



Illinois

State Profile and Underage Drinking Facts

State Population: 12,830,632
Population Ages 12–20: 1,654,000

	Percentage	Number
Ages 12–20		
Past-Month Alcohol Use	28.4	469,000
Past-Month Binge Alcohol Use	19.9	328,000
Ages 12–14		
Past-Month Alcohol Use	4.8	24,000
Past-Month Binge Alcohol Use	2.2	11,000
Ages 15–17		
Past-Month Alcohol Use	23.7	133,000
Past-Month Binge Alcohol Use	16.2	91,000
Ages 18–20		
Past-Month Alcohol Use	53.2	312,000
Past-Month Binge Alcohol Use	38.7	226,000
Alcohol-Attributable Deaths (under 21)		Number 209
Years of Potential Life Lost (under 21)		12,444

	Percentage of All Traffic Fatalities	Number
Traffic Fatalities, 15- to 20-Year-Old Drivers with BAC > 0.01	25.0	33

Laws Addressing Minors in Possession of Alcohol

Underage Possession of Alcohol

Possession is prohibited with the following exception(s):

- Parent/guardian

Underage Consumption of Alcohol

Consumption is prohibited with the following exception(s):

- Private residence AND
- Parent/guardian

Internal Possession by Minors

Internal possession is not explicitly prohibited.

Underage Purchase of Alcohol

Purchase is prohibited, but youth may purchase for law enforcement purposes.

False Identification for Obtaining Alcohol

Provision(s) Targeting Minors

- Use of a false ID to obtain alcohol is a criminal offense.
- Penalty may include driver's license suspension through an administrative procedure.

Provision(s) Targeting Suppliers

- It is a criminal offense to lend, transfer, or sell a false ID.
- It is a criminal offense to manufacture or distribute a false ID.

Provisions Targeting Retailers

- Licenses for drivers under age 21 are easily distinguishable from those for drivers age 21 and older.
- Specific affirmative defense—the retailer inspected the false ID and came to a reasonable conclusion based on its appearance that it was valid.

Laws Targeting Underage Drinking and Driving

BAC Limits: Youth (Underage Operators of Noncommercial Motor Vehicles)

- BAC limit: 0.00
- Any detectable alcohol in the blood is per se (conclusive) evidence of a violation
- Applies to drivers under age 21

Loss of Driving Privileges for Alcohol Violations by Minors (“Use/Lose Laws”)

Use/lose penalties apply to minors under age 21.

Type(s) of Violation Leading to Driver’s License Suspension, Revocation, or Denial

- Underage purchase
- Underage possession
- Underage consumption

Authority To Impose Driver’s License Sanction

- Mandatory

Length of Suspension/Revocation

- 180 days

Graduated Driver’s License

Learner Stage

- Minimum entry age: 15
- Minimum learner-stage period: 9 months
- Minimum supervised driving requirement: 50 hours—10 of which must be at night

Intermediate Stage

- Minimum age: 16
- Unsupervised night driving
 - Prohibited after: 10 p.m.—11 p.m. on Friday and Saturday
 - Primary enforcement of the night-driving rule
- Passenger restrictions exist: No more than one passenger under 20, except for siblings and children
 - Primary enforcement of the passenger-restriction rule

License Stage

- Minimum age to lift restrictions: 18—passenger restrictions expire 12 months after issuance of license; unsupervised night-driving restrictions remain until age 18.

Laws Targeting Alcohol Suppliers

Furnishing Alcohol to Minors

Furnishing is prohibited—no explicit exceptions noted in the law

Compliance Check Protocols

Age of Decoy

- Minimum: Not specified
- Maximum: Not specified

Appearance Requirements

- Age-appropriate dress
- No clothing with alcohol logos
- Female: No heavy makeup, excessive jewelry, wedding bands, or suggestive clothing

ID Possession

- Required

Verbal Exaggeration of Age

- Prohibited

Decoy Training

- Mandated

Penalty Guidelines for Sales to Minors

- Time period/conditions: Not specified
- First offense: \$500 fine
- Second offense: \$2,500 fine and 3-day suspension
- Third offense: \$10,000 fine and 10-day suspension
- Fourth offense: License revocation

Note: Mitigating and/or aggravating circumstances may be considered.

