



New Jersey

State Profile and Underage Drinking Facts

State Population: 8,791,894
Population Ages 12–20: 1,048,000

	Percentage	Number
Ages 12–20		
Past-Month Alcohol Use	27.6	290,000
Past-Month Binge Alcohol Use	18.3	191,000
Ages 12–14		
Past-Month Alcohol Use	3.2	10,000
Past-Month Binge Alcohol Use	1.0	3,000
Ages 15–17		
Past-Month Alcohol Use	25.2	99,000
Past-Month Binge Alcohol Use	14.6	57,000
Ages 18–20		
Past-Month Alcohol Use	52.8	181,000
Past-Month Binge Alcohol Use	38.2	131,000
		Number
Alcohol-Attributable Deaths (under 21)		84
Years of Potential Life Lost (under 21)		4,984

	Percentage of All Traffic Fatalities	Number
Traffic Fatalities, 15- to 20-Year-Old Drivers with BAC > 0.01	21.0	18

Laws Addressing Minors in Possession of Alcohol

Underage Possession of Alcohol

Possession is prohibited with the following exception(s):

- Private location

Underage Consumption of Alcohol

Consumption is prohibited with the following exception(s):

- Private location

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.

Provision(s) Targeting Suppliers

- It is a criminal offense to lend, transfer, or sell 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: 0.01
- BAC level at or above the limit 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

Authority To Impose Driver’s License Sanction

- Mandatory

Length of Suspension/Revocation

- 180 days

Graduated Driver’s License

Learner Stage

- Minimum entry age: 16
- Minimum learner-stage period: 6 months
- No minimum supervised driving requirement

Intermediate Stage

- Minimum age: 17
- Unsupervised night driving
 - Prohibited after: 11:01 p.m.
 - Primary enforcement of the night-driving rule
- Passenger restrictions exist: No more than one unrelated passenger under 21, unless additional passengers are dependents of the driver
 - 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 with the following exception(s):

- Parent/guardian

Compliance Check Protocols

No data

Penalty Guidelines for Sales to Minors

- Time period/conditions: Not specified
- First offense: 15-day license suspension
- Second offense: 30-day license suspension
- Third offense: 45-day license suspension
- Fourth offense: License revocation

Note: Guidelines apply for sales to 18- to 20-year-olds. Penalties are doubled for sales to minors under age 18. Department may accept a monetary offer in compromise for all or part of license suspensions.

Responsible Beverage Service

Mandatory Beverage Service Training for Licensees, Managers

- Applies only to off-sale establishments
- Applies only to new 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.

Social Host Liability Laws

There is no statutory liability.

Note: Componile v. Maybee held that a social host who furnishes excessive amounts of alcoholic beverages to a visibly intoxicated minor, knowing the minor is about drive a car on the public highways, may be liable to a third party injured in an automobile accident. At the Federal level, the court in *A.B. v. Johnson* held a social host owes a duty of care to not furnish or not negligently provide alcohol to any of his guests that are minors, and in the event that a social host does furnish alcohol to a minor and breaches his or her duty, that host may be held liable for whatever reasonably foreseeable harm the provision of alcohol proximately caused.

Host Party Laws

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, outdoor, 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.
- Exception(s): Family

Direct Sales/Shipments of Alcohol by Producers

Direct sales/shipments from producers to consumers are not permitted.

Keg Registration

Registration is not required.

Alcohol Pricing Policies

Home Delivery

- Beer: Permitted—delivery vehicles must display a transit insignia to identify the vehicle as having authority to transport alcohol.
- Wine: Permitted—delivery vehicles must display a transit insignia to identify the vehicle as having authority to transport alcohol.
- Spirits: Permitted—delivery vehicles must display a transit insignia to identify the vehicle as having authority to transport alcohol.

Alcohol Tax

- Beer (5 percent alcohol): Specific excise tax is \$0.12 per gallon.
- Wine (12 percent alcohol): Specific excise tax is \$0.88 per gallon.
- Spirits (40 percent alcohol): Specific excise tax is \$5.50 per gallon.

Drink Specials

- Free beverages: Not prohibited—licensee may offer a free drink on a case-by-case basis
- 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: Prohibited
- Increased volume: Not prohibited

Wholesale Pricing

Pricing restrictions exist.

