated for the convenience of the state, and states are not required to submit completed versions of Tables 6, 7, or 8.** States that do not use SSES must upload one copy of ASR Forms 1, 4, and 5, and Forms 2 and 3, if applicable, (in Excel), as well as a database with the raw inspection data to WebBGAS.
- Synar Inspection Form: States must upload one blank copy of the inspection form used to record the result of each Synar inspection.
- Synar Inspection Protocol: States must upload a copy of the protocol used to train inspection teams on conducting and reporting the results of the Synar inspections. This document should be different than the Appendix C attached to the Annual Synar Report.
- A scanned copy of the signed Funding Agreements/Certifications

Each state SSA Director has been emailed a login ID and password to log onto the Synar section of the WebBGAS site.

## FFY 2020: FUNDING AGREEMENTS/CERTIFICATIONS

The following form must be signed by the Chief Executive Officer or an authorized designee and submitted with this application. Documentation authorizing a designee must be attached to the application.

### PUBLIC HEALTH SERVICES ACT AND SYNAR AMENDMENT

42 U.S.C. 300x-26 requires each state to submit an annual report of its progress in meeting the requirements of the Synar Amendment and its implementing regulation (45 C.F.R. 96.130) to the Secretary of the Department of Health and Human Services. By signing below, the chief executive officer (or an authorized designee) of the applicant organization certifies that the state has complied with these reporting requirements and the certifications as set forth below.

### SYNAR SURVEY SAMPLING METHODOLOGY

The state certifies that the Synar survey sampling methodology on file with the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention and submitted with the Annual Synar Report for FFY 2020 is up-to-date and approved by the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention.

### SYNAR SURVEY INSPECTION PROTOCOL

The state certifies that the Synar Survey Inspection Protocol on file with the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention and submitted with the Annual Synar Report for FFY 2020 is up-to-date and approved by the Center for Substance Abuse Prevention.

**State:** RI

**Name of Chief Executive Officer or Designee:** Rebecca Boss

**Signature of CEO or Designee:**



**Title:** Director, Rhode Island Department of Behavioral  
Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities and Hospitals

**Date Signed:**

11/18/18

**If signed by a designee, a copy of the designation must be attached.**

**SECTION I: FFY 2019 (Compliance Progress)****YOUTH ACCESS LAWS, ACTIVITIES, AND ENFORCEMENT**

42 U.S.C. 300x-26 requires the states to report information regarding the sale/distribution of tobacco products to individuals under age 18.

- 1. Please indicate any changes or additions to the state tobacco statute(s) relating to youth access since the last reporting year. If any changes were made to the state law(s) since the last reporting year, please upload a copy of the state law to WebBGAS. (see 42 U.S.C. 300x-26.)**

- a. Has there been a change in the minimum sale age for tobacco products?**

☐ Yes ☒ No

*If Yes, current minimum age:* ☐ 19 ☐ 20 ☐ 21 ☐ Other (Please specify.) \_\_\_\_\_

- b. Have there been any changes in state law that impact the state's protocol for conducting Synar inspections?**

☐ Yes ☒ No

*If Yes, indicate change. (Check all that apply.)*

- ☐ Changed to require that law enforcement conduct inspections of tobacco outlets  
☐ Changed to make it illegal for youth to possess, purchase or receive tobacco  
☐ Changed to require ID to purchase tobacco  
☐ Changed definition of tobacco products  
☐ Other change(s) (Please describe.) \_\_\_\_\_

- c. Have there been any changes in state law that impact the following?**

Licensing of tobacco vendors	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Penalties for sales to minors	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Vending machines	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No
Added product categories to youth access law	<input type="checkbox"/> Yes	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> No

- 2. Describe how the Annual Synar Report (see 45 C.F.R. 96.130(e)) was made public within the state prior to submission of the ASR. (Check all that apply.)**

- ☐ Placed on file for public review  
☒ Posted on a state agency Web site (Please provide exact Web address and the date when the FFY 2020 ASR was posted to this Web address.)

Web address: [www.bhddh.ri.gov/sections/block.grant](http://www.bhddh.ri.gov/sections/block.grant)

Date published: 11/25/2019

- ☐ Notice published in a newspaper or newsletter  
☐ Public hearing

- ☐ Announced in a news release, a press conference, or discussed in a media interview
- ☒ Distributed for review as part of the SABG application process
- ☐ Distributed through the public library system
- ☐ Published in an annual register
- ☒ Other (*Please describe.*) BHDDH will provide all local police departments with the survey results for all outlets in their cities so they may conduct follow-up enforcement and will also provide survey results for prevention coalitions to share with their cities and towns. In addition, BHDDH will provide coalitions certificates to distribute to all retailers in their region that did not sell tobacco to minors during the survey.

**3. Identify the following agency or agencies (*see 42 U.S.C. 300x-26 and 45 C.F.R. 96.130*).**

**a. The state agency(ies) *designated by the Governor for oversight of the Synar requirements*:**

RI Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities & Hospitals

Has this changed since last year's Annual Synar Report?

☐ Yes ☒ No

**b. The state agency(ies) *responsible for conducting random, unannounced Synar inspections*:**

RI Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities & Hospitals

Has this changed since last year's Annual Synar Report?

☐ Yes ☒ No

**c. The state agency(ies) *responsible for enforcing youth tobacco access law(s)*:**

RI Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities & Hospitals

Has this changed since last year's Annual Synar Report?

☐ Yes ☒ No

**4. Identify the following agencies and describe their relationship with the agency responsible for the oversight of the Synar requirements.**

**a. Identify the state agency responsible for tobacco prevention activities (the agency that receives the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's National Tobacco Control Program funding).**

RI Department of Health

**b. Has the responsible agency changed since last year's Annual Synar Report?**

☐ Yes ☒ No

- c. **Describe the coordination and collaboration that occur between the agency responsible for tobacco prevention and the agency responsible for oversight of the Synar requirements. (Check all that apply.) The two agencies**
- ☐ Are the same
- ☒ Have a formal written memorandum of agreement
- ☐ Have an informal partnership
- ☒ Conduct joint planning activities
- ☒ Combine resources
- ☐ Have other collaborative arrangement(s) *(Please describe.)* \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ No relationship
- d. **Does a state agency contract with the Food and Drug Administration's Center for Tobacco Products (FDA/CTP) to enforce the youth access and advertising restrictions in the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act?**
- ☒ Yes    ☐ No (if no, go to Question 5)
- e. **If yes, identify the state agency responsible for enforcing the youth access and advertising restrictions in the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act (the agency that is under contract to the Food and Drug Administration's Center for Tobacco Products (FDA/CTP)).**
- RI Department of Behavioral Healthcare, Developmental Disabilities & Hospitals
- f. **Has the responsible agency changed since last year's Annual Synar Report?**
- ☐ Yes    ☒ No
- g. **Describe the coordination and collaboration that occur between the agency contracted with the FDA to enforce federal youth tobacco access laws and the agency responsible for oversight of the Synar requirements. (Check all that apply.) The two agencies:**
- ☒ Are the same
- ☐ Have a formal written memorandum of agreement
- ☐ Have an informal partnership
- ☐ Conduct joint planning activities
- ☐ Combine resources
- ☐ Have other collaborative arrangement(s) *(Please describe.)* \_\_\_\_\_
- ☐ No relationship
- h. **Does the state use data from the FDA enforcement inspections for Synar survey reporting?**
- ☐ Yes    ☒ No



5. Please answer the following questions regarding the state's activities to enforce the state's youth access to tobacco law(s) in FFY 2019 (see 42 U.S.C. 300x-26 and 45 C.F.R. 96.130(e)).

a. Which one of the following describes the enforcement of state youth access to tobacco laws carried out in your state? (Check one category only.)

- ☒ Enforcement is conducted exclusively by local law enforcement agencies.  
☐ Enforcement is conducted exclusively by state agency(ies).  
☐ Enforcement is conducted by both local and state agencies.

b. The following items concern penalties imposed for all violations of state youth access to tobacco laws by LOCAL AND/OR STATE LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCIES (this does not include enforcement of local laws or federal youth tobacco access laws). Please fill in the number requested. If state law does not allow for an item, please mark "NA" (not applicable). If a response for an item is unknown, please mark "UNK." The chart must be filled in completely.

PENALTY	OWNERS	CLERKS	TOTAL
Number of <u>citations issued</u>	0	N/A	0
Number of <u>finances assessed</u>	0	NA	0
Number of <u>permits/licenses suspended</u>	0		0
Number of <u>permits/licenses revoked</u>	0		0
Other (Please describe.) Follow-ups Post Survey 345 Inspections	34	N/A	34

c. Are citations or warnings issued to retailers or clerks who sell tobacco to minors for inspections that are part of the Synar survey?

☒ Yes ☐ No

If "Yes" to 5c, please describe the state's procedure for minimizing risk of bias to the survey results from retailers alerting each other to the presence of the survey teams:

Citations and warning letters are not routinely issued to retailers who sell to minors as part of the Synar Survey; however, some police departments reported citing retailers for this Survey period. If a police department issues a citation or warning letter, these citations or warning letters are sent subsequent to completion of the Survey in the municipality. BHDDH provides survey results to all departments encouraging them to conduct survey follow up enforcement and continue periodic follow up throughout the year. Rhode Island's plan for increased police participation in survey follow up enforcement in FFY2019 has resulted in increased numbers of inspections across a broader number of departments.

d. Which one of the following best describes the level of enforcement of state youth access to tobacco laws carried out in your state? (Check one category only.)

- ☐ Enforcement is conducted only at those outlets randomly selected for the Synar survey.  
☐ Enforcement is conducted only at a subset of outlets not randomly selected for the Synar survey.  
☒ Enforcement is conducted at a combination of outlets randomly selected for the Synar survey and outlets not randomly selected for the Synar survey.

- e. **Did every tobacco outlet in the state receive at least one compliance check that included enforcement of the state youth tobacco access law(s) in the last year?**

☐ Yes      ☒ No

- f. **What additional activities are conducted in your state to support enforcement and compliance with state youth tobacco access law(s)?** *(Check all that apply and briefly describe each activity in the text boxes below each activity.)*

☒ Merchant education and/or training

Retailer education was conducted by some community prevention coalitions.

☐ Incentives for merchants who are in compliance (e.g., nonenforcement compliance checks in which compliant retailers are given positive reinforcement and noncompliant retailers are warned about youth access laws)

☒ Community education regarding youth access laws

Community education was conducted by some community prevention coalitions. Education was offered at school and community events including health fairs and parent workshops. As a component of BHDDH's SYNAR Survey process, our community coalitions visit the retailers surveyed for those who comply with law, the coalition presents the retailer with a certificate of compliance and reinforces the need for their continued work as a community partner. For retailers not in compliance, retailers are provided with copies of Rhode Island's Youth Access Tobacco Laws and Educational materials about nicotine and most current concerns about ENDS products. Finally, notifying the retailer compliance inspections will be ongoing.

Additionally, coalitions engaged parents to reinforce the need for compliance particularly are many parents are small business owners in their coalition communities.

☒ Media use to publicize compliance inspection results

Community prevention coalitions, in collaboration with the municipal police departments, published inspection results in local newspapers. As members of the Tobacco Free Rhode Island (TFRI) network, coalitions participated in statewide activities such as National Night Out to share community resources and support law enforcement tobacco enforcement efforts distributing hundred of pamphlets about vaping and nicotine health risks and coalitions advocacy for and petitioned the legislature to adopt Tobacco 21 raising the minimum age to purchase tobacco products.

☒ Community mobilization to increase support for retailer compliance with youth access laws

Community prevention coalitions conducted information sessions in their respective communities to gain support for local initiatives designed to reduce youth retail access to tobacco and ENDS products.

☒ Other activities (*Please list.*)

In FY 2017, the community prevention coalitions created under the Rhode Island Substance Abuse Prevention Act of 1987 (RISAPA “community prevention coalitions”) continued to conduct a wide range of tobacco prevention-related initiatives including:

Community coalitions advocated for police participation in the annual Synar survey for ongoing enforcement efforts. Some coalitions recruited youth volunteers who attempted to purchase tobacco products from retail vendors. Community coalitions distributed information regarding youth access restrictions and smoking prevention materials to retail tobacco vendors to increase compliance with the youth access to tobacco law and made public the results of both the annual local Synar Survey results and ongoing enforcement efforts in local media outlets.

In 2019, BHDDH stepped up SYNAR follow-up inspections with police departments. Community coalitions also increased their efforts to engage their local police to conduct more inspections.

Community coalitions continued to expand their use of websites, Facebook, Twitter and other social media to raise community awareness about tobacco use and the importance of preventing youth access to tobacco products. BHDDH sent coalitions congratulatory certificates for vendors who complied with the state youth access statute and letters encouraging violators to comply with the statute.

As previously reported, several municipalities have received authorization from the state legislature to impose sanctions consistent with the state youth access statute. Fines collected remain within the municipality; and in some instances, are allocated for use by the police department and/or community coalition. This process continued in 2019.

Statewide, community coalitions have advocated successfully for adoption of municipal regulations and ordinances which limit tobacco use, particularly in venues where youth are present. Seven additional community coalitions continued advocating for ordinances prohibiting tobacco use at municipally-owned facilities and municipally-sponsored events, including beaches, parks and recreation areas; and three communities adopted such ordinances.

In addition, the majority of community coalitions implemented campaigns to educate all community members about the risks associated with tobacco use. The campaigns included: Kick Butts Day, World No Tobacco Day, and the National Night Out. Events also were held in conjunction with community and school-based health fairs. Educating children, parents, school personnel and community leaders about underage use of and access to ENDS products and developing school policy regarding ENDS use on school property continued as a primary focus of the community coalitions in 2018.

