



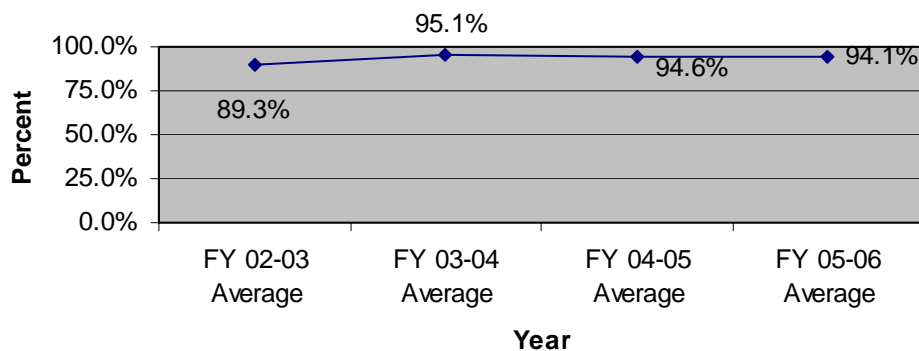
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Washington County Enforcement Compliance Checks Results, 2002-2006

Washington County Health Partners, Inc.'s (WCHP), *Tobacco Free Program* conducts Enforcement Compliance Checks (ECC) to discourage the sale of tobacco products to minors in cooperation with District Judges and Local Police Departments. ECCs are conducted three times per year with each licensed tobacco retailer to monitor compliance with Act 112 of the Pennsylvania Crimes Code. The purpose is to ensure that tobacco licensees and sales clerks **do not** sell tobacco to youth under 18. Non-compliance results in the tobacco licensee **and** sales clerk being cited.

Most Washington County tobacco retailers are doing their part to comply with the efforts aimed at reducing tobacco sales to youth. WCHP is pleased to announce that **Washington County's percentages for tobacco sales to minors have shown significant improvement over the past four years**, as shown in the chart below.

Percent of Compliant Washington County Tobacco Retailers, by Year Average 2002-2006



WCHP's *Tobacco Free Program* thanks all Washington County District Judges, Police Departments, and Compliant Tobacco Retailers for their assistance over the past three years to ensure that tobacco products are not sold to Washington County youth under the age of 18. It is important that we all **do our part** to stop the tobacco addiction of another generation.