Beer (5 percent alcohol)

- Minimum markup/Maximum discount: Yes—no sales below cost
- Price posting requirements: Post and hold—1 month minimum
- Retailer credit: Restricted—30 days maximum

Wine (12 percent alcohol)

- Minimum markup/Maximum discount: Yes—no sales below cost
- Price posting requirements: Post and hold—1 month minimum
- Retailer credit: Restricted—30 days maximum

Spirits (40 percent alcohol)

- Minimum markup/Maximum discount: Yes—no sales below cost
- Price posting requirements: Post and hold—1 month minimum
- Retailer credit: Restricted—30 days maximum

New Jersey State Survey Responses

State Agency Information	
<i>Agency with primary responsibility for enforcing underage drinking laws:</i> New Jersey Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC)	
<i>Methods by which local and State enforcement agencies coordinate their efforts to enforce laws prohibiting underage drinking:</i> State and local have dual jurisdiction; both agencies may choose to work independently or jointly.	
Enforcement Strategies	
<i>State law enforcement agencies use:</i>	
Cops in Shops	No
Shoulder Tap Operations	Yes
Party Patrol Operations or Programs	No
Underage Alcohol-Related Fatality Investigations	Yes
<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	No Not applicable
Such laws are also enforced by local law enforcement agencies	Unknown
<i>State collects data on the number of minors found in possession</i>	
Number of minors found in possession by State law enforcement agencies	Yes 156
Number pertains to the 12 months ending	12/31/2010
Data include arrests/citations issued by local law enforcement agencies	No
<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	No Not applicable
Number of licensees checked for compliance by State agencies	Not applicable
Number of licensees that failed State compliance checks	Not applicable
Numbers pertain to the 12 months ending	Not applicable
<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	No Not applicable
Number of licensees checked for compliance by local agencies	Not applicable
Number of licensees that failed local compliance checks	Not applicable
Numbers pertain to the 12 months ending	Not applicable
Sanctions	
<i>State collects data on fines imposed on retail establishments that furnish minors</i>	
Number of fines imposed by the State ³	No Data not collected
Total amount in fines across all licensees	Data not collected
Numbers pertain to the 12 months ending	Data not collected
<i>State collects data on license suspensions imposed on retail establishments specifically for furnishing minors</i>	
Number of suspensions imposed by the State ⁴	No Data not collected
Total days of suspensions across all licensees	Data not collected
Numbers pertain to the 12 months ending	Data not collected
<i>State collects data on license revocations imposed on retail establishments specifically for furnishing minors</i>	
Number of license revocations imposed ⁵	Yes 0
Numbers pertain to the 12 months ending	12/31/2010

Additional Clarification
A2&3 - ABC oversees a grant program for cops in shops for local law enforcement; provides training of local law enforcement; and monitors grant.
A2 - ABC is State deconfliction; notified by local law enforcement.
A4 - Only State data are maintained.

- ¹Or having consumed or purchased per State statutes
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- 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	
New Jersey State Childhood Drinking Coalition	
Number of youth served	12,218
Number of parents served	5,626
Number of caregivers served	No data
Numbers pertain to the 12 months ending	06/30/2010
Program has been evaluated	Yes
Evaluation report is available	No
URL for evaluation report:	Not applicable
URL for more program information:	http://www.njpn.org/programs-and-services/childhood-drinking-initiative/
<p>Program description: The New Jersey Prevention Network’s (NJPN’s) Statewide Childhood Drinking (CD) Coalitions were developed to bring together key stakeholders to work together to prevent and reduce underage drinking throughout the State. The CD Coalitions provide underage drinking prevention programming to support environmental strategies that reduce early first use and, thus, the consequences of consumption. NJPN coordinates a statewide coalition, and member agencies in every county coordinate local CD coalitions (21 in total), partnering with agencies and organizations that work with or support youth ages 8 to 14 and their families. Our program is designed to raise awareness about the seriousness and consequences of underage drinking in each New Jersey county, strengthen our statewide network of CD Coalitions, build their capacity to bring about changes in their communities, and advocate for positive environmental change that will support underage drinking prevention efforts.</p> <p>Each local CD Coalition:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Recruits members to include a diverse participant group representative of their community. • Implements environmental strategies that reduce alcohol use by youth, such as “Private Property Ordinances,” 911 lifeline legislation, and community outreach programs (e.g., “Sticker Shock”). • Observes Alcohol Awareness Month and uses town meetings to increase public awareness of the dangers of underage drinking, targeting concerned professionals, parents, and young people. • Conducts programs like “Parents Who Host, Lose the Most” to educate, alert, and inform parents about the dangers of underage drinking and the serious consequences that can result in use by young people. • Uses evidence-based curriculum materials such as “Too Smart To Start” and “Reach Out Now” to develop a youth program that will increase awareness of the dangers of youth alcohol use. • Facilitates workshops to raise awareness of the seriousness and dangers of underage drinking. • Advocates for policy changes related to underage drinking at State and local levels. <p>NJPN’s CD Coalitions focus on preventing children ages 8 to 14 from engaging in underage drinking. However, program activities also focus on educating youth’s spheres of influence—including parents, professionals, and community members—on the dangers and consequences of underage drinking.</p>	