Tobacco Free Rhode Island (TFRI), a network of people and organizations who work on tobacco control such as the American Lung Association, American heart Association and local treatment providers provided information and resources to assist current tobacco users who wish to quit or offered referrals to state-sponsored cessation programs. Many of these cessation services were offered in collaboration with school student assistance counselors whose positions were funded (80%) through BHDDH and the SAPT Block Grant. The FDA/SYNAR Program Coordinator is now a member of the TFRI Steering Committee.

Community prevention coalitions conducted environmental scans in local retail tobacco outlets utilizing the STARS (Standardized Tobacco Assessment for Retail Settings) model. The information gleaned during these scans informed other tobacco prevention initiatives implemented by the community coalitions.

In March of 2015, the RI Department of Health (DOH) was one of five states awarded a grant by the Centers for Disease control (CDC) to implement community-based initiatives designed to reduce youth access to tobacco products through restrictions on the sale of such products to children. In 2017, DOH received continuation funding to subcontract with the prevention coalitions representing seven communities to implement local point-of-sale policies. These policies include: local permitting; graduated penalties leading to permit suspension and revocation; and bans on discounts and the sale of flavored tobacco products. Proposed model policies are based, in part, on the policies adopted by the City of Providence as a component of a previously-funded grant from the CDC. STARS assessments also were conducted by the community coalitions participating in the grant.

A key component of the current CDC grant is stepped-up enforcement of the ban on underage tobacco sales. Contracted communities conducted additional enforcement inspections to determine retailer compliance. These inspections expanded current enforcement efforts and are coordinated with Synar enforcement inspections and FDA inspections. BHDDH manages the youth inspectors participating in the CDC enforcement inspections consistent with State statute. BHDDH and Health have established a formal Memorandum of Understanding to coordinate enforcement inspections and to support data collection, analysis and reports. Staff from Health and BHDDH meet on a regular basis to plan and coordinate tobacco prevention efforts.

BHDDH was awarded a contract to administer the FDA Tobacco Compliance Inspection Program in 2011 and began conducting inspections in February of 2012. RI was awarded a second contract on August 25, 2014 through August 24, 2017. This contract required the State to conduct at least one retailer compliance inspection at every retail outlet each year. In July of 2017, the FDA extended that contract to September 30, 2017 to coincide with the federal fiscal year end and awarded a new 3 year contract beginning October 1, 2017.

During the 2014 state legislative session, the State's tobacco prevention coalition, Tobacco-Free RI successfully advocated for passage of legislation prohibiting the sale, distribution and possession of electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS) products to and by children. The legislation also mandates licensing of retailers selling ENDS products and requires BHDDH to enforce the underage sales ban. The licensing and enforcement provisions went into effect January 1, 2015; however, no funding was allocated to support enforcement of the new provisions to the youth access statute. In addition, as these ENDS products are not defined as tobacco products under current statute, they cannot be included in the annual Synar Survey. Through the CDC grant, initial retailer inspections related to the sale of ENDS products to underage youth were conducted in participating communities.

On November 5, 2019, the Governor of Rhode Island set forth an executive order banning flavored ENDS products. The emergency mandate makes it illegal to manufacture, distribute or sell flavored electronic nicotine-delivery products in Rhode Island for the next four months.

## SYNAR SURVEY METHODS AND RESULTS

The following questions pertain to the survey methodology and results of the Synar survey used by the state to meet the requirements of the Synar Regulation in FFY 2019 (*see 42 U.S.C. 300x-26 and 45 C.F.R. 96.130*).

**6. Has the sampling methodology changed from the previous year?**

☐ Yes ☒ No

*The state is required to have an approved up-to-date description of the Synar sampling methodology on file with CSAP. Please submit a copy of your Synar Survey Sampling Methodology (Appendix B). If the sampling methodology changed from the previous reporting year, these changes must be reflected in the methodology submitted.*

**a. If yes, describe how and when this change was communicated to SAMHSA**

**7. Please answer the following questions regarding the state's annual random, unannounced inspections of tobacco outlets (*see 45 C.F.R. 96.130(d)(2)*).**

**a. Did the state use the optional Synar Survey Estimation System (SSES) to analyze the Synar survey data?**

☒ Yes ☐ No

*If Yes, upload a copy of SSES tables 1–8 (in Excel) to WebBGAS. Then go to Question 8. If No, continue to Question 7b.*

**SSES Table 1 (Synar Survey Estimates and Sample Sizes)****CSAP-SYNAR REPORT**

State	RI
Federal Fiscal Year (FFY)	2020
Date	11/15/2019 14:57
Data	2020 Survey Input results following inspections to Candace 10-29.xlsx
Program Version	Version 7.0
Analysis Option	Stratified SRS without FPC

**Estimates**

Unweighted Retailer Violation Rate	12.5%
Weighted Retailer Violation Rate	12.7%
Standard Error	1.9%
Is SAMHSA Precision Requirement met?	NO
Right-sided 95% Confidence Interval	[0.0%, 15.8%]
Two-sided 95% Confidence Interval	[9.0%, 16.4%]
Design Effect	1.4
Accuracy Rate (unweighted)	96.5%
Accuracy Rate (weighted)	96.5%
Completion Rate (unweighted)	100.0%

**Sample Size for Current Year**

Effective Sample Size	198
Target (Minimum) Sample Size	198
Original Sample Size	316
Eligible Sample Size	305
Final Sample Size	305
Overall Sampling Rate	32.7%

**SSES Table 2 (Synar Survey Results by Stratum and by OTC/VM)**

STATE: RI

FFY: 2020

Samp. Stratum	Var. Stratum	Outlet Frame Size	Estimated Outlet Population Size	Number of PSU Clusters Created	Number of PSU Clusters in Sample	Outlet Sample Size	Number of Eligible Outlets in Sample	Number of Sample Outlets Inspected	Number of Sample Outlets in Violation	Retailer Violation Rate(%)	Standard Error(%)
<b>All Outlets</b>											
1	1	5	5	N/A	N/A	2	2	2	0	0.0%	
10	10	8	8	N/A	N/A	3	3	3	0	0.0%	
11	11	41	41	N/A	N/A	13	13	13	3	23.1%	
12	12	5	5	N/A	N/A	2	2	2	0	0.0%	
13	13	5	5	N/A	N/A	2	2	2	0	0.0%	
14	14	7	7	N/A	N/A	2	2	2	0	0.0%	
15	15	6	6	N/A	N/A	2	2	2	2	100.0%	
16	16	3	3	N/A	N/A	2	2	2	0	0.0%	
17	17	31	31	N/A	N/A	10	10	10	1	10.0%	
18	18	14	14	N/A	N/A	4	4	4	0	0.0%	
19	19	4	4	N/A	N/A	2	2	2	0	0.0%	
2	2	7	7	N/A	N/A	2	2	2	0	0.0%	
20	20	15	12	N/A	N/A	5	4	4	2	50.0%	
21	21	15	12	N/A	N/A	5	4	4	1	25.0%	
22	22	28	28	N/A	N/A	9	9	9	1	11.1%	
23	23	21	21	N/A	N/A	7	7	7	1	14.3%	
24	24	26	23	N/A	N/A	8	7	7	1	14.3%	
25	25	13	13	N/A	N/A	4	4	4	2	50.0%	
26	26	72	69	N/A	N/A	23	22	22	0	0.0%	
27	27	11	8	N/A	N/A	4	3	3	0	0.0%	
28	28	219	213	N/A	N/A	71	69	69	10	14.5%	
29	29	8	8	N/A	N/A	3	3	3	0	0.0%	
3	3	17	17	N/A	N/A	5	5	5	2	40.0%	
30	30	7	7	N/A	N/A	2	2	2	0	0.0%	
31	31	20	20	N/A	N/A	6	6	6	1	16.7%	
32	32	19	19	N/A	N/A	6	6	6	1	16.7%	
33	33	18	18	N/A	N/A	6	6	6	1	16.7%	
34	34	10	10	N/A	N/A	3	3	3	1	33.3%	
35	35	73	73	N/A	N/A	24	24	24	2	8.3%	
36	36	5	5	N/A	N/A	2	2	2	0	0.0%	
37	37	27	24	N/A	N/A	9	8	8	1	12.5%	
38	38	24	24	N/A	N/A	8	8	8	0	0.0%	
39	39	37	34	N/A	N/A	12	11	11	0	0.0%	
4	4	8	8	N/A	N/A	3	3	3	0	0.0%	
5	5	12	12	N/A	N/A	4	4	4	0	0.0%	
6	6	8	8	N/A	N/A	3	3	3	0	0.0%	

7	7	25	25	N/A	N/A	8	8	8	0	0.0%	
8	8	71	65	N/A	N/A	23	21	21	4	19.0%	
9	9	22	22	N/A	N/A	7	7	7	1	14.3%	
Total		967	934			316	305	305	38	12.7%	1.9%
<b>Over the Counter Outlets</b>											
1	1	-1	5	N/A	N/A	2	2	2	0	0.0%	
10	10	2	8	N/A	N/A	3	3	3	0	0.0%	
11	11	35	41	N/A	N/A	13	13	13	3	23.1%	
12	12	-1	5	N/A	N/A	2	2	2	0	0.0%	
13	13	-1	5	N/A	N/A	2	2	2	0	0.0%	
14	14	1	7	N/A	N/A	2	2	2	0	0.0%	
15	15	0	6	N/A	N/A	2	2	2	2	100.0%	
16	16	-3	3	N/A	N/A	2	2	2	0	0.0%	
17	17	25	31	N/A	N/A	10	10	10	1	10.0%	
18	18	8	14	N/A	N/A	4	4	4	0	0.0%	
19	19	-2	4	N/A	N/A	2	2	2	0	0.0%	
2	2	1	7	N/A	N/A	2	2	2	0	0.0%	
20	20	9	12	N/A	N/A	5	4	4	2	50.0%	
21	21	9	9	N/A	N/A	4	3	3	1	33.3%	
22	22	22	28	N/A	N/A	9	9	9	1	11.1%	
23	23	15	21	N/A	N/A	7	7	7	1	14.3%	
24	24	20	23	N/A	N/A	8	7	7	1	14.3%	
25	25	7	13	N/A	N/A	4	4	4	2	50.0%	
26	26	66	69	N/A	N/A	23	22	22	0	0.0%	
27	27	5	8	N/A	N/A	3	3	3	0	0.0%	
28	28	213	213	N/A	N/A	71	69	69	10	14.5%	
29	29	2	8	N/A	N/A	3	3	3	0	0.0%	
3	3	11	17	N/A	N/A	5	5	5	2	40.0%	
30	30	1	7	N/A	N/A	2	2	2	0	0.0%	
31	31	14	20	N/A	N/A	6	6	6	1	16.7%	
32	32	13	19	N/A	N/A	6	6	6	1	16.7%	
33	33	12	18	N/A	N/A	6	6	6	1	16.7%	
34	34	4	10	N/A	N/A	3	3	3	1	33.3%	
35	35	67	70	N/A	N/A	23	23	23	2	8.7%	
36	36	-1	5	N/A	N/A	2	2	2	0	0.0%	
37	37	21	24	N/A	N/A	9	8	8	1	12.5%	
38	38	18	24	N/A	N/A	8	8	8	0	0.0%	
39	39	31	34	N/A	N/A	12	11	11	0	0.0%	
4	4	2	8	N/A	N/A	3	3	3	0	0.0%	
5	5	6	12	N/A	N/A	4	4	4	0	0.0%	
6	6	2	8	N/A	N/A	3	3	3	0	0.0%	
7	7	19	25	N/A	N/A	8	8	8	0	0.0%	
8	8	65	65	N/A	N/A	23	21	21	4	19.0%	



9	9	16	22	N/A	N/A	7	7	7	1	14.3%	
Total		733	928			313	303	303	38	12.8%	1.9%
<b>Vending Machines</b>											
1	1	6	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
10	10	6	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
11	11	6	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
12	12	6	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
13	13	6	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
14	14	6	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
15	15	6	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
16	16	6	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
17	17	6	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
18	18	6	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
19	19	6	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
2	2	6	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
20	20	6	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
21	21	6	3	N/A	N/A	1	1	1	0	0.0%	
22	22	6	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
23	23	6	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
24	24	6	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
25	25	6	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
26	26	6	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
27	27	6	0	N/A	N/A	1	0	0	0	0.0%	
28	28	6	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
29	29	6	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
3	3	6	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
30	30	6	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
31	31	6	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
32	32	6	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
33	33	6	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
34	34	6	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
35	35	6	3	N/A	N/A	1	1	1	0	0.0%	
36	36	6	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
37	37	6	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
38	38	6	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
39	39	6	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
4	4	6	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
5	5	6	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
6	6	6	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
7	7	6	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
8	8	6	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
9	9	6	0	N/A	N/A	0	0	0	0	0.0%	
Total		234	6			3	2	2	0	0.0%	0.0%

**SSES Table 3 (Synar Survey Sample Tally Summary)**

STATE:  
RI  
FFY:  
2020

Disposition Code	Description	Count	Subtotal
EC	Eligible and inspection complete outlet	305	
Total (Eligible Completes)			305
N1	In operation but closed at time of visit	0	
N2	Unsafe to access	0	
N3	Presence of police	0	
N4	Youth inspector knows salesperson	0	
N5	Moved to new location but not inspected	0	
N6	Drive thru only/youth inspector has no drivers license	0	
N7	Tobacco out of stock	0	
N8	Run out of time	0	
N9	Other noncompletion	0	
Total (Eligible Noncompletes)			0
I1	Out of Business	8	
I2	Does not sell tobacco products	2	
I3	Inaccessible by youth	0	
I4	Private club or private residence	0	
I5	Temporary closure	0	
I6	Can't be located	0	
I7	Wholesale only/Carton sale only	0	
I8	Vending machine broken	0	
I9	Duplicate	0	
I10	Other ineligibility (see below)	1	
Total (Ineligibles)			11
Grand Total			316

