



District of Columbia

State Profile and Underage Drinking Facts

State Population: 601,723
 Population Ages 12–20: 62,000

	Percentage	Number
Ages 12–20		
Past-Month Alcohol Use	30.9	19,000
Past-Month Binge Alcohol Use	19.4	12,000
Ages 12–14		
Past-Month Alcohol Use	7.3	1,000
Past-Month Binge Alcohol Use	2.5	1,000
Ages 15–17		
Past-Month Alcohol Use	23.4	4,000
Past-Month Binge Alcohol Use	12.7	2,000
Ages 18–20		
Past-Month Alcohol Use	52.2	13,000
Past-Month Binge Alcohol Use	35.5	9,000
		Number
Alcohol-Attributable Deaths (under 21)		23
Years of Potential Life Lost (under 21)		1,360

	Percentage of All Traffic Fatalities	Number
Traffic Fatalities, 15- to 20-Year-Old Drivers with BAC > 0.01	50.0	1

Laws Addressing Minors in Possession of Alcohol

Underage Possession of Alcohol

Possession is prohibited—no explicit exceptions noted in the law.

Underage Consumption of Alcohol

Consumption is prohibited—no explicit exceptions noted in the law.

Internal Possession by Minors

Internal possession is not explicitly prohibited.

Underage Purchase of Alcohol

Purchase is prohibited and there is NO ALLOWANCE for youth 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 a judicial procedure.

Provisions Targeting Retailers

- 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

- 90 days

Graduated Driver’s License

Learner Stage

- Minimum entry age: 16
- Minimum learner-stage period: 6 months
- Minimum supervised driving requirement: 40 hours—must log additional 10 hours of night-time driving at intermediate stage with driver over 21

Intermediate Stage

- Minimum age: 16 years, 6 months
- Unsupervised night driving
 - Prohibited after: 11 p.m. on Sunday–Thursday and 12:01 a.m. on Saturday–Sunday from September through June; 12:01 a.m. in July and August
 - Primary enforcement of the night-driving rule
- Passenger restrictions exist: First 6 months, one licensed driver at least 21, and any parent or sibling. After 6 months, no more than two passengers under 21 (except parents or siblings) until age 18
 - Primary enforcement of the passenger-restriction rule

License Stage

- Minimum age to lift restrictions: 18

Laws Targeting Alcohol Suppliers

Furnishing Alcohol to Minors

Furnishing is prohibited—no explicit exceptions noted in the law.

Compliance Check Protocols

No data

Responsible Beverage Service

Mandatory Beverage Service Training for Managers

- Applies to both on-sale and off-sale establishments
- Applies to both new and existing outlets

Minimum Ages for Off-Premises Sellers

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

Minimum Ages for On-Premises Sellers

- Beer: 18 for servers and 21 for bartenders
- Wine: 18 for servers and 21 for bartenders
- Spirits: 18 for servers and 21 for bartenders

Dram Shop Liability

- There is no statutory liability.
- The courts recognize common law dram shop liability.

Social Host Liability Laws

There is no statutory liability.

Host Party Laws

No State-imposed liability for hosting underage drinking parties

Direct Sales/Shipments of Alcohol by Producers

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

Age Verification Requirements: None

State Approval/Permit Requirements: None

Reporting Requirements: None

Shipping Label Statement Requirements: None

Keg Registration

- Keg definition: 4 gallons or more
- Purchaser information collected:
 - Purchaser’s name and address
 - Verified by a government-issued ID
 - Address where keg will be consumed
- Warning information to purchaser: Active—purchaser action required (e.g., signature)
- Deposit: Not required
- Provisions specifically address disposable kegs

Alcohol Pricing Policies

Home Delivery

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

Alcohol Tax

Beer (5 percent alcohol)

- Specific excise tax: \$0.09 per gallon
- Ad valorem excise tax (on-premises sales): 10 percent
- Ad valorem excise tax (off-premises sales): 10 percent

General sales tax rate of 6 percent does not apply to onsite or offsite sales. The onsite ad valorem retail tax is 10 percent. The “sales tax adjusted” onsite retail ad valorem rate is therefore 4

percent. The offsite ad valorem tax of 10 percent is applied at the retail level. The “sales tax adjusted” offsite retail ad valorem rate is therefore 4 percent.

