

State Report

Utah

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State Profile and Underage Drinking Facts*

State Population: 2,817,222
Population Ages 12–20: 384,000

	Percentage	Number
Ages 12–20		
Past-Month Alcohol Use	14.2	55,000
Past-Month Binge Alcohol Use	9.6	37,000
Ages 12–14		
Past-Month Alcohol Use	2.5	3,000
Past-Month Binge Alcohol Use	1.4	2,000
Ages 15–17		
Past-Month Alcohol Use	11.7	15,000
Past-Month Binge Alcohol Use	7.9	10,000
Ages 18–20		
Past-Month Alcohol Use	28.4	36,000
Past-Month Binge Alcohol Use	19.4	25,000
Alcohol-Attributable Deaths (under 21)		32
Years of Potential Life Lost (under 21)		1,965
	Percentage of All Traffic Fatalities	Number
Traffic Fatalities, 15- to 20-Year-Old Drivers with BAC > 0.01	23.0	10

* See Appendix C for data sources.

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 prohibited—no explicit exceptions noted in the law.

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 a judicial procedure.

Provision(s) Targeting Suppliers

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

Provisions Targeting Retailers

- State provides incentives to retailers who use electronic scanners that read birthdate and other information digitally encoded on valid identification cards.
- Licenses for drivers under age 21 are easily distinguishable from those for drivers age 21 and older.
- Retailers are permitted to seize apparently false IDs.
- Specific affirmative defense—the retailer inspected the false ID and came to a reasonable conclusion based on its appearance that it was valid.
- Retailer has the statutory right to sue a minor who uses a false ID to purchase alcohol for any losses or fines suffered by the retailer as a result of the illegal sale.
- Retailer has the authority to detain a minor suspected of using a false ID in connection with the purchase of alcohol.

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

- 365 days

Graduated Driver’s License

Learner Stage

- Minimum entry age: 15
- Minimum learner-stage period: 6 months
- Minimum supervised driving requirement: 40 hours—10 of which must be at night

Intermediate Stage

- Minimum age: 16
- Unsupervised night driving
 - Prohibited after: 12 a.m.
 - Primary enforcement of the night-driving rule
- Passenger restrictions exist: No unrelated passengers, unless accompanied by driver over 21
 - No primary enforcement of the passenger-restriction rule

License Stage

- Minimum age to lift restrictions: 17—passenger restrictions are lifted at age 16 years, 6 months; unsupervised night-driving restrictions remain until age 17.

Laws Targeting Alcohol Suppliers

Furnishing Alcohol to Minors

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

Compliance Check Protocols

No data

Penalty Guidelines for Sales to Minors

No data

Responsible Beverage Service

Mandatory Beverage Service Training for Managers, Servers

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

Note: In Utah, the off-premises establishments subject to mandatory training are “off-premise beer retailers.” Off-premise beer retailers are licensed to sell “beer,” which in Utah is any

product that contains not more than 4 percent alcohol by volume (ABV) and is obtained by fermentation, infusion, or decoction of any malted grain.

Minimum Ages for Off-Premises Sellers

- Beer: 21
- Wine: 21
- Spirits: 21

Note: Although employees must be at least 21 to sell “liquor” at off-sale establishments in Utah, persons between 16 and 21 may sell beer (defined as containing not more than 4 percent ABV) on the premises of a beer retailer for off-premise consumption if under the supervision of a person age 21 or older who is on the premises.

Minimum Ages for On-Premises Sellers

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

Distance Limitations for New Alcohol Outlets Near Universities and Schools

Colleges and Universities

No distance limitation

Primary and Secondary Schools

Prohibitions against outlet siting:

- Off-premises outlets: Yes—within 200 feet
- On-premises outlets: Yes—within 200 feet
- Alcohol products: Beer, wine, spirits

Dram Shop Liability

Statutory liability exists subject to the following conditions:

- Limitations on damages: \$1 million limit for one person and \$2 million limit for all injured parties per occurrence.
- Limitations on who may sue: Retailers that furnish beer only for off-premises consumption are exempt.

Note: Liability is strictly imposed for furnishing alcohol to an underage drinker. Evidence of retailer’s negligence is not required.

Social Host Liability Laws

Statutory liability exists subject to the following conditions:

- Limitations on damages: \$1 million limit for one person and \$2 million limit for all injured parties per occurrence.
- Limitations on who may be sued: Social host must be age 21 or older.