**Give reasons and counts for other ineligibility:**

Reason	Count
In business but closed at the time of inspection	1

**SSES Table 4 (Synar Survey Inspection Results by Youth Inspector Characteristics)**

STATE: RI  
FFY: 2020

Gender	Age	Number of Inspectors	Attempted Buys	Successful Buys
Male	14	0	0	0
	15	0	0	0
	16	0	0	0
	17	3	153	27
	18	0	0	0
	19	0	0	0
	20	0	0	0
	Subtotal	3	153	27
Female	14	0	0	0
	15	0	0	0
	16	1	8	0
	17	4	144	11
	18	0	0	0
	19	0	0	0
	20	0	0	0
	Subtotal	5	152	11
Other		0	0	0
Grand Total		8	305	38

Age	Male	Female	Total
14	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
15	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
16	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
17	17.6%	7.6%	12.8%
18	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
19	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
20	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Other			0.0%
Total	17.6%	7.2%	12.5%

**SSES Table 5 (Synar Data Used to Generate Tables)**

Outlet	Sampling Stratum	Population Size in Sampling Stratum	Variance Stratum	Population Size in Variance Stratum	Response Disposition Code	Violation Flag	Outlet Type	Youth Inspector ID	Youth Inspector Gender	Youth Inspector Age	VM Frame Size in Sampling Stratum	Type of Product (Cigarettes (1), Small Cigars / Cigarillos (2), Smokeless Tobacco (3), ENDS (4), Other (5))	Retail Outlet Type (Gas Station (1), Tobacco Store (2), Restaurant (3), Hotel (4), Grocery (5), Drug store (6), Other (7))	Clerk asked for ID (Y=yes, N=no)
541	1	5	1	5	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	1	6	Y
552	1	5	1	5	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	1	2	Y
1252	2	7	2	7	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	2	1	Y
1409	2	7	2	7	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	2	6	Y
702	3	17	3	17	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	2	1	Y
831	3	17	3	17	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	1	7	Y
986	3	17	3	17	EC	1	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	1	5	N
1079	3	17	3	17	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	1	5	Y
3253	3	17	3	17	EC	1	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	2	1	N
254	4	8	4	8	EC	0	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6	1	5	Y
276	4	8	4	8	EC	0	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6	1	7	Y
1385	4	8	4	8	EC	0	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6	1	7	Y
386	5	12	5	12	EC	0	OTC	GH300	F	17	6	1	5	Y
803	5	12	5	12	EC	0	OTC	GH300	F	17	6	1	5	Y
829	5	12	5	12	EC	0	OTC	GH300	F	17	6	1	7	Y
3252	5	12	5	12	EC	0	OTC	GH300	F	17	6	1	7	Y
383	6	8	6	8	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	1	3	Y
854	6	8	6	8	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	1	5	Y
3204	6	8	6	8	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	1	5	Y
17	7	25	7	25	EC	0	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6	1	7	Y

1120	7	25	7	25	EC	0	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6	1	1	Y
1145	7	25	7	25	EC	0	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6	1	7	Y
1293	7	25	7	25	EC	0	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6	2	1	Y
1308	7	25	7	25	EC	0	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6	2	6	Y
1319	7	25	7	25	EC	0	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6	1	7	Y
1330	7	25	7	25	EC	0	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6	1	5	Y
3160	7	25	7	25	EC	0	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6	2	1	Y
241	8	71	8	71	EC	1	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6	1	1	N
243	8	71	8	71	EC	0	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6	1	7	Y
461	8	71	8	71	EC	0	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6	5	1	Y
713	8	71	8	71	EC	0	OTC	KQ284	f	17	6	2	1	y
766	8	71	8	71	EC	0	OTC	KQ284	f	17	6	5	2	y
991	8	71	8	71	EC	1	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6	1	1	N
1121	8	71	8	71	EC	0	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6	1	5	Y
1134	8	71	8	71	EC	0	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6	1	1	Y
1251	8	71	8	71	EC	0	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6	1	5	Y
1312	8	71	8	71	EC	0	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6	1	1	Y
2081	8	71	8	71	EC	0	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6	1	2	Y
47	8	71	8	71	EC	0	OTC	YM304	F	17	6	2	5	Y
49	8	71	8	71	EC	0	OTC	YM304	F	17	6	2	1	Y
212	8	71	8	71	EC	1	OTC	YM304	F	17	6	2	1	N
311	8	71	8	71	EC	0	OTC	YM304	F	17	6	2	5	Y
377	8	71	8	71	EC	0	OTC	YM304	F	17	6	2	6	Y
450	8	71	8	71	EC	1	OTC	YM304	F	17	6	2	7	N
645	8	71	8	71	EC	0	OTC	YM304	F	17	6	1	5	Y
722	8	71	8	71	EC	0	OTC	YM304	F	17	6	1	7	Y
982	8	71	8	71	EC	0	OTC	YM304	F	17	6	1	2	Y
3175	8	71	8	71	EC	0	OTC	YM304	F	17	6	2	7	Y
590	8	71	8	71	I1	0	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6			
68	8	71	8	71	I1	0	OTC	YM304	F	17	6			
488	9	22	9	22	EC	0	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6	1	7	Y
501	9	22	9	22	EC	0	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6	1	6	Y

511	9	22	9	22	EC	0	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6	1	7	Y
642	9	22	9	22	EC	1	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6	1	7	Y
673	9	22	9	22	EC	0	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6	2	5	Y
863	9	22	9	22	EC	0	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6	2	1	Y
1271	9	22	9	22	EC	0	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6	2	1	Y
39	10	8	10	8	EC	0	OTC	MB306	F	16	6	2	5	Y
798	10	8	10	8	EC	0	OTC	MB306	F	16	6	2	5	Y
1024	10	8	10	8	EC	0	OTC	MB306	F	16	6	2	1	Y
73	11	41	11	41	EC	0	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6	1	5	Y
100	11	41	11	41	EC	1	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6	1	7	N
233	11	41	11	41	EC	0	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6	1	1	Y
504	11	41	11	41	EC	0	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6	1	5	Y
627	11	41	11	41	EC	0	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6	1	5	Y
731	11	41	11	41	EC	0	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6	1	1	Y
928	11	41	11	41	EC	0	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6	1	7	Y
1033	11	41	11	41	EC	0	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6	1	5	Y
1086	11	41	11	41	EC	0	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6	1	1	Y
1095	11	41	11	41	EC	0	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6	1	7	Y
1334	11	41	11	41	EC	1	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6	1	1	Y
1391	11	41	11	41	EC	1	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6	1	1	Y
3262	11	41	11	41	EC	0	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6	1	2	Y
594	12	5	12	5	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	1	5	Y
602	12	5	12	5	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	1	7	Y
406	13	5	13	5	EC	0	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6	1	7	Y
416	13	5	13	5	EC	0	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6	2	1	Y
50	14	7	14	7	EC	0	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6	1	5	Y
1150	14	7	14	7	EC	0	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6	1	7	Y
478	15	6	15	6	EC	1	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	1	5	N
533	15	6	15	6	EC	1	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	1	7	N
634	16	3	16	3	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	2	1	Y
701	16	3	16	3	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	1	7	Y
104	17	31	17	31	EC	0	OTC	JD302	M	17	6	2	5	Y

257	17	31	17	31	EC	0	OTC	JD302	M	17	6	1	6	Y
355	17	31	17	31	EC	0	OTC	JD302	M	17	6	1	2	Y
418	17	31	17	31	EC	0	OTC	JD302	M	17	6	1	1	Y
421	17	31	17	31	EC	0	OTC	JD302	M	17	6	1	1	Y
554	17	31	17	31	EC	0	OTC	JD302	M	17	6	2	1	Y
588	17	31	17	31	EC	0	OTC	JD302	M	17	6	2	6	Y
637	17	31	17	31	EC	0	OTC	JD302	M	17	6	1	1	Y
1362	17	31	17	31	EC	1	OTC	JD302	M	17	6	2	2	N
2078	17	31	17	31	EC	0	OTC	JD302	M	17	6	1	5	Y
35	18	14	18	14	EC	0	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6	1	2	Y
443	18	14	18	14	EC	0	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6	1	7	Y
1093	18	14	18	14	EC	0	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6	1	7	Y
1099	18	14	18	14	EC	0	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6	2	1	Y
784	19	4	19	4	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	1	1	Y
956	19	4	19	4	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	1	5	Y
99	20	15	20	15	EC	0	OTC	JD302	M	17	6	1	5	Y
128	20	15	20	15	EC	1	OTC	JD302	M	17	6	1	7	N
369	20	15	20	15	EC	0	OTC	JD302	M	17	6	1	1	Y
481	20	15	20	15	EC	1	OTC	JD302	M	17	6	1	1	N
290	20	15	20	15	I1	0	OTC	JD302	M	17	6			
363	21	15	21	15	EC	0	OTC	JD302	M	17	6	1	5	Y
458	21	15	21	15	EC	0	OTC	JD302	M	17	6	1	6	Y
1418	21	15	21	15	EC	0	VM	JD302	M	17	6	1	3	Y
3266	21	15	21	15	EC	1	OTC	JD302	M	17	6	2	1	N
1382	21	15	21	15	I2	0	OTC	JD302	M	17	6			
253	22	28	22	28	EC	0	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6	2	1	Y
473	22	28	22	28	EC	0	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6	2	5	Y
537	22	28	22	28	EC	1	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6	7	1	N
545	22	28	22	28	EC	0	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6	5	2	Y
591	22	28	22	28	EC	0	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6	2	5	Y
640	22	28	22	28	EC	0	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6	1	7	Y
668	22	28	22	28	EC	0	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6	1	5	Y

685	22	28	22	28	EC	0	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6	5	1	Y
1170	22	28	22	28	EC	0	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6	1	7	Y
1151	23	21	23	21	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	1	7	Y
1177	23	21	23	21	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	2	1	Y
1207	23	21	23	21	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	1	5	Y
1300	23	21	23	21	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	1	1	Y
1326	23	21	23	21	EC	1	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	1	1	N
1425	23	21	23	21	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	2	1	Y
1444	23	21	23	21	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	1	5	Y
123	24	26	24	26	EC	0	OTC	GH300	F	17	6	1	5	Y
261	24	26	24	26	EC	0	OTC	JD302	M	17	6	1	1	Y
293	24	26	24	26	EC	0	OTC	JD302	M	17	6	1	5	Y
306	24	26	24	26	EC	0	OTC	JD302	M	17	6	1	6	Y
313	24	26	24	26	EC	0	OTC	JD302	M	17	6	1	1	Y
350	24	26	24	26	EC	1	OTC	JD302	M	17	6	1	7	Y
432	24	26	24	26	EC	0	OTC	JD302	M	17	6	1	1	Y
315	24	26	24	26	I1	0	OTC	JD302	M	17	6			
71	25	13	25	13	EC	1	OTC	BD290	M	17	6	1	2	N
711	25	13	25	13	EC	1	OTC	BD290	M	17	6	2	1	N
1051	25	13	25	13	EC	0	OTC	BD290	M	17	6	2	5	Y
1063	25	13	25	13	EC	0	OTC	BD290	M	17	6	1	7	Y
266	26	72	26	72	EC	0	OTC	GH300	F	17	6	1	1	Y
310	26	72	26	72	EC	0	OTC	GH300	F	17	6	1	7	Y
404	26	72	26	72	EC	0	OTC	GH300	F	17	6	1	7	Y
426	26	72	26	72	EC	0	OTC	GH300	F	17	6	2	5	Y
431	26	72	26	72	EC	0	OTC	GH300	F	17	6	2	1	Y
644	26	72	26	72	EC	0	OTC	GH300	F	17	6	1	7	Y
675	26	72	26	72	EC	0	OTC	GH300	F	17	6	1	7	Y
700	26	72	26	72	EC	0	OTC	GH300	F	17	6	1	7	Y
821	26	72	26	72	EC	0	OTC	GH300	F	17	6	1	6	Y
962	26	72	26	72	EC	0	OTC	GH300	F	17	6	2	7	Y
988	26	72	26	72	EC	0	OTC	GH300	F	17	6	2	2	Y