Wine (12 percent alcohol)

- Specific excise tax: \$0.30 per gallon
- Ad valorem excise tax (on-premises sales): 10 percent
- Ad valorem excise tax (off-premises sales): 10 percent

General sales tax rate of 6 percent does not apply to onsite or offsite sales. The onsite ad valorem retail tax is 10 percent. The “sales tax adjusted” onsite retail ad valorem rate is therefore 4 percent. The offsite ad valorem tax of 10 percent is applied at the retail level. The “sales tax adjusted” offsite retail ad valorem rate is therefore 4 percent.

Spirits (40 percent alcohol)

- Specific excise tax: \$1.50 per gallon
- Ad valorem excise tax (on-premises sales): 10 percent
- Ad valorem excise tax (off-premises sales): 10 percent

General sales tax rate of 6 percent does not apply to onsite or offsite sales. The onsite ad valorem retail tax is 10 percent. The “sales tax adjusted” onsite retail ad valorem rate is therefore 4 percent. The offsite ad valorem tax of 10 percent is applied at the retail level. The “sales tax adjusted” offsite retail ad valorem rate is therefore 4 percent.

Drink Specials

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

Wholesale Pricing

Pricing restrictions exist.

Beer (5 percent alcohol)

- Retailer credit: Restricted—45 days maximum

Wine (12 percent alcohol)

- Retailer credit: Restricted—45 days maximum

Spirits (40 percent alcohol)

- Retailer credit: Restricted—45 days maximum

District of Columbia Survey Responses

State Agency Information	
<i>Agency with primary responsibility for enforcing underage drinking laws:</i> The Metropolitan Police Department	
<i>Methods by which local and State enforcement agencies coordinate their efforts to enforce laws prohibiting underage drinking:</i> The Department works collectively with the National Capital Coalition to Prevent Underage Drinking (NCCPUD) and the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) to implement enforcement to eliminate or decrease underage drinking.	
Enforcement Strategies	
<i>State law enforcement agencies use:</i>	
Cops in Shops	No
Shoulder Tap Operations	No
Party Patrol Operations or Programs	No
Underage Alcohol-Related Fatality Investigations	No
<i>Local law enforcement agencies use:</i>	
Cops in Shops	Yes
Shoulder Tap Operations	No
Party Patrol Operations or Programs	No
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	No
addressing direct sales/shipments of alcohol to minors	Not applicable
Such laws are also enforced by local law enforcement agencies	Not applicable
Enforcement Statistics	
<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	43
Number pertains to the 12 months ending	12/31/2010
Data include arrests/citations issued by local law enforcement agencies	Yes
<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	1,277
Number of licensees that failed State compliance checks	129
Numbers pertain to the 12 months ending	09/30/2010
<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	1,277
Number of licensees that failed local compliance checks	129
Numbers pertain to the 12 months ending	09/30/2010
Sanctions	
<i>State collects data on fines imposed on retail establishments that furnish minors</i>	
Number of fines imposed by the State ³	37
Total amount in fines across all licensees	\$99,000
Numbers pertain to the 12 months ending	09/30/2010
<i>State collects data on license suspensions imposed on retail establishments specifically for furnishing minors</i>	
Number of suspensions imposed by the State ⁴	16
Total days of suspensions across all licensees	39
Numbers pertain to the 12 months ending	09/30/2010
<i>State collects data on license revocations imposed on retail establishments specifically for furnishing minors</i>	
	Yes

Number of license revocations imposed ⁵	0
Numbers pertain to the 12 months ending	09/30/2010
Additional Clarification	
No data	