Host Party Laws

Social host law is specifically limited to underage drinking parties.

- Action by underage guest that triggers violation: Not specified
- Property type(s) covered by liability law: Residence, outdoor, other
- Standard for hosts' knowledge or action regarding the party: Knowledge—host must have actual knowledge of the occurrence.

Note: In Utah, an individual may not knowingly conduct, aid, or allow an “underage drinking gathering.” An “underage drinking gathering” means a gathering of two or more individuals (a) at which an individual knowingly serves, aids in the service of, or allows the service of an alcoholic beverage to an underage person; and (b) to which an emergency response provider is required to respond, except for a response related solely to providing medical care at the location of the gathering. The definition does not otherwise specify a property type or an action by underage guest.

Retailer Interstate Shipments of Alcohol

Retailer interstate shipments are prohibited for all types of beverages.

Direct Sales/Shipments of Alcohol by Producers

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

Keg Registration

- Keg sales prohibited.
- Provisions do not specifically address disposable kegs.

Alcohol Pricing Policies

Home Delivery

- Beer: Prohibited
- Wine: Prohibited
- Spirits: Prohibited

Alcohol Tax

- Beer (5 percent alcohol): Control state
- Wine (12 percent alcohol): Control state
- Spirits (40 percent alcohol): Control state

Drink Specials

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

Wholesale Pricing

Pricing restrictions exist.

- Beer (5 percent alcohol): Control state
- Wine (12 percent alcohol): Control state
- Spirits (40 percent alcohol): Control state

Utah State Survey Responses

State Agency Information	
<i>Agency with primary responsibility for enforcing underage drinking laws:</i>	
Utah Department of Public Safety	
<i>Methods by which local and state enforcement agencies coordinate their efforts to enforce laws prohibiting underage drinking:</i>	
<p>Utah has 21 multi-agency Youth Alcohol Enforcement Task Forces throughout the state. The task forces work as single agencies as well as partnering with other local jurisdictions and the statewide law enforcement agency, the Utah Highway Patrol's Alcohol Enforcement Team (AET), to reduce illegal use of alcohol and/or controlled substances, along with alcohol/drug-related accidents and injuries. Law enforcement officers target underage drinking activities by conducting party patrols, compliance checks, shoulder tap operations, surveillance, saturation patrols, driving under the influence (DUI) checkpoints with a focus on youth, and other innovative enforcement programs. Task forces provide extra patrols for parks, recreation areas, canyons, and undeveloped and urban areas with extra-duty officers to detect youth engaging in underage drinking and impaired driving.</p> <p>The AET travels throughout the state to train local law enforcement agencies on how to conduct compliance check operations. They also assist the task forces and other law enforcement agencies with Targeting Responsibility for Alcohol Connected Emergencies (TRACE), assisting in investigating youth-involved serious or fatal vehicle crashes. The Highway Safety Office provides enhanced training opportunities for all law enforcement officers interested in learning methods of enforcing underage drinking laws. Training includes rural vs. urban enforcement, working with schools/coalitions, media relations, Utah laws, and juvenile enforcement techniques. Activity reports are submitted monthly, utilizing the Data Collection Technical Assistant Tool (DCTAT) for semi-annual reports.</p>	
Enforcement Strategies	
<i>State law enforcement agencies use:</i>	
Cops in Shops	No
Shoulder Tap Operations	Yes
Party Patrol Operations or Programs	Yes
Underage Alcohol-Related Fatality Investigations	Yes
<i>Local law enforcement agencies use:</i>	
Cops in Shops	No
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>	No
Primary state agency responsible for enforcing laws addressing direct sales/shipments of alcohol to minors	Not applicable
Such laws are also enforced by local law enforcement agencies	Unknown
Enforcement Statistics	
<i>State collects data on the number of minors found in possession</i>	
Number of minors found in possession by state law enforcement agencies	9,020
Number pertains to the 12 months ending	02/29/2012
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	No
Number of licensees checked for compliance by state agencies	Data not collected
Number of licensees that failed state compliance checks	Data not collected
Numbers pertain to the 12 months ending	Data not collected