1010	26	72	26	72	EC	0	OTC	GH300	F	17	6	1	5	Y
1048	26	72	26	72	EC	0	OTC	GH300	F	17	6	1	7	Y
1066	26	72	26	72	EC	0	OTC	GH300	F	17	6	1	5	Y
1198	26	72	26	72	EC	0	OTC	GH300	F	17	6	1	1	Y
1260	26	72	26	72	EC	0	OTC	GH300	F	17	6	2	1	Y
1311	26	72	26	72	EC	0	OTC	GH300	F	17	6	1	7	Y
1343	26	72	26	72	EC	0	OTC	GH300	F	17	6	1	7	Y
3098	26	72	26	72	EC	0	OTC	GH300	F	17	6	2	5	Y
3109	26	72	26	72	EC	0	OTC	GH300	F	17	6	1	7	Y
3271	26	72	26	72	EC	0	OTC	GH300	F	17	6	1	7	Y
3274	26	72	26	72	EC	0	OTC	GH300	F	17	6	1	5	Y
546	26	72	26	72	I1	0	OTC	GH300	F	17	6			
397	27	11	27	11	EC	0	OTC	JD302	M	17	6	1	1	Y
573	27	11	27	11	EC	0	OTC	JD302	M	17	6	1	6	Y
744	27	11	27	11	EC	0	OTC	JD302	M	17	6	1	1	Y
3276	27	11	27	11	I2	0	VM	JD302	M	17	6			
59	28	219	28	219	EC	0	OTC	CM301	F	17	6	2	5	Y
117	28	219	28	219	EC	0	OTC	CM301	F	17	6	2	5	Y
628	28	219	28	219	EC	0	OTC	CM301	F	17	6	2	1	Y
919	28	219	28	219	EC	0	OTC	CM301	F	17	6	2	7	Y
1166	28	219	28	219	EC	0	OTC	CM301	F	17	6	2	1	Y
1383	28	219	28	219	EC	0	OTC	CM301	F	17	6	2	7	Y
3000	28	219	28	219	EC	0	OTC	CM301	F	17	6	2	7	Y
888	28	219	28	219	EC	0	OTC	GH300	F	17	6	1	1	Y
1042	28	219	28	219	EC	0	OTC	GH300	F	17	6	2	5	Y
126	28	219	28	219	EC	0	OTC	YM304	F	17	6	2	6	Y
226	28	219	28	219	EC	0	OTC	YM304	F	17	6	2	5	Y
247	28	219	28	219	EC	1	OTC	YM304	F	17	6	2	5	N
268	28	219	28	219	EC	0	OTC	YM304	F	17	6	2	5	Y
309	28	219	28	219	EC	0	OTC	YM304	F	17	6	2	5	Y
348	28	219	28	219	EC	0	OTC	YM304	F	17	6	5	1	Y
422	28	219	28	219	EC	0	OTC	YM304	F	17	6	5	2	Y

911	28	219	28	219	EC	0	OTC	YM304	F	17	6	2	1	Y
1386	28	219	28	219	EC	0	OTC	YM304	F	17	6	2	5	Y
3052	28	219	28	219	EC	0	OTC	YM304	F	17	6	5	2	Y
3076	28	219	28	219	EC	0	OTC	YM304	F	17	6	2	5	Y
29	28	219	28	219	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	2	7	Y
62	28	219	28	219	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	2	7	Y
63	28	219	28	219	EC	1	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	2	5	N
116	28	219	28	219	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	2	5	Y
129	28	219	28	219	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	2	5	Y
194	28	219	28	219	EC	1	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	2	7	N
435	28	219	28	219	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	2	5	Y
486	28	219	28	219	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	2	5	Y
516	28	219	28	219	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	2	6	Y
583	28	219	28	219	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	2	5	Y
635	28	219	28	219	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	2	1	Y
720	28	219	28	219	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	2	7	Y
802	28	219	28	219	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	2	5	Y
816	28	219	28	219	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	2	5	Y
844	28	219	28	219	EC	1	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	2	5	N
858	28	219	28	219	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	2	3	Y
874	28	219	28	219	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	2	7	Y
903	28	219	28	219	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	2	7	Y
913	28	219	28	219	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	2	5	Y
957	28	219	28	219	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	2	5	Y
966	28	219	28	219	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	2	5	Y
978	28	219	28	219	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	2	1	Y
989	28	219	28	219	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	2	5	Y
1030	28	219	28	219	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	2	7	Y
1126	28	219	28	219	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	2	5	Y
1194	28	219	28	219	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	2	5	Y
1234	28	219	28	219	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	2	5	Y
1280	28	219	28	219	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	2	7	Y

2086	28	219	28	219	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	2	5	Y
3136	28	219	28	219	EC	1	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	2	5	N
3277	28	219	28	219	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	2	5	Y
3284	28	219	28	219	EC	1	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	2	5	N
3285	28	219	28	219	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	2	2	Y
412	28	219	28	219	EC	0	OTC	JD302	M	17	6	2	5	Y
433	28	219	28	219	EC	0	OTC	JD302	M	17	6	2	5	Y
462	28	219	28	219	EC	0	OTC	JD302	M	17	6	2	1	Y
598	28	219	28	219	EC	0	OTC	JD302	M	17	6	2	1	Y
603	28	219	28	219	EC	0	OTC	JD302	M	17	6	2	1	Y
751	28	219	28	219	EC	0	OTC	JD302	M	17	6	2	5	Y
781	28	219	28	219	EC	0	OTC	JD302	M	17	6	2	5	Y
990	28	219	28	219	EC	0	OTC	JD302	M	17	6	2	6	Y
1068	28	219	28	219	EC	1	OTC	JD302	M	17	6	2	5	N
1089	28	219	28	219	EC	0	OTC	JD302	M	17	6	2	5	Y
1128	28	219	28	219	EC	0	OTC	JD302	M	17	6	2	7	Y
1156	28	219	28	219	EC	0	OTC	JD302	M	17	6	2	5	Y
1238	28	219	28	219	EC	1	OTC	JD302	M	17	6	2	5	N
1304	28	219	28	219	EC	0	OTC	JD302	M	17	6	2	5	Y
2040	28	219	28	219	EC	1	OTC	JD302	M	17	6	2	5	N
3026	28	219	28	219	EC	1	OTC	JD302	M	17	6	2	5	N
459	28	219	28	219	I1	0	OTC	CM301	F	17	6			
345	28	219	28	219	I1	0	OTC	YM304	F	17	6			
155	29	8	29	8	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	1	7	Y
164	29	8	29	8	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	1	7	Y
696	29	8	29	8	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	1	1	Y
65	30	7	30	7	EC	0	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6	2	7	Y
163	30	7	30	7	EC	0	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6	2	6	Y
42	31	20	31	20	EC	0	OTC	JD302	M	17	6	2	1	Y
304	31	20	31	20	EC	0	OTC	JD302	M	17	6	1	5	Y
599	31	20	31	20	EC	1	OTC	JD302	M	17	6	1	7	N
904	31	20	31	20	EC	0	OTC	JD302	M	17	6	1	6	Y

1122	31	20	31	20	EC	0	OTC	JD302	M	17	6	2	1	Y
3234	31	20	31	20	EC	0	OTC	JD302	M	17	6	2	2	Y
337	32	19	32	19	EC	0	OTC	JD302	M	17	6	1	5	Y
542	32	19	32	19	EC	0	OTC	JD302	M	17	6	1	7	Y
975	32	19	32	19	EC	0	OTC	JD302	M	17	6	1	7	Y
1143	32	19	32	19	EC	0	OTC	JD302	M	17	6	1	7	Y
1199	32	19	32	19	EC	0	OTC	JD302	M	17	6	2	1	Y
1401	32	19	32	19	EC	1	OTC	JD302	M	17	6	2	1	N
227	33	18	33	18	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	2	1	Y
292	33	18	33	18	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	1	5	Y
584	33	18	33	18	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	1	7	Y
1125	33	18	33	18	EC	1	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	2	7	N
2034	33	18	33	18	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	2	2	Y
3236	33	18	33	18	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	1	5	Y
273	34	10	34	10	EC	1	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	1	7	N
677	34	10	34	10	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	2	5	Y
1073	34	10	34	10	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	2	7	Y
219	35	73	35	73	EC	0	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6	2	1	Y
356	35	73	35	73	EC	0	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6	2	2	Y
1082	35	73	35	73	EC	0	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6	2	1	Y
1182	35	73	35	73	EC	0	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6	2	5	Y
1235	35	73	35	73	EC	0	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6	1	7	Y
1367	35	73	35	73	EC	0	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6	1	7	Y
3161	35	73	35	73	EC	0	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6	2	1	Y
76	35	73	35	73	EC	0	OTC	MB306	F	16	6	1	2	Y
120	35	73	35	73	EC	0	OTC	MB306	F	16	6	1	7	Y
753	35	73	35	73	EC	0	OTC	MB306	F	16	6	1	6	Y
1142	35	73	35	73	EC	0	OTC	MB306	F	16	6	1	2	Y
161	35	73	35	73	EC	1	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	2	1	N
291	35	73	35	73	EC	1	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	1	1	N
524	35	73	35	73	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	2	1	Y
557	35	73	35	73	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	2	2	Y

575	35	73	35	73	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	1	5	Y
580	35	73	35	73	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	2	5	Y
629	35	73	35	73	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	2	5	Y
639	35	73	35	73	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	1	7	Y
894	35	73	35	73	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	1	7	Y
976	35	73	35	73	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	2	1	Y
1131	35	73	35	73	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	2	5	Y
1436	35	73	35	73	EC	0	VM	CC303	M	17	6	1	3	Y
3101	35	73	35	73	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	2	1	Y
1061	36	5	36	5	EC	0	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6	1	7	Y
1244	36	5	36	5	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	1	7	Y
159	37	27	37	27	EC	1	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6	1	7	N
284	37	27	37	27	EC	0	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6	1	5	Y
374	37	27	37	27	EC	0	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6	1	5	Y
570	37	27	37	27	EC	0	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6	2	1	Y
779	37	27	37	27	EC	0	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6	2	1	Y
1181	37	27	37	27	EC	0	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6	2	1	Y
1316	37	27	37	27	EC	0	OTC	KQ284	F	17	6	2	1	Y
1009	37	27	37	27	EC	0	OTC	MB306	F	16	6	1	7	Y
1187	37	27	37	27	I10	0	OTC	MB306	F	16	6			
15	38	24	38	24	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	2	5	Y
19	38	24	38	24	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	2	1	Y
107	38	24	38	24	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	2	1	Y
138	38	24	38	24	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	2	5	Y
288	38	24	38	24	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	1	5	Y
581	38	24	38	24	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	1	1	Y
1025	38	24	38	24	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	2	5	Y
3197	38	24	38	24	EC	0	OTC	CC303	M	17	6	2	2	Y
60	39	37	39	37	EC	0	OTC	GH300	F	17	6	2	1	Y
105	39	37	39	37	EC	0	OTC	GH300	F	17	6	2	5	Y
619	39	37	39	37	EC	0	OTC	GH300	F	17	6	1	5	Y
848	39	37	39	37	EC	0	OTC	GH300	F	17	6	1	5	Y

1032	39	37	39	37	EC	0	OTC	GH300	F	17	6	2	5	Y
1083	39	37	39	37	EC	0	OTC	GH300	F	17	6	1	7	Y
1254	39	37	39	37	EC	0	OTC	GH300	F	17	6	1	7	Y
2082	39	37	39	37	EC	0	OTC	GH300	F	17	6	1	5	Y
3186	39	37	39	37	EC	0	OTC	GH300	F	17	6	2	1	Y
3293	39	37	39	37	EC	0	OTC	GH300	F	17	6	2	2	Y
3294	39	37	39	37	EC	0	OTC	GH300	F	17	6	2	5	Y
1075	39	37	39	37	I1	0	OTC	GH300	F	17	6			

SSES Table 6 (Synar Survey Inspection Results by Type of Product)

STATE: RI  
FFY: 2020

Frequency Distribution and Buy Rate

Product Type	Attempted Buys	Successful Buys	Violation Rate (%)
Cigarettes	149	18	12.1%
Small cigars/ Cigarillos	148	19	12.8%
Smokeless tobacco	0	0	0.0%
ENDS	0	0	0.0%
Other	7	0	0.0%
Missing	0	0	0.0%
Invalid	1	1	100.0%
Grand Total	305	38	12.5%

SSES Table 6 (Synar Survey Inspection Results by Type of Product)

STATE: RI  
FFY: 2020

Buy Rate by Type of Product, Age, and Gender

Male								
Product Type	Age							Total
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
Cigarettes	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	16.7%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	16.7%
Small cigars/ Cigarillos	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	18.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	18.4%
Smokeless tobacco	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
ENDS	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Other	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Missing	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Invalid	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Total Male	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	17.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	17.6%
Female								
Product Type	Age							Total
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
Cigarettes	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	9.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	8.4%
Small cigars/ Cigarillos	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	5.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	4.9%
Smokeless tobacco	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
ENDS	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Other	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Missing	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Invalid	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Total Female	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	7.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	7.2%

All								
Product Type	Age							Total
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
Cigarettes	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	12.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	12.1%
Small cigars/ Cigarillos	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	13.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	12.8%
Smokeless tobacco	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
ENDS	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Other	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Missing	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Invalid	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Grand Total	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	12.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	12.5%



SSES Table 7 (Synar Survey Inspection Results by Type of Retail Outlet)

STATE: RI

FFY: 2020

## Frequency Distribution and Buy Rate

Retail Outlet	Attempted Buys	Successful Buys	Violation Rate (%)
Gas Station	83	14	16.9%
Tobacco Store	22	2	9.1%
Restaurant	4	0	0.0%
Hotel	0	0	0.0%
Grocery Store	103	11	10.7%
Drug Store	17	0	0.0%
Other	76	11	14.5%
Missing	0	0	0.0%
Invalid	0	0	0.0%
Grand Total	305	38	12.5%

SSES Table 7 (Synar Survey Inspection Results by Type of Retail Outlet)

STATE: RI

FFY: 2020

## Buy Rate by Type of Retail Outlet, Age, and Gender

Male								
Retail Outlet	Age							Total
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
Gas Station	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	19.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	19.5%
Tobacco Store	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	22.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	22.2%
Restaurant	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Hotel	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Grocery Store	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	16.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	16.9%
Drug Store	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Other	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	23.3%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	23.3%
Missing	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Invalid	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Total Male	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	17.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	17.6%
Female								
Retail Outlet	Age							Total
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
Gas Station	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	14.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	14.3%
Tobacco Store	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Restaurant	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Hotel	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Grocery Store	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.4%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.3%
Drug Store	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Other	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	9.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	8.7%
Missing	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Invalid	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Total Female	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	7.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	7.2%

All								
Retail Outlet	Age							Total
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
Gas Station	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	17.1%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	16.9%
Tobacco Store	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	10.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	9.1%
Restaurant	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Hotel	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Grocery Store	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	10.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	10.7%
Drug Store	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Other	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	14.9%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	14.5%
Missing	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Invalid	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Grand Total	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	12.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	12.5%

**SSES Table 8 (Synar Survey Inspection Results by Clerk Asked for ID)**

STATE: RI  
FFY: 2020

**Frequency Distribution and Buy Rate**

Clerk Asked for ID	Attempted Buys	Successful Buys	Violation Rate (%)
Yes	271	4	1.5%
No	34	34	100.0%
Missing	0	0	0.0%
Invalid	0	0	0.0%
Grand Total	305	38	12.5%

**SSES Table 8 (Synar Survey Inspection Results by Clerk Asked for ID)**

STATE RI  
FFY: 2020

**Buy Rate by Clerk Asked for ID, Age, and Gender**

Male								
Clerk Asked for ID	Age							Total
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
Yes	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.8%
No	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Missing	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Invalid	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Total Male	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	17.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	17.6%
Female								
Clerk Asked for ID	Age							Total
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
Yes	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.2%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	2.1%
No	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Missing	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Invalid	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Total Female	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	7.6%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	7.2%
All								
Clerk Asked for ID	Age							Total
	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	
Yes	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.5%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	1.5%
No	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	100.0%
Missing	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Invalid	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%
Grand Total	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	12.8%	0.0%	0.0%	0.0%	12.5%

- b. Report the weighted and unweighted Retailer Violation Rate (RVR) estimates, the standard error, accuracy rate (number of eligible outlets divided by the total number of sampled outlets), and completion rate (number of eligible outlets inspected divided by the total number of eligible outlets).