¹Or having consumed or purchased per State statutes

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

³Does not include fines imposed by local agencies

⁴Does not include suspensions imposed by local agencies

⁵Does not include revocations imposed by local agencies

Underage Drinking Prevention Programs Operated or Funded by the State: Programs SPECIFIC TO Underage Drinking	
<i>National Capital Coalition to Prevent Underage Drinking</i>	
Number of youth served	1,000
Number of parents served	0
Number of caregivers served	0
Numbers pertain to the 12 months ending	09/30/2010
Program has been evaluated	Yes
Evaluation report is available	Yes
URL for evaluation report	nparker@nccpud.net
URL for more program information	nparker@nccpud.net
<p>Program description: The National Capital Coalition to Prevent Underage Drinking (NCCPUD) is a nonprofit organization dedicated to preventing and reducing underage drinking and its related harms in the District of Columbia. A coalition of community-based organizations, government, youth, and colleges, NCCPUD has been in the vanguard of developing and implementing prevention programs aimed at reducing underage drinking since 1997. Its mission is to organize, advocate, educate, and build the capacity of local public and private organizations, youth, and the community to reduce underage drinking and related harm. NCCPUD's vision is for a safe environment that embraces youth, supports healthy behaviors, and encourages youth leadership and community investment.</p> <p>The goals of NCCPUD are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Advocate for environmental policies and practices to reduce underage drinking and unhealthy outcomes related to all substance abuse. • Build the capacity of the community to develop and implement evidence-based strategies to protect young people from the risk of alcohol and drugs. • Use media and communications as educational tools to change public perspectives and attitudes, leading to the reduction of underage drinking and related harms. • Organize and support grassroots responses to the consequences of substance abuse in the community. • Involve youth at every level of the organization. <p>NCCPUD, through its Youth Advocates Peer Program, provides and sponsors weekly training/workshops to over 40 area youth on various alcohol-related laws, enforcement activities, and issues currently affecting their environment. NCCPUD Youth Advocates give peer presentation at various public and private senior high schools in the District of Columbia and sponsor yearly Prom Promise events that encourage youth not to make destructive decisions during prom season. NCCPUD also serves as the District Coordinator for the National Students Against Destructive Decisions (SADD) program. Since its inception, NCCPUD has trained over 500 youth advocates for the prevention of underage drinking and currently serves more than 1,000 youth each year in the District of Columbia.</p>	
<i>Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration</i>	
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	Yes
Evaluation report is available	Yes
URL for evaluation report	http://abra.dc.gov
URL for more program information	No data
<p>Program description: The Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) issues and renews licenses that enable qualified businesses to sell and serve alcoholic beverages. ABRA monitors compliance with alcoholic beverage control (ABC) laws and takes appropriate enforcement action when licensees violate these laws. When appropriate, ABRA proposes new laws regulating the manufacture, distribution, and sale of alcoholic beverages in the District. ABRA also offers educational programs that help ABC establishments prevent underage individuals from purchasing and consuming alcohol.</p>	
DC Prevention Centers	
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	Yes
Evaluation report is available	No
URL for evaluation report	Not applicable
URL for more program information	No data
<p>Program description: In 2010, the District of Columbia Department of Health’s Addiction, Prevention, and Recovery Administration (APRA) funded four DC Prevention Centers that cover all eight Wards through Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant-Prevention Set-Aside funds. Each Prevention Center has two designated Wards (Wards 1 and 2; Wards 3 and 4; Wards 5 and 6; Wards 7 and 8) that serve as dynamic hubs that engage, support, and help connect the many community elements that are needed for promoting healthy children, youth, and families as well as a drug-free city. Prevention Centers address three capacity-building functions in ways that reflect the characteristics and priorities of the populations and geographic areas served. The three functions—community education, community leadership, and community changes—are designed to address priority risk factors and the following outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Increase attitudes opposed to alcohol, tobacco, and drug use among children and youth. • Delay the onset or first use and progression of risk among children and youth. • Increase involvement of families, youth, and concerned citizens in their community’s planning, decisionmaking, and evaluation for substance abuse prevention. <p>Data measures have been identified and are being tracked at the District and Ward levels. DC Prevention Centers have a primary role in the DC Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPF SIG) draft strategic plan pending approval from SAMHSA. Preventing the onset of underage alcohol use and reducing risk are among the priorities proposed in the plan.</p>	