Responsible Beverage Service

Voluntary Beverage Service Training

- Applies to both on-sale and off-sale establishments.
- The law does not specify new or existing outlets.

Minimum Ages for Off-Premises Sellers

- Beer: 18
- Wine: 18
- Spirits: 18

Minimum Ages for On-Premises Sellers

- Beer: 18 for both servers and bartenders
- Wine: 18 for both servers and bartenders
- Spirits: 18 for both servers and bartenders

Dram Shop Liability

Statutory liability exists subject to the following conditions:

- Limitations on damages: Injured parties: \$62,961.47 per person. Families of injured parties (for loss of means of support): \$76,952.91

Note: The dram shop statute requires the Illinois Comptroller to determine each year the liability limits for causes brought under the statute in accordance with the consumer price index during the preceding 12 months. See Illinois Comptroller, Dram Shop Liability Limits, on State of Illinois website.

Social Host Liability Laws

There is no statutory liability.

Host Party Laws

Law Applicable to Parties in Residences

Social host law is not specifically limited to underage drinking parties.

- Action by underage guest that triggers violation: Consumption

- Property type(s) covered by liability law: Residence
- Standard for hosts' knowledge or action regarding the party: Knowledge—host must have actual knowledge of the occurrence
- Exception(s): Family

Law Applicable to Parties in Other Locations

Social host law is not specifically limited to underage drinking parties.

- Action by underage guest that triggers violation: Consumption
- Property type(s) covered by liability law: Other
- Standard for hosts' knowledge or action regarding the party: Overt act—host must have actual knowledge and commit an act that contributes to the occurrence.

Note: A person commits a social host offense by renting a hotel or motel room for the purpose of or with the knowledge that such room be used for the consumption of alcoholic liquor by underage persons.

Direct Sales/Shipments of Alcohol by Producers

Direct sales/shipments from producers to consumers are permitted for wine with the following restrictions:

Age Verification Requirements: None

State Approval/Permit Requirements

- Producer/shipper must obtain State permit.

Reporting Requirements

- Producer must record/report purchaser's name.
- Common carrier must record/report purchaser's name.

Shipping Label Statement Requirements

- Contains alcohol
- Recipient must be 21

Keg Registration

Registration not required

Alcohol Pricing Policies

Home Delivery

- Beer: Permitted
- Wine: Permitted
- Spirits: Permitted

Alcohol Tax

- Beer (5 percent alcohol): Specific excise tax is \$0.23 per gallon.
- Wine (12 percent alcohol): Specific excise tax is \$1.39 per gallon.
- Spirits (40 percent alcohol): Specific excise tax is \$8.55 per gallon—\$1.39 per gallon for alcohol content of more than 14 percent and less than 20 percent

Drink Specials

- Free beverages: Prohibited
- Multiple servings at one time: Prohibited
- Multiple servings for same price as single serving: Not prohibited
- Reduced price at specified day or time: Prohibited
- Unlimited beverages: Prohibited
- Increased volume: Prohibited

Wholesale Pricing

Pricing restrictions exist.

Beer (5 percent alcohol)

- Retailer credit: Restricted—30 days maximum

Wine (12 percent alcohol)

- Retailer credit: Restricted—30 days maximum

Spirits (40 percent alcohol)