Unweighted RVR \_\_\_\_\_

Weighted RVR \_\_\_\_\_

Standard error (s.e.) of the (weighted) RVR \_\_\_\_\_

Fill in the blanks to calculate the right limit of the right-sided 95% confidence interval.

	+	(1.645	×	_____)	=	
RVR Estimate	plus	(1.645	times	Standard Error )	equals	Right Limit
Accuracy rate						_____
Completion rate						_____

- c. Fill out Form 1 (See Appendix A: Forms 1–5 Templates). (*Required regardless of the sample design.*)
- d. How were the (weighted) RVR estimate and its standard error obtained? (*Check the one that applies.*)

☐ Form 2 (Optional) (See Appendix A: Forms 1–5 Templates) (*Attach completed Form 2.*)

☐ Other (*Please specify. Provide formulas and calculations or attach and explain the program code and output with description of all variable names.*)

- e. If stratification was used, did any strata in the sample contain only one outlet or cluster this year?

☐ Yes ☒ No ☐ No stratification

*If Yes, explain how this situation was dealt with in variance estimation.*

- f. Was a cluster sample design used?

☐ Yes ☐ No

*If Yes, fill out and attach Form 3 (See Appendix A: Forms 1–5 Templates), and answer the following question.*

*If No, go to Question 7g.*

Were any certainty primary sampling units selected this year?

☐ Yes ☐ No

*If Yes, explain how the certainty clusters were dealt with in variance estimation.*

**g. Report the following outlet sample sizes for the Synar survey.**

	Sample Size
<b>Effective sample size</b> (sample size needed to meet the SAMHSA precision requirement assuming simple random sampling)	198
<b>Target sample size</b> (the product of the effective sample size and the design effect)	198
<b>Original sample size</b> (inflated sample size of the target sample to counter the sample attrition due to ineligibility and noncompletion)	316
<b>Eligible sample size</b> (number of outlets found to be eligible in the sample)	305
<b>Final sample size</b> (number of eligible outlets in the sample for which an inspection was completed)	305

**h. Fill out Form 4 (See Appendix A: Forms 1–5 Templates).**

**8. Did the state's Synar survey use a list frame?**

☒ Yes ☐ No

*If Yes, answer the following questions about its coverage.*

**a. The calendar year of the latest Sampling frame coverage study: 2019**

**b. Percent coverage from the latest Sampling frame coverage study: \_\_\_\_\_**

**c. Was a new study conducted in this reporting period?**

☐ Yes ☒ No

*If Yes, please complete Appendix D (List Sampling Frame Coverage Study) and submit it with the Annual Synar Report.*

**d. The calendar year of the next coverage study planned: 2023**

**9. Has the Synar survey inspection protocol changed from the previous year?**

☐ Yes ☒ No

*The state is required to have an approved up-to-date description of the Synar inspection protocol on file with CSAP. Please submit a copy of your Synar Survey Inspection Protocol (Appendix C). If the inspection protocol changed from the previous year, these changes must be reflected in the protocol submitted.*

**a. If Yes, describe how and when this change was communicated to SAMHSA**

**b. Provide the inspection period: From 08/01/2019 to 09/30/2019**

MM/DD/YY MM/DD/YY

**c. Provide the number of youth inspectors used in the current inspection year:**

8

NOTE: If the state uses SSES, please ensure that the number reported in 9c matches that reported in SSES Table 4 or explain any difference.

One minor had a birthday in August and was assigned an additional ID number

**d. Fill out and attach Form 5 in Appendix A (Forms 1–5). (Not required if the state used SSES to analyze the Synar survey data.)**

## SECTION II: FFY 2020 (Intended Use):

Public Law 42 U.S.C. 300x-26 of the Public Health Service Act and 45 C.F.R. 96.130 (e) (4, 5) require that the states provide information on future plans to ensure compliance with the Synar requirements to reduce youth tobacco access.

**1. In the upcoming year, does the state anticipate any changes in:**

Synar sampling methodology ☐ Yes ☒ No

Synar inspection protocol ☐ Yes ☒ No

*If changes are made in either the Synar sampling methodology or the Synar inspection protocol, the state is required to obtain approval from CSAP prior to implementation of the change and file an updated Synar Survey Sampling Methodology (Appendix B) or an updated Synar Survey Inspection Protocol (Appendix C), as appropriate.*

**2. Please describe the state's plans to maintain and/or reduce the target rate for Synar inspections to be completed in FFY 2020. Include a brief description of plans for law enforcement efforts to enforce youth tobacco access laws, activities that support law enforcement efforts to enforce youth tobacco access laws, and any anticipated changes in youth tobacco access legislation or regulation in the state.**

In FFY 2020, BHDDH will conduct the annual Synar survey over a two-month period. On a routine basis, inspections conducted during the Survey will not be combined with FDA-sponsored compliance inspections.

Over several previous Survey cycles, BHDDH expanded the menu of tobacco products youth inspectors could request based on youth survey results which supported anecdotal evidence that underage youth were able to purchase non-cigarette tobacco products more easily than they were able to purchase cigarettes. Subsequent youth surveys conducted by community coalitions confirmed that underage use of non-cigarette tobacco products is increasing as conventional cigarette use has decreased. In particular, the most recent YRBS results show that while the percentage of RI's high school students reporting past 30-day cigarette use are among the lowest in the nation at 4.8%, (Betsy) the rates for cigar and e-cigarette use are increasing significantly (8.4% and 19.3% respectively). Additionally, while RI appears to have had some success in reducing reported retail access to cigarettes as the percentage of high school students reporting in the YRBS that they obtained their cigarettes from a retail source decreased from the national high of 28.7% to 20.5%, this rate remains unacceptably high. However, absent additional funding to conduct compliance inspections, it will be difficult for the state to take specific enforcement actions to further reduce the rate. In addition, while cigars and little cigars have been included in the annual Synar survey, e-cigarettes have been excluded from the Survey due to the state legislature's decision not to define them as tobacco products. As a result, RI has little local data available to determine how underage children are obtaining ENDS products which would inform the development of effective prevention strategies.

For the 2020 Synar Survey, BHDDH continued to encourage all of the police officers participating in the Survey to instruct the youth surveyors to request non-cigarette tobacco products if the products were readily available in the outlet and the youth inspector felt comfortable in doing so. In FFY 2020, BHDDH will continue to support local educational and enforcement efforts targeting underage use and availability of non-cigarette tobacco products. BHDDH, in conjunction with the RI Department of Health, will make resource material available to both the BHDDH-funded community prevention coalitions and to other organizations participating in the Tobacco-Free RI network to support community education efforts. Information and resource documents on non-cigarette tobacco products also will be posted on the State's Prevention

Resource Center website. Community education also will be provided through the CDC grant-funded communities.

The City of Providence and six other municipalities have adopted municipal ordinances requiring local registration of retail tobacco vendors. Providence also has banned the sale of flavored non-cigarette tobacco products and prohibited the redemption of tobacco coupons and discount promotions in 2016, several additional communities advocated for passage of ordinances which mirror some or all of the ordinances adopted in Providence. While no communities were successful during the reporting period, RI expects that a minimum of two additional municipalities will enact local ordinances requiring local registration of retail tobacco vendors and restrictions on underage sales of tobacco products during FFY 2018 as a result of the new CDC grant. Effective enforcement of these and other related municipal ordinances is expected to reduce youth access to such products significantly. In support of these efforts and in communities which have not yet adopted municipal ordinances, BHDDH also will encourage local municipalities to engage in ongoing enforcement of the State's youth access to tobacco statute.

Tobacco Free Rhode Island (TFRI) and its community partners will continue to advocate for raising the minimum age to purchase tobacco products from 18 to 21 years old. BHDDH and its community coalitions are TFRI partners.

BHDDH will continue to require the contracted community prevention coalitions to address tobacco prevention as a condition for receipt of funding. State funding for the community coalitions was eliminated by the State legislature during a previous legislative session. While some funding has been re-allocated through the SAPT block Grant, funding reductions will continue to limit the coalitions' ability to implement comprehensive tobacco prevention measures. Mindful of funding limitations, BHDDH staff will meet with coalition coordinators to discuss the results of the most recent Synar Survey and will again request that they focus their tobacco prevention efforts on restricting youth access as well as reducing underage use of non-cigarette tobacco products. Coalition coordinators will have access to the resources available from the State's Prevention Resource Center to support these efforts.

BHDDH will continue to work with the RI department of Health and with representatives from the community prevention coalitions to develop vendor education materials. These materials will be disseminated to community coalition coordinators. As funding becomes available, the Department of Health and BHDDH will distribute the materials to all licensed tobacco retailers in the State to improve vendor compliance with the State's youth access to tobacco statute.

BHDDH will continue to work collaboratively with the Department of Health and Tobacco-Free RI to develop and implement tobacco prevention and cessation programs as well as to advocate for policies that serve to reduce youth access and youth tobacco use. BHDDH staff will continue to participate in several workgroups whose focus is expanding the number of cessation services available to populations disproportionately impacted by tobacco as well as increasing the capacity of providers to offer these services.

**3. Describe any challenges the state faces in complying with the Synar regulation. (Check all that apply and describe each challenge in the text box below it.)**

- ☒ a. Limited resources for law enforcement of youth access laws

The most significant challenge RI experiences in complying with the Synar Regulations is a lack of funding to support enforcement of the State's youth access to tobacco statute. While Rhode Island's high school past 30-day cigarette smoking rates are among the lowest in the nation at 4.8%,

according to the latest Youth Risk Behavior Survey (YRBS), the percentage of current high school-age smokers in RI who report obtaining their cigarettes from commercial sources remains among the highest in the nation at 20.5%. State funding for on-going enforcement of the State's youth access law is entirely dependent upon annual appropriations by the State legislature. The recent addition of legislatively-mandated inspections of retail outlets for potential sales of ENDS products to children without funding to support these additional inspections has further challenged the State's ability to conduct effective enforcement of the State's youth access law.

- ☒ b. Limited resources for activities to support enforcement and compliance with youth tobacco access laws

Rhode Island's youth smoking rate continues to be among the lowest in the nation; due, in part, to the State's cigarette tax being among the highest nationally. However, the state tax on cigars continues to be capped at \$.50. This policy has served to make flavored and unflavored blunts and little cigars attractive alternatives to conventional cigarettes, particularly among underage children as evidenced by the increase in high school students' reports use of cigar products which, at 8.4%, is 3.6 percentage points higher than the reported cigarette use rates. BHDDH will continue to work in collaboration with the Department of Health and community coalitions to educate the community about the effects of the tobacco product tax disparity and its potential impact on underage cigar, little cigar use rates.

State and national surveys continue to show that the use of electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS) products by children is increasing rapidly (19.2% per RI 2015 YRBS). During the 2019 legislative session, the state legislature passed legislation prohibiting the sale or distribution of electronic nicotine delivery systems (ENDS) products to children, required BHDDH to coordinate enforcement of the ban, and required ENDS products retailers to obtain a license from the RI Department of Health. However, no funding was appropriated to support these efforts. During FFY 2020, BHDDH will work with the statewide network of community prevention coalitions, and the Tobacco-Free RI network to educate state and community leaders about effective strategies to reduce youth access to ENDS products.

The Rhode Island Governor issued an Executive Order prohibiting the sale of flavored ENDS products. To that end, BHDDH will continue to engage coalitions and local police department to conduct ongoing follow-up enforcement.

- ☒ c. Limitations in the state youth tobacco access laws

A 2005 amendment to the State's youth access statute effectively removed license suspension and revocation as a sanction for repeat violations of the statute. Community-based advocacy to strengthen the statute has not been successful. Therefore, again in FFY 2019, efforts by community prevention coalitions and other community-based organizations to adopt local retail tobacco vendor registration with local enforcement of these ordinances that mirror State statute will be the focus of efforts to prevent underage retail access to tobacco products.