<p>Risk and protective factors addressed by the program: Our network of coalitions addresses a variety of risk factors including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Community laws and norms favorable toward alcohol use (community risk factor). • Parental attitudes and involvement in drug use (family risk factor). • Friends who engage in the problem behavior and early initiation of the problem behavior (individual risk factors). <p>Individuals Served to Date: On an annual basis, our coalitions provide direct programs and services to over 18,000 youth, parents, and professionals.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Program outcomes: Through strong community mobilization efforts made by our statewide network of coalitions for positive environmental changes related to underage drinking, New Jersey successfully passed 911 Lifeline legislation in October 2009 to reduce the fear and hesitation that may occur when our youth have friends in danger due to alcohol use and need medical assistance. Youth are now able to call 911 without incurring any alcohol use/possession violation for them or for their friend. Additionally, the CD Coalition members target local ordinances regarding drinking on private property as an area of concern. New Jersey allows municipalities to enact local ordinances that issue penalties for minors who possess or consume alcohol on private property. New Jersey has 566 municipalities, and as a result of the CD coalitions' efforts, over 51 percent now have enacted private property ordinances in an effort to reduce underage drinking. The Childhood Drinking Coalition was selected for participation in the 2011 Service to Science Initiative. 																	
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<p>Program description: The "Listen Up to the Dangers of Underage Drinking" Radio public service announcement (PSA) initiative is a contest for middle school students. The "Listen Up" program challenges young people to create a script for a 30-second radio PSA that talks directly to parents about the dangers of underage alcohol use. The winning students produce and star in the radio spots, which are produced in English and in Spanish and are distributed to stations in New York, New Jersey, and Philadelphia media markets.</p>																	
<p>Camden County Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse (CCCADA)— Communities Mobilizing for Change on Alcohol</p> <table border="0"> <tr> <td>Number of youth served</td> <td>4,200</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Number of parents served</td> <td>800</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Number of caregivers served</td> <td>200</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Numbers pertain to the 12 months ending</td> <td>06/30/2010</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Program has been evaluated</td> <td>Yes</td> </tr> <tr> <td>Evaluation report is available</td> <td>No</td> </tr> <tr> <td>URL for evaluation report</td> <td>Not applicable</td> </tr> <tr> <td>URL for more program information</td> <td>No data</td> </tr> </table>		Number of youth served	4,200	Number of parents served	800	Number of caregivers served	200	Numbers pertain to the 12 months ending	06/30/2010	Program has been evaluated	Yes	Evaluation report is available	No	URL for evaluation report	Not applicable	URL for more program information	No data
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<p>Program description: CCCADA implements the Communities Mobilizing for Change on Alcohol curriculum, a Model Program approved by the SAMHSA Center for Substance Abuse Prevention (CSAP) that is designed to use community organizing strategies to reduce youth access to alcohol. Through Project CARE, CCCADA coordinates with local community event organizers to reduce adolescent access to alcohol, provide educational workshops and forums, initiate a media campaign, offer family skate nights to the community, and establish a youth initiative called "Teens Exposing Alcohol Myths" (TEAM). The CCCADA has partnered with the Camden City Public Schools and the First Nazarene Baptist Church in the delivery of these services.</p>																	