- Retailer credit: Restricted—30 days maximum

Illinois State Survey Responses

State Agency Information	
<i>Agency with primary responsibility for enforcing underage drinking laws:</i> No one agency has primary responsibility for enforcement of underage drinking laws.	
<i>Methods by which local and State enforcement agencies coordinate their efforts to enforce laws prohibiting underage drinking:</i> No data	
Enforcement Strategies	
<i>State law enforcement agencies use:</i>	
Cops in Shops	No
Shoulder Tap Operations	No
Party Patrol Operations or Programs	Yes
Underage Alcohol-Related Fatality Investigations	No
<i>Local law enforcement agencies use:</i>	
Cops in Shops	Yes
Shoulder Tap Operations	Yes
Party Patrol Operations or Programs	Yes
Underage Alcohol-Related Fatality Investigations	Yes
<i>State has a program to investigate and enforce direct sales/shipment laws</i>	
Primary State agency responsible for enforcing laws addressing direct sales/shipments of alcohol to minors	Unknown
Such laws are also enforced by local law enforcement agencies	No data
<i>State collects data on the number of minors found in possession</i>	
Number of minors found in possession ¹ by State law enforcement agencies	No
Number pertains to the 12 months ending	Data not collected
Data include arrests/citations issued by local law enforcement agencies	Data not collected
<i>State conducts underage compliance checks/decoy operations² to determine if alcohol retailers are complying with laws prohibiting sales to minors</i>	
Data are collected on these activities	Yes
Number of licensees checked for compliance by State agencies	1,264
Number of licensees that failed State compliance checks	236
Numbers pertain to the 12 months ending	06/30/2010
<i>Local agencies conduct underage compliance checks/decoy operations to determine if alcohol retailers are complying with laws prohibiting sales to minors</i>	
Data are collected on these activities	Yes
Number of licensees checked for compliance by local agencies	No
Number of licensees that failed local compliance checks	Data not collected
Numbers pertain to the 12 months ending	Data not collected
Sanctions	
<i>State collects data on fines imposed on retail establishments that furnish minors</i>	
Number of fines imposed by the State ³	Yes
Total amount in fines across all licensees	No data
Numbers pertain to the 12 months ending	\$288,250
<i>State collects data on license suspensions imposed on retail establishments specifically for furnishing minors</i>	
Number of suspensions imposed by the State ⁴	Yes
Total days of suspensions across all licensees	No data
Numbers pertain to the 12 months ending	300
<i>State collects data on license revocations imposed on retail establishments specifically for furnishing minors</i>	
Number of license revocations imposed ⁵	Yes
Numbers pertain to the 12 months ending	9
	06/30/2010

Additional Clarification

Only State-level data have been reported.

¹ Or having consumed or purchased per State statutes

² Underage compliance checks/decoy operations to determine whether alcohol retailers are complying with laws prohibiting sales to minors

³ Does not include fines imposed by local agencies

⁴ Does not include suspensions imposed by local agencies

⁵ Does not include revocations imposed by local agencies

**Underage Drinking Prevention Programs Operated or Funded by the State:
Programs SPECIFIC TO Underage Drinking**

Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws – Block Grant

Number of youth served	No data
Number of parents served	No data
Number of caregivers served	No data
Numbers pertain to the 12 months ending	No data
Program has been evaluated	No data
Evaluation report is available	No data
URL for evaluation report	No data
URL for more program information	No data

Program description: The Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws Block Grant provides funds to support the enforcement of State laws prohibiting the sale of alcoholic beverages to minors and to prevent the purchase or consumption of alcoholic beverages by minors.

Partnerships for Success

Number of youth served	No data
Number of parents served	No data
Number of caregivers served	No data
Numbers pertain to the 12 months ending	No data
Program has been evaluated	No data
Evaluation report is available	No data
URL for evaluation report	No data
URL for more program information	No data

Program description: The Partnerships for Success program is designed to address gaps in prevention services and to increase the ability of Illinois to help specific populations or geographic areas with serious, emerging substance abuse problems. The goals of the project are (1) to use a data-driven process to leverage existing prevention dollars and (2) to reduce underage drinking at the State level. Illinois is partnering with 20 subrecipient community coalitions to meet those targets. Subrecipient communities will implement at least two evidence-based environmental programs, policies, and practices guided by the five steps of the strategic prevention framework (SPF).

Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws - College Discretionary Initiative

Number of youth served	No data
Number of parents served	No data
Number of caregivers served	No data
Numbers pertain to the 12 months ending	No data
Program has been evaluated	No data
Evaluation report is available	No data
URL for evaluation report	No data
URL for more program information	No data

Program description: The Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws College Discretionary Initiative is designed to reduce underage drinking on campuses and in selected communities by systematically implementing environmental strategies that increase the enforcement of underage drinking laws and enhance research-based prevention planning and programming with a special emphasis on underage drinking among college students. Two subrecipients are funded by this initiative.

**Underage Drinking Prevention Programs Operated or Funded by the State:
Programs RELATED TO Underage Drinking**

Comprehensive Grant Program
URL for more program information: No data

Program description: The Comprehensive Grant Program supports approximately 100 providers in the delivery of services that are designed to reduce alcohol, tobacco, and drug use among youth ages 10 through 17. The direct services include the following approaches:

- Youth prevention education
- Parent/family education
- Tutoring
- Mentoring
- Technical assistance for student assistance programming
- Communication campaigns
- Strategic prevention framework and public policy for alcohol, tobacco, and drug prevention

Statewide Grant Programs
URL for more program information: No data

Program description: The Statewide Grant Programs address unique populations or geographic areas throughout the State of Illinois. These programs target business (promoting the adoption of policies and practices that support a drug-free workplace), institutions of higher education, and high school students (developing leadership skills to address alcohol, tobacco, and drugs).