- ☐ d. Limited public support for enforcement of youth tobacco access laws

- ☐ e. Limitations on completeness/accuracy of list of tobacco outlets



☐ f. Limited expertise in survey methodology

☐ g. Laws/regulations limiting the use of minors in tobacco inspections

☐ h. Difficulties recruiting youth inspectors

☐ i. Issues regarding the balance of inspections conducted by youth inspectors age 15 and under

☐ j. Issues regarding the balance of inspections conducted by one gender of youth inspectors

☐ k. Geographic, demographic, and logistical considerations in conducting inspections

☐ l. Cultural factors (e.g., language barriers, young people purchasing for their elders)

☐ m. Issues regarding sources of tobacco under tribal jurisdiction

☐ n. Other challenges (*Please list.*) \_\_\_\_\_

## APPENDIX A: FORMS 1–5 TEMPLATES

### FORM 1 (Required for all states not using the Synar Survey Estimation System (SSES) to analyze the Synar Survey data)

Complete Form 1 in **Excel** to report sampling frame and sample information and to calculate the unweighted retailer violation rate (RVR) using results from the current year’s Synar survey inspections.

**Instructions for Completing Form 1:** In the top right-hand corner of the **Excel** form, provide the state name and reporting federal fiscal year (FFY 2020). Provide the remaining information by stratum if stratification was used. Make copies of the form if additional rows are needed to list all the strata.

Column 1: *If stratification was used:*

1(a) Sequentially number each row.

1(b) Write in the name of each stratum. All strata in the state must be listed.

*If no stratification was used:*

1(a) Leave blank.

1(b) Write “state” in the first row (indicates that the whole state is a single stratum).

*Note for unstratified samples: For Columns 2–5, wherever the instruction refers to “each stratum,” report the specified information for the state as a whole.*

Column 2: 2(a) Report the number of over-the-counter (OTC) outlets in the sampling frame in each stratum.

2(b) Report the number of vending machine (VM) outlets in the sampling frame in each stratum.

2(c) Report the combined total of OTC and VM outlets in the sampling frame in each stratum.

Column 3: 3(a) Report the estimated number of eligible OTC outlets in the OTC outlet population in each stratum.

3(b) Report the estimated number of eligible VM outlets in the VM outlet population in each stratum.

3(c) Report the combined total estimated number of eligible OTC and VM outlets in the total outlet population in each stratum.

*The estimates for Column 3 can be obtained from the Synar survey sample as the weighted sum of eligible outlets by outlet type.*

Column 4: 4(a) Report the number of eligible OTC outlets for which an inspection was completed, for each stratum.

4(b) Report the numbers of eligible VM outlets for which an inspection was completed, for each stratum.

4(c) Report the combined total of eligible OTC and VM outlets for which an inspection was completed, for each stratum.

Column 5: 5(a) Report the number of OTC outlets found in violation of the law as a result of completed inspections, for each stratum.

5(b) Report the number of VM outlets found in violation of the law as a result of completed inspections, for each stratum.

5(c) Report the combined total of OTC and VM outlets found in violation of the law as a result of completed inspections, for each stratum.

Totals: For each subcolumn (a–c) in Columns 2–5, provide totals for the state as a whole in the last row of the table. These numbers will be the sum of the numbers in each row for the respective column.

**FORM 1 (Required for all states not using the Synar Survey Estimation System [SSES] to analyze the Synar Survey data.)**

## Summary of Synar Inspection Results by Stratum

**State:** \_\_\_\_\_

**FFY: 2020**[illegible]

**RECORD COLUMN TOTALS ON LAST LINE (LAST PAGE ONLY IF MULTIPLE PAGES ARE NEEDED).**

## FORM 2 (Optional)

### Appropriate for stratified simple or systematic random sampling designs.

Complete Form 2 in **Excel** to calculate the weighted RVR. This table (in Excel form) is designed to calculate the weighted RVR for stratified simple or systematic random sampling designs, accounting for ineligible outlets and noncomplete inspections encountered during the annual Synar survey.

**Instructions for Completing Form 2:** In the top right-hand corner of the **Excel** form, provide the state name and reporting federal fiscal year (FFY 2020).

- Column 1: Write in the name of each stratum into which the sample was divided. These should match the strata reported in Column 1(b) of Form 1.
- Column 2: Report the number of outlets in the sampling frame in each stratum. These numbers should match the numbers reported for the respective strata in Column 2(c) of Form 1.
- Column 3: Report the original sample size (the number of outlets originally selected, *including* substitutes or replacements) for each stratum.
- Column 4: Report the number of sample outlets in each stratum that were found to be eligible during the inspections. Note that this number must be less than or equal to the number reported in Column 3 for the respective strata.
- Column 5: Report the number of eligible outlets in each stratum for which an inspection was completed. Note that this number must be less than or equal to the number reported in Column 4. These numbers should match the numbers reported in Column 4(c) of Form 1 for the respective strata.
- Column 6: Report the number of eligible outlets inspected in each stratum that were found in violation. These numbers should match the numbers reported in Column 5(c) of Form 1 for the stratum.
- Column 7: Form 2 (in Excel form) will automatically calculate the stratum RVR for each stratum in this column. This is calculated by dividing the number of inspected eligible outlets found in violation (Column 6) by the number of inspected eligible outlets (Column 5). The state unweighted RVR will be shown in the Total row of Column 7.
- Column 8: Form 2 (in Excel form) will automatically calculate the estimated number of eligible outlets in the population for each stratum. This calculation is made by multiplying the number of outlets in the sampling frame (Column 2) times the number of eligible outlets (Column 4) divided by the original sample size (Column 3). Note that these numbers will be less than or equal to the numbers in Column 2.
- Column 9: Form 2 (in Excel form) will automatically calculate the relative stratum weight by dividing the estimated number of eligible outlets in the population for each stratum in Column 8 by the Total of the values in Column 8.
- Column 10: Form 2 (in Excel form) will automatically calculate each stratum's contribution to the state weighted RVR by multiplying the stratum RVR (Column 7) by the relative stratum weight (Column 9). The weighted RVR for the state will be shown in the Total row of Column 10.
- Column 11: Form 2 (in Excel form) automatically calculates the standard error of each stratum's RVR (Column 7). The standard error for the state weighted RVR will be shown in the Total row of Column 11.
- TOTAL: For Columns 2–6, Form 2 (in Excel form) provides totals for the state as a whole in the last row of the table. For Columns 7–11, it calculates the respective statistic for the state as a whole.

**FORM 2 (Optional) Appropriate for stratified simple or systematic random sampling designs.**

Calculation of Weighted Retailer Violation Rate										
										State: _____
										FFY: 2020
(1) Stratum Name	(2) N Number of Outlets in Sampling Frame	(3) n Original Sample Size	(4) n1 Number of Sample Outlets Found Eligible	(5) n2 Number of Outlets Inspected	(6) x Number of Outlets Found in Violation	(7) p=x/n2 Stratum Retailer Violation Rate	(8) N'=N(n1/ n) Estimated Number of Eligible Outlets in Population	(9) w=N'/Tot al Column 8 Relative Stratum Weight	(10) pw Stratum Contributi on to State Weighted RVR	(11) s.e. Standard Error of Stratum RVR
<b>Total</b>										

- N - number of outlets in sampling frame  
 n - original sample size (number of outlets in the original sample)  
 n1 - number of sample outlets that were found to be eligible  
 n2 - number of eligible outlets that were inspected  
 x - number of inspected outlets that were found in violation  
 p - stratum retailer violation rate ( $p=x/n2$ )  
 N' - estimated number of eligible outlets in population ( $N'=N*n1/n$ )  
 w - relative stratum weight ( $w=N'/\text{Total Column 8}$ )  
 pw - stratum contribution to the weighted RVR  
 s.e. - standard error of the stratum RVR

**FORM 3 (Required when a cluster design is used for all states not using the Synar Survey Estimation System [SSES] to analyze the Synar survey data.)**

Complete Form 3 in **Excel** to report information about primary sampling units when a cluster design was used for the Synar survey.

**Instructions for Completing Form 3:** In the top right-hand corner of the **Excel** form, provide the state name and reporting federal fiscal year (FFY 2020).

Provide information by stratum if stratification was used. Make copies of the form if additional rows are needed to list all the strata.

Column 1: Sequentially number each row.

Column 2: *If stratification was used:* Write in the name of stratum. All strata in the state must be listed.

*If no stratification was used:* Write “state” in the first row to indicate that the whole state constitutes a single stratum.

Column 3: Report the number of primary sampling units (PSUs) (i.e., first-stage clusters) created for each stratum.

Column 4: Report the number of PSUs selected in the original sample for each stratum.

Column 5: Report the number of PSUs in the final sample for each stratum.

TOTALS: For Columns 3–5, provide totals for the state as a whole in the last row of the table.

Summary of Clusters Created and Sampled				
State: _____				
FFY: 2020 _____				
(1) Row #	(2) Stratum Name	(3) Number of PSUs Created	(4) Number of PSUs Selected	(5) Number of PSUs in the Final Sample
Total				

**FORM 4 (Required for all states not using the Synar Survey Estimation System [SSES] to analyze the Synar Survey data)**

Complete Form 4 in **Excel** to provide detailed tallies of ineligible sample outlets by reasons for ineligibility and detailed tallies of eligible sample outlets with noncomplete inspections by reasons for noncompletion.

**Instructions for Completing Form 4:** In the top right-hand corner of the **Excel** form, provide the state name and reporting federal fiscal year (FFY 2020).

Column 1(a): Enter the number of sample outlets found ineligible for inspection by reason for ineligibility. Provide the total number of ineligible outlets in the row marked “Total.”

Column 2(a): Enter the number of eligible sample outlets with noncomplete inspections by reason for noncompletion. Provide the total number of eligible outlets with noncomplete inspections in the row marked “Total.”

<b>Inspection Tallies by Reason of Ineligibility or Noncompletion</b> <b>State:</b> _____ <b>FFY:</b> 2020			
(1) INELIGIBLE		(2) ELIGIBLE	
Reason for Ineligibility	(a) Counts	Reason for Noncompletion	(a) Counts
Out of business		In operation but closed at time of visit	
Does not sell tobacco products		Unsafe to access	
Inaccessible by youth		Presence of police	
Private club or private residence		Youth inspector knows salesperson	
Temporary closure		Moved to new location	
Unlocatable		Drive-thru only/youth inspector has no driver's license	
Wholesale only/Carton sale only		Tobacco out of stock	
Vending machine broken		Ran out of time	
Duplicate		Other noncompletion reason(s) ( <i>Describe.</i> )	
Other ineligibility reason(s) ( <i>Describe.</i> )			
<b>Total</b>		<b>Total</b>	

**FORM 5 (Required for all states not using the Synar Survey Estimation System [SSES] to analyze the Synar survey data)**

Complete Form 5 in **Excel** to show the distribution of outlet inspection results by age and gender of the youth inspectors.

**Instructions for Completing Form 5:** In the top right-hand corner of the **Excel** form, provide the state name and reporting federal fiscal year (FFY 2020).

Column 1: Enter the number of attempted buys by youth inspector age and gender.

Column 2: Enter the number of successful buys by youth inspector age and gender.

If the inspectors are age eligible but the gender of the inspector is unknown, include those inspections in the “Other” row. Calculate subtotals for males and females in rows marked “Male Subtotal” and “Female Subtotal.” Sum subtotals for Male, Female, and Other and record in the bottom row marked “Total.” Verify that the total of attempted buys and successful buys equals the total for Column 4(c) and Column 5(c), respectively, on Form 1. If the totals do not match, please explain any discrepancies.

Synar Survey Inspector Characteristics		
		State: _____
		FFY: 2020
	(1) Attempted Buys	(2) Successful Buys
<b>Male</b>		
15 years		
16 years		
17 years		
18 years		
19 years		
20 years		
<b>Male Subtotal</b>		
<b>Female</b>		
15 years		
16 years		
17 years		
18 years		
19 years		
20 years		
<b>Female Subtotal</b>		
<b>Other</b>		
<b>Total</b>		



## **APPENDIXES B & C: FORMS**

### Instructions

Appendix B (Sampling Design) and Appendix C (Inspection Protocol) are to reflect the state's CSAP-approved sampling design and inspection protocol. These appendixes, therefore, should generally describe the design and protocol and, with the exception of Question #10 of Appendix B, are not to be modified with year-specific information. Please note that any changes to either appendix must receive CSAP's advance, written approval. To facilitate the state's completion of this section, simply cut and paste the previously approved sampling design (Appendix B) and inspection protocol (Appendix C) and respond to Question #10 of Appendix B to provide the requested information about sample size calculations for the Synar survey conducted in FFY 2019.