New Jersey Strategic Prevention Framework (SPF) State Incentive 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	Yes
Evaluation report is available	No
URL for evaluation report:	Not applicable
URL for more program information:	http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/das/prevention/spfsig/
<p>Program description: The Division of Addiction Services (DAS) has funded 11 communities to adopt and implement the SPF to deliver and sustain effective substance abuse prevention and mental health promotion programs in their communities by institutionalizing a data-driven planning process to (in part) decrease underage drinking among 18- to 21-year-olds at the community level.</p>	

Underage Drinking Prevention Programs Operated or Funded by the State: Programs RELATED TO Underage Drinking	
Numerous Federal Block Grant Funded Programs	
URL for more program information: http://www.state.nj.us/humanservices/das/prevention/	
<p>Program description: Throughout the State, there have been 53 total awards – 50 community-level and 3 special projects. Services target high-risk individuals or groups in each of New Jersey’s 21 counties who were identified 2y each county according to risk and protective factor domains (family, community, school, individual/peer). Grantees are required to use evidence-based programs or strategies.</p>	

Additional Information Related to Underage Drinking Prevention Programs	
<i>State collaborates with federally recognized Tribal governments in the prevention of underage drinking</i>	No recognized Tribes
Program description	Not applicable
<i>State has programs to measure and/or reduce youth exposure to alcohol advertising and marketing</i>	Yes
<p>Program description: The Partnership for a Drug-Free New Jersey (PDFNJ) uses any and all media and formats to spread its message. PDFNJ communicates with the public through television, radio, and print; billboards; Port Authority (PATH) and New Jersey Transit signs; ads in the Yellow Pages, donated by Bell Atlantic; and a host of other nontraditional communication opportunities. Working with the New Jersey media to “unsell” drugs to the people – especially the young people – of New Jersey continues to be PDFNJ’s central responsibility. It receives most of its creative work from the Partnership for a Drug-Free America, which, in turn, works with the top advertising agencies in the Nation. PDFNJ does not pay for any advertising time, and it is deeply grateful for support from the New Jersey media and other organizations.</p>	
<i>State has adopted or developed best practice standards for underage drinking prevention programs</i>	Yes
<p>Best practice standards description: DAS and the Governor’s Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse fund only programs that have an evidence-based record of effectiveness in preventing underage drinking. Additionally, the Statewide Childhood Drinking Coalitions use a risk and protective factor framework in the development and delivery of community-based coalition activities. As indicated previously, the Coalition has been selected for participation in the 2011 Service to Science Initiative.</p>	
Additional Clarification	
<p>Information about New Jersey’s Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws program, which is overseen by the Division of Alcoholic Beverage Control:</p> <p>Programs funded in 2011 include Cops in Shops, Fatal Vision Goggles, Local Community-Based Efforts to Prevent Underage Drinking, College Training Initiative to Prevent Underage Drinking, Lollanobooza, “Dangers of Underage Drinking” Billboard/Calendar Initiative, and “Dangers of Underage Drinking” Radio PSA. Programs will run June 1, 2011, through May 31, 2012.</p>	

State Interagency Collaboration	
<i>A State-level interagency governmental body/committee exists to coordinate or address underage drinking prevention activities</i>	No
Committee contact information	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
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>	No
Prepared by	Not applicable
Plan can be accessed via	Not applicable
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Prepared by: The Statewide Childhood Drinking Coalition	
Plan can be accessed via: Not applicable	
Additional Clarification	
No data	

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	\$675,530
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	\$375,000
Estimate based on the 12 months ending	06/30/2010
<i>Programs targeted to institutes of higher learning:</i>	
Estimate of State funds expended	\$490,000
Estimate based on the 12 months ending	06/30/2010
<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	\$1,000,000
Estimate based on the 12 months ending	06/30/2010
<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	Yes
Fees	No
Other	No data

Description of funding streams and how they are used: The Governor's Council on Alcoholism and Drug Abuse uses Drug Enforcement Demand Reduction funds for underage drinking prevention activities. Monies from General State Revenue fund a small portion (DARE) of activities.

Additional Clarification

No data