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

DC Public Schools (DCPS) Life Skills Training
URL for more program information: Abby.Bonder@dc.gov (Executive Office of the Mayor)

Program description: In the District of Columbia Public Schools (DCPS), the LifeSkills Training (LST) curriculum is currently being implemented in 16 high schools, 14 middle schools, and 20 educational campuses (PK through 8s) in the 6th, 7th, 8th, and 10th grades, reaching over 4,000 students. Since the program began in 2008, 75 health teachers have been trained. The LST curriculum is aligned with State academic standards, is paced into the DCPS health curriculum, and is taught by health teachers. In 2007, the Office of the Deputy Mayor for Education (DME) was created to provide additional support and capacity to DCPS and other local education agencies (LEAs) in the District. To date, the DME has facilitated, in partnership with DCPS, the implementation of the LifeSkills Training program. The DME has

<p>a half-time coordinator who is responsible for organizing trainings, ensuring that trained teachers have materials for implementation, encouraging all key personnel (e.g., principals, vice principals) to take an active role in the program’s implementation, ensuring that the program is being implemented with fidelity by making frequent classroom visits, and providing technical assistance to each teacher. Technical assistance includes, but is not limited to, observing a lesson and providing feedback, coteaching an LST lesson, and troubleshooting problems the teacher may have with the curriculum, such as engaging students in the lesson. Teachers may request assistance at any time, but the coordinator also reaches out to each teacher on a monthly basis. The coordinator has been collecting data on training saturation and teaching levels so that we can ensure fidelity to the program model.</p>
<p>DC Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPF SIG) URL for more program information: Judith.Donovan@DC.Gov</p>
<p>Program description: DC is part of the Cohort IV SPF SIG funded through SAMHSA with a \$10.6 million award. The SPF SIG goals are to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Prevent the onset and reduce the progression of substance abuse, including childhood and underage drinking and marijuana use among youth in communities. • Reduce substance abuse problems, especially underage drinking and marijuana use among youth in communities. • Build prevention capacity and infrastructure at the State and community levels to address priority areas, reduce risk, and increase protection for children and youth. <p>SAMHSA reviews and approves a data-driven strategic plan before 85 percent or all community-level funds can be allocated. Approval of the DC plan is pending; however, underage drinking is one of two DC priorities.</p>

Additional Information Related to Underage Drinking Prevention Programs	
<p><i>State collaborates with federally recognized Tribal governments in the prevention of underage drinking</i></p> <p>Description of collaboration</p>	<p>No Recognized Tribal Governments</p> <p>Not applicable</p>
<p><i>State has programs to measure and/or reduce youth exposure to alcohol advertising and marketing</i></p> <p>Program description: National Capital Coalition to Prevent Underage Drinking Metro Teen AIDS Ward 8 Drug Free Coalition (STOP ACT Grantee)</p>	<p>Yes</p>
<p><i>State has adopted or developed best practice standards for underage drinking prevention programs</i></p> <p>Best practice standards description: These codes are the foundation for all DC underage drinking programs and practices and serve as guiding standards for developing and implementing evidence-based prevention services:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • D.C. Official Code §25-765 No window advertisements within 400 feet of a church/school • D.C. Official Code §25-782 Restrictions on hours of minors entering stores from 8 a.m. to 3 p.m. during school days • D.C. Official Code §25-781 Sale to minors or intoxicated persons prohibited • D.C. Official Code §25-783 Production of valid identification document required; penalty <p>DC Prevention Centers are based on a public health and risk and protective factor model.</p>	<p>Yes</p>
Additional Clarification	
<p>The District’s overall goal is to delay the access and aid of underage drinking by bringing the issue to the forefront and making it a priority in communities and businesses. The statewide task force shall include: compliance checks, training/educational and enforcement activities, and prevention and intervention activities. The Justice Grants Administration (JGA)will also continue working with the OJJDP technical assistance provider PIRE and will use those EUDL resources to build on the work of the underage drinking stakeholders in the communities to develop prevention and intervention service strategies. In addition, JGA will maintain its relationship with the DC Prevention Network (DCPN) to support best practices, innovative and/or encourage collaboration with new/existing projects/programs on preventing and intervening underage drinking. DCPN is currently comprised of the following agencies and organizations:</p>	