## APPENDIX B: SYNAR SURVEY SAMPLING METHODOLOGY

State: RI  
FFY: 2020

**1. What type of sampling frame is used?**

- ☒ List frame (*Go to Question 2.*)  
☐ Area frame (*Go to Question 3.*)  
☐ List-assisted area frame (*Go to Question 2.*)

**2. List all sources of the list frame. Indicate the type of source from the list below. Provide a brief description of the frame source. Explain how the lists are updated (method), including how new outlets are identified and added to the frame. In addition, explain how often the lists are updated (cycle). (After completing this question, go to Question 4.)**

*Use the corresponding number to indicate Type of Source in the table below.*

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|---|--|
| 1 – Statewide commercial business list    | 4 – Statewide retail license/permit list |
| 2 – Local commercial business list        | 5 – Statewide liquor license/permit list |
| 3 – Statewide tobacco license/permit list | 6 – Other                                |

Name of Frame Source	Type of Source	Description	Updating Method and Cycle
State tobacco retailer	3	RI Division of Taxation maintains a list of all licensed retail tobacco vendors – licenses are renewed annually for a \$25 fee	The list is required by state law to be updated quarterly by the RI Division of Taxation. Annually, Taxation sends out renewal notices and updates the list based on new licenses and renewals. The list is cleaned by reconstructing previous year's list and survey responses as well as by utilizing the results of FDA inspections.
FDA retailer database	6	The retailer list which supports the FDA Tobacco Compliance Inspection Program in RI	The FDA retailer list is updated as a result of state license list updates, the results from the Annual Synar Survey, on-going FDA inspections; and changes originated by FDA

**3. If an area frame is used, describe how area sampling units are defined and formed.**

**a. Is any area left out in the formation of the area frame?**

☐ Yes ☐ No

*If Yes, what percentage of the state's population is not covered by the area frame?*

\_\_\_\_\_ %

**4. Federal regulation requires that vending machines be inspected as part of the Synar survey. Are vending machines included in the Synar survey?**

☒ **Yes**   ☐ **No**

*If No, please indicate the reason(s) they are not included in the Synar survey. Please check all that apply.*

- ☐ State law bans vending machines.
- ☐ State law bans vending machines from locations accessible to youth.
- ☐ State has a contract with the FDA and is actively enforcing the vending machine requirements of the Family Smoking Prevention and Tobacco Control Act.
- ☐ Other (*Please describe.*) \_\_\_\_\_

*If Yes, please indicate how likely it is that vending machines will be sampled.*

- ☐ Vending machines are sampled separately to ensure vending machines are included in the sample
- ☒ Vending machines are sampled together with over the counter outlets, so it is possible that no vending machines were sampled, however they are included in the sampling frame and have a non-zero probability of selection
- ☐ Other reasons (*Please describe.*) \_\_\_\_\_

**5. Which category below best describes the sample design? (Check only one.)**

☐ **Census** (*STOP HERE: Appendix B is complete.*)

**Unstratified statewide sample:**

- ☐ Simple random sample (*Go to Question 9.*)
- ☐ Systematic random sample (*Go to Question 6.*)
- ☐ Single-stage cluster sample (*Go to Question 8.*)
- ☐ Multistage cluster sample (*Go to Question 8.*)

**Stratified sample:**

- ☒ Simple random sample (*Go to Question 7.*)
- ☐ Systematic random sample (*Go to Question 6.*)
- ☐ Single-stage cluster sample (*Go to Question 7.*)
- ☐ Multistage cluster sample (*Go to Question 7.*)
- ☐ **Other** (*Please describe and go to Question 9.*) \_\_\_\_\_

**6. Describe the systematic sampling methods. (After completing Question 6, go to Question 7 if stratification is used. Otherwise go to Question 9.)**

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**7. Provide the following information about stratification.**

**a. Provide a full description of the strata that are created.**

For the current Synar Survey, RI uses a stratified sample in which each of the State's thirty-nine municipalities was designated as a stratum. The assigned stratum number reflects alphabetical sorting of the municipalities. Each of the retail tobacco outlets was assigned to a stratum based on the physical (not mailing) address of the outlet as it appears in the state's retailer database. The target sample size for each stratum based on the proportion of the licenses located in the stratum to the total number of retail outlets statewide. The sampling process was then implemented as follows:

Sampling Procedure:

- \* Use the SSES calculator to determine the number of outlets sampled in each stratum.
- \* Copy and paste full list of establishments into State/SE 12.0

Using the results of the SSES calculator that showed the number of sampled outlets per municipality, we then used the RAND function in Excel to randomly select which outlets were to be sampled. To do this, each community was lined up by municipality and assigned a number in chronological order. Then, the RAND function was used to select the number of the outlet. For example, there were six outlets for Burrillville and two needed to be selected for the sample. The RAND function was used to then select two random outlets between 1 and 6. If the same number was selected multiple times, we drew another selection until we had the appropriate number of unique, randomly selected outlets per municipality.

**b. Is clustering used within the stratified sample?**

- ☐ **Yes** (Go to Question 8.)
- ☒ **No** (Go to Question 9.)

**8. Provide the following information about clustering.**

**a. Provide a full description of how clusters are formed. (If multistage clusters are used, give definitions of clusters at each stage.)**

**b. Specify the sampling method (simple random, systematic, or probability proportional to size sampling) for each stage of sampling and describe how the method(s) is (are) implemented.**

**9. Provide the following information about determining the Synar Sample.**

**a. Was the Synar Survey Estimation System (SSES) used to calculate the sample size?**

- ☒ **Yes** (Respond to part b.)
- ☐ **No** (Respond to part c and Question 10c.)

**b. SSES Sample Size Calculator used?**

- ☐ **State Level**                      *(Respond to Question 10a.)*  
☒ **Stratum Level**                      *(Respond to Question 10a and 10b.)*

**c. Provide the formulas for determining the effective, target, and original outlet sample sizes.**

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**10. Provide the following information about sample size calculations for the Synar survey conducted in FFY 2019.**

**a. If the state uses the sample size formulas embedded in the SSES Sample Size Calculator to calculate the state level sample size, please provide the following information:**

**Inputs for Effective Sample Size:**

RVR: 9.10%

Frame Size: 967

**Input for Target Sample Size:**

Design Effect: 1

**Inputs for Original Sample Size:**

Safety Margin: 50%

Accuracy (Eligibility) Rate: 94.40%

Completion Rate: 99.70%

**b. If the state uses the sample size formulas embedded in the SSES Sample Size Calculator to calculate the stratum level sample sizes, please provide the stratum level information:**

STRATUM ID	CITY	STRATUM SIZE	STRATUM RVR 2008	COST WEIGHT OF INSPECTIONS	STRATUM SAMPLE SIZE (Proportional)	PERCENTAGE
1	BARRINGTON	5			2	40.00%
2	BLOCK ISLAND	7			2	28.57%
3	BRISTOL	17			5	29.41%
4	BURRILLVILLE	8			3	37.50%
5	CENTRAL FALLS	12			4	33.33%
6	CHARLESTOWN	8			3	37.50%
7	COVENTRY	25			8	37.50%
8	CRANSTON	71			23	32.39%
9	CUMBERLAND	22			7	31.80%
10	EAST GREENWICH	8			3	37.50%
11	EAST PROVIDENCE	41			13	31.71%
12	EXETER	5			2	40.00%
13	FOSTER	5			2	40.00%
14	GLOCESTER	7			2	28.57%
15	HOPKINTON	6			2	33.33%
16	JAMESTOWN	3			2	66.67%
17	JOHNSTON	31			10	32.26%
18	LINCOLN	14			4	28.57%
19	LITTLE COMPTON	4			2	50.00%
20	MIDDLETOWN	15			5	33.33%
21	NARRAGANSETT	15			5	33.33%
22	NEWPORT	28			9	32.14%
23	NORTH KINGSTOWN	21			7	33.33%
24	NORTH PROVIDENCE	26			8	30.77%
25	NORTH SMITHFIELD	13			4	30.77%
26	PAWTUCKET	72			23	31.94%
27	PORTSMOUTH	11			4	36.36%
28	PROVIDENCE	219			71	32.42%
29	RICHMOND	8			3	37.50%
30	SCITUATE	7			2	28.57%
31	SMITHFIELD	20			6	30.00%
32	SOUTH KINGSTOWN	19			6	31.58%

33	TIVERTON	18			6	33.33%
34	WARREN	10			3	30.00%
35	WARWICK	73			24	32.88%
36	WEST GREENWICH	5			2	40.00%
37	WEST WARWICK	27			9	33.33%
38	WESTERLY	24			8	33.33%
39	WOONSOCKET	37			12	32.43%
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- c. If the state does not use the sample size formulas embedded in the SSES Sample Size Calculator, please provide all inputs required to calculate the effective, target, and original sample sizes as indicated in Question 9.

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## APPENDIX C: SYNAR SURVEY INSPECTION PROTOCOL SUMMARY

State: RI

FFY: 2020

*Note: Upload to WebBGAS a copy of the Synar inspection form under the heading “Synar Inspection Form” and a copy of the protocol used to train inspection teams on conducting and reporting the results of the Synar inspections under the heading “Synar Inspection Protocol.”*

### 1. How does the state Synar survey protocol address the following?

#### a. Consummated buy attempts?

- ☒ Required  
☐ Permitted under specified circumstances (Describe: \_\_\_\_\_)  
☐ Not permitted

#### b. Youth inspectors to carry ID?

- ☐ Required  
☐ Permitted under specified circumstances (Describe: \_\_\_\_\_)  
☒ Not permitted

#### c. Adult inspectors to enter the outlet?

- ☐ Required  
☒ Permitted under specified circumstances (Describe: \_\_\_\_\_)  
☐ Not permitted

#### d. Youth inspectors to be compensated?

- ☒ Required  
☐ Permitted under specified circumstances (Describe: \_\_\_\_\_)  
☐ Not permitted

### 2. Identify the agency(ies) or entity(ies) that actually conduct the random, unannounced Synar inspections of tobacco outlets. (Check all that apply.)

- ☒ Law enforcement agency(ies)  
☐ State or local government agency(ies) other than law enforcement  
☐ Private contractor(s)  
☐ Other

List the agency name(s): Barrington, Block Island, Bristol, Burrillville, Central Falls, Coventry, Charlestown, Cranston, Cumberland, East Greenwich, East Providence, Foster, Glocester, Hopkinton, Jamestown, Johnston, Lincoln, Little Compton, Middletown, Narragansett, Newport,



North Kingstown, North Providence, North Smithfield, Pawtucket, Portsmouth, Providence, Richmond, Scituate, Smithfield, South Kingstown, Tiverton, Warren, Warwick, West Greenwich, West Warwick, Westerly, and Woonsocket. The RI State Police conducted the inspections in the Town of Exeter which does not have a municipal police department.

3. Are Synar inspections combined with law enforcement efforts (i.e., do law enforcement representatives issue warnings or citations to retailers found in violation of the law at the time of the inspection?)?

☐ Always ☐ Usually ☒ Sometimes ☐ Rarely ☐ Never

4. Describe the type of tobacco products that are requested during Synar inspections.

- a. What type of tobacco products are requested during the inspection?

☒ Cigarettes  
☒ Small Cigars  
☒ Cigarillos  
☒ Smokeless Tobacco  
☐ Electronic Cigarettes/Electronic Nicotine Delivery Systems (ENDS)  
☒ Other: Blunts

- b. Describe the protocol for identifying what types of products and what brands of products are requested during an inspection.

Products are determined by reports from police officers regarding the types of products youth can purchase in their respective communities and from the results of community youth surveys. Police officers participating in the Annual Synar survey are instructed to advise youth inspectors to request these items if the items are sold in the establishment. For loose cigarettes, youth are advised to request this only if they feel comfortable in doing so as some stores have code words for these transactions and not using these terms might expose the youth as participating in the Survey.

- 5a. Describe the methods used to recruit, select, and train adult supervisors.

Adult supervisors are required by state law to be adult law enforcement officers. BHDDH contracts with municipal police departments to conduct inspections as part of the Annual Synar Survey and to engage in on-going enforcement efforts. Any participating police department selects the officers to conduct the survey within their respective municipality or in another municipality pursuant to a mutual aid agreement. All officers supervising the youth participants have been trained by BHDDH, if they are not FDA Commissioned Officers who know the protocols and understand all reporting procedures.

- 5b. Describe the methods used to recruit, select, and train youth inspectors.

Recruitment and training of youth inspectors primarily is done BHDDH with assistance from local police departments. Some youth participants also received training from the FDA Youth Coordinator. Inspection protocols are reviewed with the youth inspectors just prior to conducting the inspections.

6. Are there specific legal or procedural requirements instituted by the state to address the issue of youth inspectors' immunity when conducting inspections?

a. Legal

☒ Yes ☐ No

(If Yes, please describe.)

RI General Laws Title 11 Criminal Offenses Chapter 11-9 Children (11-9-13.6)

Underage individuals, acting as agents for the department of behavioral healthcare, developmental disabilities and hospitals and with the written permission of parent or guardian, may purchase, with impunity from prosecution, tobacco products for the purposes of law enforcement or government research involving monitoring compliance with this chapter, provided that the underage individuals are supervised by an adult law enforcement official. Any individual participating in an unannounced compliance check of over the counter or vending machine sales, must state his or her accurate age is asked by the sales representative of the retail establishment being checked.

b. Procedural

☒ Yes ☐ No

(If Yes, please describe.)

**Synar Tobacco Survey Protocol**

**Survey Dates:**

**Start:** Upon receipt of survey materials

**End:** September 30, 2019

**If you are unable to complete the survey by the deadline, please contact**  
**Mulligan at 462-3051 or [maureen.mulligan@bhddh.ri.gov](mailto:maureen.mulligan@bhddh.ri.gov).**

**Maureen**

**Survey Times:** The survey should be conducted during the day or evening when the outlets to be inspected are likely to be open for business.

**Survey Sites:** Survey those outlets for which you receive a pre-printed survey form. If the outlet is closed, no longer sells tobacco products, or if conditions are unsafe for inspecting, check the appropriate box on the data collection form and include the reason why the purchase attempt was not completed.

**Additional Sites:** If you will be surveying additional sites either immediately following inspection of assigned sites or as part of ongoing enforcement efforts, please complete all assigned inspections before inspecting additional sites. Included with the survey materials are a current list of all licensed retail tobacco outlets within your municipality and blank survey forms which may be copied as required.

**Survey Teams:** Survey teams preferably should consist of one police officer and two youth surveyors.

**Procedures:**

\*Each participating law enforcement official will receive the survey forms for the sites for which she or he is responsible.

**Due to federal guidelines regarding the survey process, it is critical that you only survey sites for which you have received a report form; no site substitution is allowed for the survey. Purchase attempts at additional sites are permitted.**

\*Police officers are to drive surveyors to the selected site in an unmarked police vehicle.

\*Police officers should park cars in a location where the surveyor can enter and exit the car and the establishment safely but not be in direct view of the survey site's employees.

\*The youth will enter the establishment and attempt to make a purchase if:

- > There are no police officers who are not part of the survey team present in the establishment.
- > The youth, upon entering the establishment determines that she or he does not know anyone present.
- > The situation does not appear to be dangerous.