<i>Local agencies conduct underage compliance checks/decoy operations to determine if alcohol retailers are complying with laws prohibiting sales to minors</i>	Yes
Data are collected on these activities	Yes
Number of licensees checked for compliance by local agencies	1,580
Number of licensees that failed local compliance checks	148
Numbers pertain to the 12 months ending	06/30/2011
Sanctions	
<i>State collects data on fines imposed on retail establishments that furnish minors</i>	Yes
Number of fines imposed by the state ³	30
Total amount in fines across all licensees	\$35,550
Numbers pertain to the 12 months ending	01/01/2012
<i>State collects data on license suspensions imposed on retail establishments specifically for furnishing minors</i>	Yes
Number of suspensions imposed by the state ⁴	24
Total days of suspensions across all licensees	135
Numbers pertain to the 12 months ending	01/01/2012
<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	01/01/2012
Additional Clarification	
None given	

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

ParentsEmpowered

Number of youth served	296,241
Number of parents served	707,490
Number of caregivers served	No data
Numbers pertain to the 12 months ending	06/30/2011
Program has been evaluated	Yes
Evaluation report is available	Yes
URL for evaluation report:	http://www.hsdsa.state.ut.us/sharp.htm
URL for more program information:	http://www.parentsempowered.org

Program description: ParentsEmpowered is a statewide, state-sponsored media and education campaign launched in 2006 to inform parents about the lasting harm of underage drinking and provide them with the proven skills, tools, and information needed to prevent it. Teens say their parents are the number one influence in preventing underage drinking, and research shows that teens are less likely to drink when parents are actively involved in helping their children understand the risks of drinking alcohol before age 21. ParentsEmpowered is targeted directly at parents rather than teens or children, as parents are the key to preventing underage drinking.

The ParentsEmpowered campaign consists of television and radio spots, billboards, print materials, a website, and other materials/activities designed to help parents and communities eliminate underage drinking. The campaign is funded by the Utah Legislature with profits from the state's alcohol sales. Utah is currently the only state in the nation to fund an underage drinking prevention campaign at this level. The ParentsEmpowered program objectives are as follows:

<p><i>Primary Objective: Total Community Mobilization.</i> Eliminating underage drinking in Utah can be a daunting task for parents to face alone. Creating a community network to support parents and their enforcement of rules for their children increases the chances of keeping kids alcohol free. ParentsEmpowered provides resources and training to the Utah Prevention Network (UPN). The UPN covers the entire state of Utah and consists of 13 local area prevention districts.</p> <p><i>Secondary Objective: It's All About the Media.</i> Special events and projects need to be organized to gain media and parental attention. Arranging public interaction between key community leaders and parents enables ParentsEmpowered to deliver its underage drinking prevention message while continuing to generate media and parental attention.</p>																	
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<p>Program description: The Utah Highway Safety Office (HSO) receives funding to combat underage drinking from the Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention's (OJJDP's) EUDL block grant program. The HSO has received EUDL funding every year since 1999, with the amount typically being \$360,000. The funding is utilized for the following activities/purposes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 21 Youth Alcohol Enforcement Task Forces that specifically target underage drinkers through activities such as party patrols, sobriety checkpoints, false identification and source investigations, shoulder-tap operations, and saturation patrols; • Underage Buyer Programs that conduct compliance checks at private clubs and restaurants; • College/University Campus and Youth Court Programs that educate students about underage drinking and impaired driving through conferences, summits, presentations, workshops, training, new student orientation, alcohol-free activities, awareness weeks, and other activities; and • Public Information and Education activities including presentations at Utah Chiefs of Police and Utah Sheriffs Associations conferences, community events, and educational materials on such topics as parenting skills. 																	
<p>Underage Drinking Prevention Programs Operated or Funded by the State:</p> <p>Programs Related to Underage Drinking</p> <p>Prevention Dimensions (PD)</p> <p>URL for more program information: http://www.utahpd.org</p>																	

Program description: PD is Utah’s school-based kindergarten through 12th grade alcohol, tobacco, and drug prevention education program. The program consists of teacher resource files/lesson plans and accompanying classroom materials that support the Utah State Office of Education’s core curriculum standards and objectives for health education. The program began in 1982 as a joint effort of the Utah Division of Alcoholism and Drugs, the Utah Department of Health, the Utah State Office of Education, and the Utah Parent-Teacher Association (PTA), and has been updated and revised several times over the years. The mission of PD is to give students a strong foundation of effective substance abuse and violence prevention skills. The resource lessons are age-appropriate and scoped and sequenced to the core curriculum objectives.