- District agencies: Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) and the Metropolitan Police Department Traffic Safety and Specialized Enforcement Branch
 - Community-based organizations: National Capital Coalition to Prevent Underage Drinking (NCCPUD), Bridging Resources In the Community (BRIC), Metro TeenAIDS, Alliance of Concerned Men, Public Charter School Center for Student Support, and University of Maryland
- In addition, the Department of Health Addiction Prevention and Recovery Administration (APRA) provides coordination and technical assistance to support a diverse array of policy, prevention interventions, and enforcement activities around underage drinking to both JGA and the Network.

State Interagency Collaboration	
<i>A State-level interagency governmental body/committee exists to coordinate or address underage drinking prevention activities</i>	Yes
<i>Committee contact information:</i>	
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<i>Agencies/organizations represented on the committee:</i>	
Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration	
Bridging Resources In Communities, Inc.	
Metro TeenAIDS	
Metropolitan Police Department	
National Capital Coalition to Prevent Underage Drinking	
Public Charter School-Center for Student Support	
University Systems Maryland Foundation	
DC Department of Health, Addiction Prevention and Recovery Administration	
<i>A Web site or other public source exists to describe committee activities</i>	No
URL or other means of access	Not applicable

Underage Drinking Reports	
<i>State has prepared a plan for preventing underage drinking in the last 3 years</i>	Yes
Prepared by: DC Department of Health, Addiction Prevention and Recovery Administration	
Plan can be accessed via: Judith.Donovan@DC.Gov	
<i>State has prepared a report on preventing underage drinking in the last 3 years</i>	Yes
Prepared by: Justice Grants Administration	
Plan can be accessed via: Brenda.Smith@dc.gov	

Additional Clarification
A second State-level interagency governmental body/committee exists that coordinates or addresses underage drinking prevention activities in the District of Columbia.
DC Prevention Council (SPF SIG Advisory) agencies/organizations represented:
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Executive Office of the Mayor • Office of the City Administrator • Department of Mental Health • Metropolitan Police Department • Deputy Mayor of Education • Youth Rehabilitation Services • Department of Employment Services • Community Anti-Drug Coalition of America • RAND Corporation • Department of Health, Addiction Prevention and Recovery Administration • Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, SAMHSA

SPF SIG Project Officer serves as a member.

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State Expenditures for the Prevention of Underage Drinking

<i>Compliance checks/decoy operations in retail outlets:</i>	
Estimate of State funds expended	\$15,000
Estimate based on the 12 months ending	12/31/2010
<i>Checkpoints and saturation patrols:</i>	
Estimate of State funds expended	\$15,000
Estimate based on the 12 months ending	12/31/2010
<i>Community-based programs to prevent underage drinking:</i>	
Estimate of State funds expended	No data
Estimate based on the 12 months ending	No data
<i>K-12 school-based programs to prevent underage drinking:</i>	
Estimate of State funds expended	No data
Estimate based on the 12 months ending	No data
<i>Programs targeted to institutes of higher learning:</i>	
Estimate of State funds expended	\$5,000
Estimate based on the 12 months ending	09/30/2010
<i>Programs that target youth in the juvenile justice system:</i>	
Estimate of State funds expended	No data
Estimate based on the 12 months ending	No data
<i>Programs that target youth in the child welfare system:</i>	
Estimate of State funds expended	No data
Estimate based on the 12 months ending	No data
<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	No data
Fines	No data
Fees	No data
Other	No data
<i>Description of funding streams and how they are used:</i>	
No data	
Additional Clarification	
No data	