**Please note:** Surveyors are to leave their ID in the vehicle with the officer.

- \* If asked their age, the surveyor must be truthful (per State law); and if asked for ID, they are to answer that they don't have any with them.
- \* If a purchase attempt is successful, the surveyor is to pay for the product and leave the establishment quickly.
- \* Prior to inspecting **tobacco vending machines**, please explain to the youth surveyor that the machines should have a locking device which must be unlocked by a clerk in order for a purchase to be made. The youth should make an initial check of the machine to determine if the machine is locked. If the machine is not locked, the youth should attempt to make the purchase without approaching a clerk. If the machine is locked, the youth should ask the clerk to unlock it so that a purchase can be made.
- \* Upon completion of each inspection, the youth surveyor reports the results and the officer completes the survey form prior to moving to the next site. Also, if a purchase is made the tobacco product is to be turned over to the law enforcement official immediately upon return to the vehicle.
- \* Document on the report form the tobacco product the youth surveyor attempted to purchase regardless of the outcome of the purchase attempt.

### **Products Eligible for Purchase:**

- \* Products eligible for purchase are listed on the bottom of the inspection forms. If an establishment sells hookah exclusively, please contact Maureen Mulligan at 462.3051 prior to conducting an inspection at that site.
- \* If you are aware that underage youth in your community are using tobacco products other than cigarettes such as Snus or cigars/blunts or that a vendor sells loose cigarettes; please have the youth surveyor attempt to purchase such products.
- \* Electronic nicotine delivery system products (“ENDS products”) a/k/a electronic or e-cigarettes are included in the State law banning sales to individuals under the age of 18; however, because current law does not define ENDS products as tobacco products, they are NOT eligible for purchase during the Synar survey. ENDS products MAY be purchased by minors as part of on-going enforcement of RIGL 11-9-13.

**Please Note:** Rhode Island continues to experience a problem with the sale of unstamped or fraudulently stamped cigarettes. If, during the Annual Synar survey or ongoing enforcement efforts, youth purchase such cigarettes, please follow your department’s procedure for handling evidence and contact James Galvin at the RI Division of Taxation (574-8768).

### **Surveyors:**

BHDDH has a group of trained youth inspectors available to assist with the annual survey and with ongoing enforcement efforts. These youth have been trained in conducting compliance inspections, have been age-rated, and have all parental consent form information on file at the Department. If you will be recruiting the youth surveyors yourself, Maureen Mulligan at BHDDH can assist you with this process. She may be reached at 462-3051 or [maureen.mulligan@bhddh.ri.gov](mailto:maureen.mulligan@bhddh.ri.gov). Please inform her that you will be conducting Synar compliance inspections.

**Surveyors MUST be between the age of 16 and 17.** Do not use youth who are or who appear to be either older or younger than these ages in conducting the survey and/or compliance checks. The youth surveyor age restriction is a federal mandate in accordance with an administrative ruling made by the federal Labor Relations Board.

If you are not using previously-trained youth, please convene an age verification panel prior to conducting the survey, using the **Age Rating Sheet** enclosed in the packet. The Age-Rating Panel should consist of 4-5 adults who estimate the apparent age of the youth surveyor. Federal Synar advisors also suggest taking a photo of the youth surveyor(s) prior to conducting the survey and/or checks. The photo should show the clothes worn by the surveyor during the survey/compliance checks.

Please obtain **parental consent** for all youth surveyors to participate in the survey. A sample consent form is included in the survey packet.

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7. Are there specific legal or procedural requirements instituted by the state to address the issue of the safety of youth inspectors during all aspects of the Synar inspection process?

a. Legal

☐ Yes ☒ No

(If Yes, please describe.)

b. Procedural

☒ Yes ☐ No

(If Yes, please describe.)

**Synar Tobacco Survey Protocol**

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8. Are there any other legal or procedural requirements the state has regarding how inspections are to be conducted (e.g., age of youth inspector, time of inspections, training that must occur)?

a. Legal

☒ Yes ☐ No

(If Yes, please describe.)

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(ii) In fulfilling the requirement of unannounced statewide compliance checks, the department of mental health, retardation and hospitals shall maintain complete records of the unannounced compliance checks, detailing, at least, the date of the compliance check, the name and address of the retail establishment checked or the mail order company, the results of the compliance check (sale/no sale), whether the sale was made as an over-the-counter sale, a mail order purchase or a tobacco vending machine sale, and if a citation was issued for any violation found. The records shall be subject to public disclosure. Further, the department of mental health, retardation and hospitals shall report to the owner of each retail establishment checked or mail order company, the results of any compliance check (sale/no sale) whether the sale was made as an over-the-counter sale, a mail order purchase or a tobacco vending machine sale, and if a citation was issued for any violation found.  
(5) Seek enforcement, concurrently with other state and local officials, of the penalties as detailed in this chapter.  
(6) Develop and disseminate community health education information and materials relating to this chapter.

b. Procedural

☒ Yes ☐ No

(If Yes, please describe.)

**Synar Tobacco Survey Protocol**

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**Survey Times:** The survey should be conducted during the day or evening when the outlets to be inspected are likely to be open for business.

**Survey Sites:** Survey those outlets for which you receive a pre-printed survey form. If the outlet is closed, no longer sells tobacco products, or if conditions are unsafe for inspecting, check the appropriate box on the data collection form and include the reason why the purchase attempt was not completed.

**Additional Sites:** If you will be surveying additional sites either immediately following inspection of assigned sites or as part of ongoing enforcement efforts, please complete all assigned inspections before inspecting additional sites. Included with the survey materials are a current list of all licensed retail tobacco outlets within your municipality and blank survey forms which may be copied as required.

**Survey Teams:** Survey teams preferably should consist of one police officer and two youth surveyors.

**Procedures:**

\*Each participating law enforcement official will receive the survey forms for the sites for which she or he is responsible.

**Due to federal guidelines regarding the survey process, it is critical that you only survey sites for which you have received a report form; no site substitution is allowed for the survey. Purchase attempts at additional sites are permitted.**

\*Police officers are to drive surveyors to the selected site in an unmarked police vehicle.

\*Police officers should park cars in a location where the surveyor can enter and exit the car and the establishment safely but not be in direct view of the survey site's employees.

\*The youth will enter the establishment and attempt to make a purchase if:

- > There are no police officers who are not part of the survey team present in the establishment.
- > The youth, upon entering the establishment determines that she or he does not know anyone present.
- > The situation does not appear to be dangerous.

**Please note:** Surveyors are to leave their ID in the vehicle with the officer.

- \* If asked their age, the surveyor must be truthful (per State law); and if asked for ID, they are to answer that they don't have any with them.
- \* If a purchase attempt is successful, the surveyor is to pay for the product and leave the establishment quickly.
- \* Prior to inspecting **tobacco vending machines**, please explain to the youth surveyor that the machines should have a locking device which must be unlocked by a clerk in order for a purchase to be made. The youth should make an initial check of the machine to determine if the machine is locked. If the machine is not locked, the youth should attempt to make the purchase without approaching a clerk. If the machine is locked, the youth should ask the clerk to unlock it so that a purchase can be made.
- \* Upon completion of each inspection, the youth surveyor reports the results and the officer completes the survey form prior to moving to the next site. Also, if a

purchase is made the tobacco product is to be turned over to the law enforcement official immediately upon return to the vehicle.

- \* Document on the report form the tobacco product the youth surveyor attempted to purchase regardless of the outcome of the purchase attempt.

### **Products Eligible for Purchase:**

- \* Products eligible for purchase are listed on the bottom of the inspection forms. If an establishment sells hookah exclusively, please contact Maureen Mulligan at 462.3051 prior to conducting an inspection at that site.
- \* If you are aware that underage youth in your community are using tobacco products other than cigarettes such as Snus or cigars/blunts or that a vendor sells loose cigarettes; please have the youth surveyor attempt to purchase such products.
- \* Electronic nicotine delivery system products (“ENDS products”) a/k/a electronic or e-cigarettes are included in the State law banning sales to individuals under the age of 18; however, because current law does not define ENDS products as tobacco products, they are NOT eligible for purchase during the Synar survey. ENDS products MAY be purchased by minors as part of on-going enforcement of RIGL 11-9-13.

**Please Note:** Rhode Island continues to experience a problem with the sale of unstamped or fraudulently stamped cigarettes. If, during the Annual Synar survey or ongoing enforcement efforts, youth purchase such cigarettes, please follow your department’s procedure for handling evidence and contact James Galvin at the RI Division of Taxation (574-8768).

### **Surveyors:**

BHDDH has a group of trained youth inspectors available to assist with the annual survey and with ongoing enforcement efforts. These youth have been trained in conducting compliance inspections, have been age-rated, and have all parental consent form information on file at the Department. If you will be recruiting the youth surveyors yourself, Maureen Mulligan at BHDDH can assist you with this process. She may be reached at 462-3051 or [maureen.mulligan@bhddh.ri.gov](mailto:maureen.mulligan@bhddh.ri.gov). Please inform her that you will be conducting Synar compliance inspections.

**Surveyors MUST be between the age of 16 and 17.** Do not use youth who are or who appear to be either older or younger than these ages in conducting the survey and/or compliance checks. The youth surveyor age restriction is a federal mandate in accordance with an administrative ruling made by the federal Labor Relations Board.

If you are not using previously-trained youth, please convene an age verification panel prior to conducting the survey, using the **Age Rating Sheet** enclosed in the packet. The Age-Rating Panel should consist of 4-5 adults who estimate the apparent age of the youth surveyor. Federal Synar advisors also suggest taking a

photo of the youth surveyor(s) prior to conducting the survey and/or checks. The photo should show the clothes worn by the surveyor during the survey/compliance checks.

Please obtain **parental consent** for all youth surveyors to participate in the survey. A sample consent form is included in the survey packet.

Surveyors should dress as they would normally; avoiding makeup and clothing that would make them appear older than 17 years of age.

**According to federal guidelines, there should be approximately 50% female surveyors and 50% male surveyors in order to have a valid survey. Please make every effort to recruit both males and females to conduct the inspections and to have male and female youth inspectors conduct an equal number of inspections.**

**Police Departments are responsible for paying the youth surveyors. Surveyors must be paid at the rate of \$10.10 per hour which is the current federal contractor minimum rate.**

BHDDH will reimburse the police departments for the cost of the surveyors. Request for reimbursement must be made on the approved invoice form which is included in the survey packet. The invoice should include as separate line items the amount requested for each officer and each surveyor as well as for the cost of any cigarettes purchased during the survey. The invoice form is available electronically by request.

Please e-mail your request to: [maureen.mulligan@bhddh.ri.gov](mailto:maureen.mulligan@bhddh.ri.gov)

## APPENDIX D: LIST SAMPLING FRAME COVERAGE STUDY

(LIST FRAME ONLY)

State: RI

FFY: 2020

1. Calendar year of the coverage study: 2019

2.   a. Unweighted percent coverage found: \_\_\_\_\_%
- b. Weighted percent coverage found: \_\_\_\_\_%
- c. Number of outlets found through canvassing: \_\_\_\_\_
- d. Number of outlets matched on the list frame: \_\_\_\_\_

3.   a. Describe how areas were defined. (e.g., census tracts, counties, etc.)

     b. Were any areas of the state excluded from sampling?

☐ Yes   ☐ No

*If Yes, please explain.*

4. Please answer the following questions about the selection of canvassing areas.

     a. Which category below best describes the sample design? (Check only one.)

☐ Census (Go to Question 6.)

**Unstratified statewide sample:**

☐ Simple random sample (Respond to Part b.)

☐ Systematic random sample (Respond to Part b.)

☐ Single-stage cluster sample (Respond to Parts b and d.)

☐ Multistage cluster sample (Respond to Parts b and d.)

**Stratified sample:**

☐ Simple random sample (Respond to Parts b and c.)

☐ Systematic random sample (Respond to Parts b and c.)

☐ Single-stage cluster sample (Respond to Parts b, c, and d.)

☐ Multistage cluster sample (Respond to Parts b, c, and d.)

☐ Other (Please describe and respond to Part b.) \_\_\_\_\_

**b. Describe the sampling methods.**

**c. Provide a full description of the strata that were created.**

**d. Provide a full description of how clusters were formed.**

**5. Were borders of the selected areas clearly identified at the time of canvassing?**

☐ Yes ☐ No

**6. Were all sampled areas visited by canvassing teams?**

☐ Yes (*Go to Question 7.*) ☐ No (*Respond to Parts a and b.*)

**a. Was the subset of areas randomly chosen?**

☐ Yes ☐ No

**b. Describe how the subsample of visited areas was drawn. Include the number of areas sampled and the number of areas canvassed.**

**7. Were field observers provided with a detailed map of the canvassing areas?**

☐ Yes ☐ No

*If No, describe the canvassing instructions given to the field observers.*

**8. Were field observers instructed to find all outlets in the assigned area?**

☐ Yes ☐ No

*If No, respond to Question 9.*

*If Yes, describe any instructions given to the field observers to ensure the entire area was canvassed, then go to Question 10.*

**9. If a full canvassing was not conducted:**

a. How many predetermined outlets were to be observed in each area? \_\_\_\_\_

b. What were the starting points for each area? \_\_\_\_\_

c. Were these starting points randomly chosen?

☐ Yes ☐ No

d. Describe the selection of the starting points.

e. Please describe the canvassing instructions given to the field observers, including predetermined routes.

**10. Describe the process field observers used to determine if an outlet sold tobacco.**

**11. Please provide the state's definition of "matches" or "mismatches" to the Synar sampling frame?  
(e.g., address, business name, business license number)**

**12. Provide the calculation of the weighted percent coverage (if applicable).**