Additional Information Related to Underage Drinking Prevention Programs

<i>State collaborates with federally recognized Tribal governments in the prevention of underage drinking</i> Program description	No recognized Tribes Not applicable
<i>State has programs to measure and/or reduce youth exposure to alcohol advertising and marketing</i> Program description	No Not applicable
<i>State has adopted or developed best practice standards for underage drinking prevention programs</i> Best practice standards description: The State requires the use of evidence-based programs, practices, and policies. In Illinois, evidence-based standards are also promoted. For example, if a community-based provider proposed an underage drinking communication campaign, the provider would be expected to address all of the standards for communication campaigns. To review standards for communication campaigns, visit http://www.cprd.illinois.edu/files/ResearchBrief_CommCampaigns_2009.pdf and see pages 18-19. Evidence-based standards exist for the following approaches:	Yes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Social norms and communication campaigns • Mentoring • Tutoring • Parent/family education • Youth prevention education • Strategic prevention framework • Public policy • Technical assistance to student assistance programs 	

Additional Clarification	
No data	
State Interagency Collaboration	
<i>A State-level interagency governmental body/committee exists to coordinate or address underage drinking prevention activities</i>	No
<i>Committee contact information</i>	Not applicable
<i>Agencies/organizations represented on the committee</i>	Not applicable
<i>A Web site or other public source exists to describe committee activities</i>	Not applicable

Underage Drinking Reports	
<i>State has prepared a plan for preventing underage drinking in the last 3 years</i>	No
Prepared by: Department of Human Services, Bureau of Community-Based and Primary Prevention, Substance Abuse Prevention Program	
Plan can be accessed via	No data
<i>State has prepared a report on preventing underage drinking in the last 3 years</i>	Yes
Prepared by: Illinois Department of Human Services, Division of Community Health and Prevention, Substance Abuse Prevention Program - Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant	
Plan can be accessed via: http://www.cprd.illinois.edu/publications/epidemiology-alcohol-use-state-illinois-2008	
Additional Clarification	
The plan developed is associated with the Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant program.	

State Expenditures for the Prevention of Underage Drinking	
<i>Compliance checks/decoy operations in retail outlets:</i>	
Estimate of State funds expended	Data unavailable
Estimate based on the 12 months ending	Data unavailable
<i>Checkpoints and saturation patrols:</i>	
Estimate of State funds expended	Data unavailable
Estimate based on the 12 months ending	Data unavailable
<i>Community-based programs to prevent underage drinking:</i>	
Estimate of State funds expended	\$6,859,854
Estimate based on the 12 months ending	06/30/2010
<i>K-12 school-based programs to prevent underage drinking:</i>	
Estimate of State funds expended	Data unavailable
Estimate based on the 12 months ending	Data unavailable
<i>Programs targeted to institutes of higher learning:</i>	
Estimate of State funds expended	Data unavailable
Estimate based on the 12 months ending	Data unavailable
<i>Programs that target youth in the juvenile justice system:</i>	
Estimate of State funds expended	Data unavailable
Estimate based on the 12 months ending	Data unavailable
<i>Programs that target youth in the child welfare system:</i>	
Estimate of State funds expended	Data unavailable
Estimate based on the 12 months ending	Data unavailable
<i>Other programs:</i>	
Programs or strategies included	No data
Estimate of State funds expended	No data
Estimate based on the 12 months ending	No data

Funds Dedicated to Underage Drinking	
<i>State derives funds dedicated to underage drinking from the following revenue streams:</i>	
Taxes	Yes
Fines	No
Fees	Yes
Other	No data
<i>Description of funding streams and how they are used:</i> Fees: The Illinois Liquor Control Commission collects alcohol license fees, and a portion of the fees is used to support substance abuse prevention services. Taxes: The Substance Abuse Prevention Program is also supported by General Revenue funds.	
Additional Clarification	
No data	