The lessons are also based on the risk and protective factor model identified through the research of Drs. David Hawkins and Richard Catalano of the University of Washington. Studies have shown that young people with identified risk factors are more likely to engage in substance abuse and other antisocial behaviors; conversely, students with strong protective factors are less likely to engage in substance abuse and antisocial behaviors. PD lessons are, therefore, designed to decrease risk factors and promote protective factors. PD teacher trainings develop teacher skills to implement proven prevention strategies, impart knowledge, and help maintain a positive prevention attitude and classroom environment.

Additional Information Related to Underage Drinking Prevention Programs

<i>State collaborates with federally recognized Tribal governments in the prevention of underage drinking</i>	No
Description of collaboration: Not applicable	

<i>State has programs to measure and/or reduce youth exposure to alcohol advertising and marketing</i>	No
Program description: Not applicable	

<i>State has adopted or developed best practice standards for underage drinking prevention programs</i>	Yes
Best practice standards description: Utah has created an Evidence-Based Workgroup (EBW). Using the SAMHSA’s evidence-based guidelines and the National Registry of Evidence-Based Programs and Practices (NREPP) as foundations, Utah formatted a collaborative committee to review and provide technical assistance to prevention programs. The EBW reviews prevention programs submitted to the panel. Then, based on the data and research provided, the EBW decides if the program has met the burden of proof to be an evidence-based program.	

Additional Clarification

The URL provided for the evaluation report of Utah’s ParentsEmpowered underage drinking prevention education and media campaign is for the Utah Student Health and Risk Prevention (SHARP) Survey. The Utah SHARP Survey is conducted every 2 years (odd years) among students in grades 6, 8, 10 and 12. The most recent is the 2011 SHARP Survey. The ParentsEmpowered campaign is an integral part of Utah’s comprehensive strategy to prevent and reduce underage drinking. There is also an ongoing specific evaluation (available upon request) of the ParentsEmpowered campaign being conducted by Dan Jones and Associates, a Utah firm.

State Interagency Collaboration

<i>A state-level interagency governmental body/committee exists to coordinate or address underage drinking prevention activities</i>	Yes
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<i>Agencies/organizations represented on the committee: (with voting representatives on the workgroup)</i>	
Utah Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control	
Utah Attorney General’s Office	
Utah Department of Health	
Utah State Office of Education	
Utah Juvenile Court	
Utah Behavioral Healthcare Committee/Utah Prevention Network	
Utah Department of Public Safety/Highway Safety Office	
Utah Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health	
Governor’s Office/Utah Substance Abuse Advisory Council (USA AV)	
Mothers Against Drunk Driving—Utah Chapter	
Law Enforcement	
All other interested parties are welcome to attend and participate in workgroup meetings, but shall not have a vote.	
<i>A website or other public source exists to describe committee activities</i>	Yes
URL or other means of access: http://www.parentsempowered.org	

Underage Drinking Reports	
<i>State has prepared a plan for preventing underage drinking in the last 3 years</i>	Yes and No
Prepared by: Underage Drinking Prevention Workgroup (a workgroup of the Utah Prevention Advisory Council’s prevention committee (UPAC))	
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: The Utah Student Health and Risk Prevention (SHARP) Survey Report was prepared by Bach Harrison, LLC. The 2011 Annual ParentsEmpowered and Eliminating Alcohol Sales to Youth (EASY) Report was prepared by R&R Partners.	
Plan can be accessed via: No data	

Additional Clarification

Clarification of Utah’s Underage Drinking Prevention Plan: Although Utah has not produced a written plan for preventing underage drinking per se, we have had a plan in place for addressing this issue for the past several years. Utah’s Underage Drinking Prevention Workgroup was originally created to attend SAMHSA’s “Preventing Underage Alcohol Use: A National Meeting of the States” in 2005, in Washington, DC. Following this meeting, the newly formed team immediately got to work and was successful in promoting the passage of legislation during the 2006 Utah Legislative Session (S.B. 58) that created and funded the ParentsEmpowered campaign and the EASY compliance check program.

Utah’s Underage Drinking Prevention Workgroup has continued to meet weekly or biweekly to create new components for the campaign and to plan for adjunct school- and community-based activities, including the following: Mind Over Matter take-home program for 4th-grade students and their parents, Underage Drinking Town Hall Meetings, higher education prevention activities such as the incoming students’ Freshman Letter, and creation and promotion of the passage of related legislation (e.g., Social Host Liability Act in 2009 and Underage Drinking Prevention Campaign in 2012), to name only a few. Utah sees the value of formalizing the plan in written form, and may do so in the near future.

State Expenditures for the Prevention of Underage Drinking	
<i>Compliance checks/decoy operations in retail outlets:</i>	
Estimate of state funds expended	\$300,033
Estimate based on the 12 months ending	06/30/2011
<i>Checkpoints and saturation patrols:</i>	
Estimate of state funds expended	\$400,609
Estimate based on the 12 months ending	06/30/2011

<i>Community-based programs to prevent underage drinking:</i>	
Estimate of state funds expended	\$1,773,733
Estimate based on the 12 months ending	06/30/2011
<i>K–12 school-based programs to prevent underage drinking:</i>	
Estimate of state funds expended	\$480,000
Estimate based on the 12 months ending	06/30/2011
<i>Programs targeted to institutes of higher learning:</i>	
Estimate of state funds expended	Data not available
Estimate based on the 12 months ending	Data not available
<i>Programs that target youth in the juvenile justice system:</i>	
Estimate of state funds expended	Data not available
Estimate based on the 12 months ending	Data not available
<i>Programs that target youth in the child welfare system:</i>	
Estimate of state funds expended	Data not available
Estimate based on the 12 months ending	Data not available
<i>Other programs:</i>	
Programs or strategies included:	No data
Estimate of state funds expended	Not applicable
Estimate based on the 12 months ending	Not applicable

Funds Dedicated to Underage Drinking

State derives funds dedicated to underage drinking from the following revenue streams:

Taxes	Yes
Fines	No
Fees	Yes
Other	No data

Description of funding streams and how they are used:

A portion of the tax revenue collected on beer sales in Utah is deposited into the Alcoholic Beverage Enforcement and Treatment Restricted Account, which is distributed annually on a formula basis to municipalities and counties throughout Utah for the following purposes: DUI law enforcement, general alcohol-related enforcement, prosecution/court costs for alcohol-related cases, treatment of alcohol problems, alcohol-related education/prevention, and confinement of alcohol law offenders. In state FY2011 (ending June 30, 2011), \$5,597,200 was distributed, and approximately 48 percent of municipalities and counties utilized at least some of their funding for alcohol-related education/prevention, including underage drinking prevention.

A fee is imposed on every fine assessed for a criminal penalty in Utah (35 percent for lesser offenses, 90 percent for major offenses); 2½ percent of the funding generated by the fees on fines is appropriated to the Utah State Office of Education annually for substance abuse prevention, and is used to support the K–12 Prevention Dimensions program and the 4th-grade Mind Over Matter program.

A portion of the revenues from vehicle impound fees and driver license reinstatement fees is utilized to fund the Eliminating Alcohol Sales to Youth (EASY) Program (underage compliance checks in retail outlets selling alcohol).

The ParentsEmpowered underage drinking media and education campaign is funded by the Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control's Liquor Control Fund. Revenues in this fund are generated by the profits on sales of alcoholic beverages in Utah.

Additional Clarification

Clarification on state funds used for K–12 school-based programs:

\$480,000 is for the Prevention Dimensions and Mind Over Matter programs.

Clarification on state funds used for community-based programs:

Of the total \$1,773,733 allocated, \$1,473,700 is for the ParentsEmpowered Underage Drinking Prevention Media and Education Campaign, and \$300,033 is for the Eliminating Alcohol Sales to Youth (EASY) Underage Compliance Checks/Decoy Program.

Description of Utah’s EASY Underage Compliance Checks/Decoy Program:

The primary goal of the EASY program, established statewide by the Utah Legislature in 2006, is to curtail the retail supply of alcohol to minors at off-premise retail locations through two complimentary methods: providing funds to local law enforcement agencies to conduct alcohol compliance checks and requiring standardized and mandatory retail employee training. Through these methods, EASY has removed the financial obstacles that frequently prevented law enforcement agencies from conducting compliance checks, and the retail training requirements empower front-line employees with the knowledge and information they need to avoid sales to minors. The Utah Department of Public Safety’s Highway Safety Office (HSO) administers the compliance check portion of EASY. As required by statute, the HSO records data, analyzes results, and tracks records related to the compliance checks performed by law enforcement as part of EASY. The Utah Division of Substance Abuse and Mental Health (DSAMH) administers the retail training aspect of EASY, with the actual training provided by private companies or individuals. All curricula and trainers are approved by the DSAMH.