

State Report

Nebraska

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Nebraska

State Population: 1,881,503

Population Ages 12–20: 228,000

	Percentage	Number
Ages 12–20		
Past-Month Alcohol Use	22.3	51,000
Past-Month Binge Alcohol Use	14.9	34,000
Ages 12–14		
Past-Month Alcohol Use	1.8	1,000
Past-Month Binge Alcohol Use	0.8	1,000
Ages 15–17		
Past-Month Alcohol Use	18.1	14,000
Past-Month Binge Alcohol Use	10.9	8,000
Ages 18–20		
Past-Month Alcohol Use	45.1	36,000
Past-Month Binge Alcohol Use	31.5	25,000
Alcohol-Attributable Deaths (under 21)		26
Years of Potential Life Lost (under 21)		1,567
	Percentage of All Traffic Fatalities	Number
Traffic Fatalities, 15- to 20-Year-Old Drivers with BAC > 0.01	19	6

Laws Addressing Minors in Possession of Alcohol

Underage Possession	
Is underage possession of alcoholic beverages prohibited?	Yes
Are there exceptions based on family relationships?	
• Is possession allowed if parent or guardian is present or consents?	No
• Is possession allowed if spouse is present or consents?	No
Is there an exception based on location?	Yes, in parent/guardian's home only
<i>Note:</i> Nebraska makes an exception for persons who are at least 16 to carry alcohol from licensed establishments when they are accompanied by any person who is not a minor.	

Underage Consumption	
Is underage consumption of alcoholic beverages prohibited?	Yes
Are there exceptions based on family relationships?	
• Is consumption allowed if the parent or guardian is present or consents?	No
• Is consumption allowed if the spouse is present or consents?	No
Is there an exception based on location?	Yes, in parent/guardian's home only

Underage Internal Possession	
Is underage internal possession of alcoholic beverages prohibited?	No law
Are there exceptions based on family relationships?	
• Is internal possession allowed if the parent or guardian is present or consents?	N/A
• Is internal possession allowed if the spouse is present or consents?	N/A
Is there an exception based on location?	N/A
<i>Note:</i> Although Nebraska does not prohibit internal possession as defined in this report, it provides that "...no minor may...consume, or have in his or her possession or physical control any alcoholic liquor..." "Consume" is defined as "knowingly and intentionally drinking or otherwise ingesting alcoholic liquor." Laws that prohibit minors from having alcohol in their bodies, but do so without reference to a blood, breath, or urine test, are not considered as prohibiting internal possession for purposes of this report.	

Underage Purchase and Attempted Purchase	
Is the purchase of alcoholic beverages prohibited?	Yes
May youth purchase for law enforcement purposes?	Yes

False Identification for Obtaining Alcohol	
Provisions Targeting Minors	
Is the use of false identification (ID) prohibited?	Yes
Does the use of a false ID result in minor's driver's license suspension?	No
Provisions Targeting Suppliers	
Is the lending or transferring or selling of a false ID prohibited?	No
Is the production of a false ID in the context of underage alcohol sales specifically prohibited?	Yes

Retailer Support Provisions	
Is there an incentive for the retailer to use electronic scanners for information digitally encoded on valid IDs?	Yes
Are state driver's licenses for persons under 21 easily distinguishable from licenses for persons 21 and over?	Yes
May retailers seize apparently false IDs without fear of prosecution even if the ID is ultimately deemed valid?	No
Does an affirmative defense exist for the retailer?	Yes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is it a specific affirmative defense (retailer reasonably believed ID was valid after examining it)? 	Yes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is it a general affirmative defense (retailer reasonably believed purchaser was over 21)? 	No
Does the retailer have the right to sue the minor for use of a false ID?	No
May a retailer detain a minor who used a false ID?	No

Laws Targeting Underage Drinking and Driving

Youth Blood Alcohol Concentration Limits (Underage Operators of Noncommercial Motor Vehicles)	
What is the maximum blood alcohol concentration (BAC) limit for an underage driver of a motor vehicle?	0.02
Does a BAC level in excess of limit automatically establish a violation (per se violation)?	Yes
What is the minimum age to which the limit applies?	0
What is the maximum age to which the limit applies?	21

Loss of Driving Privileges for Alcohol Violations by Minors ("Use/Lose" Laws)	
Is there a "use/lose" law that suspends or revokes a minor's driving privileges for alcohol violations?	Yes
What types of violation lead to license suspension or revocation?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purchase of alcohol 	No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possession of alcohol 	Yes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consumption of alcohol 	Yes
The law applies to people under what age?	18
Is suspension or revocation mandatory or discretionary?	Discretionary
What is the length of suspension/revocation?	
Minimum number of days	30
Maximum number of days	30

Graduated Driver's Licenses	
Learner Stage	
What is the minimum age for permit to drive with parents, guardians or other adults (other than instructors)?	15
What is the minimum number of months driver must hold learner permit before advancing to intermediate stage?	6
What is the minimum number of hours of driving with parents, guardians, or adults before advancing to intermediate stage?	0 (with driver education; 50 hours without [10 of which must be at night])
Intermediate Stage	
What is the minimum age for driving without adult supervision?	16

For night driving, when does adult supervision requirement begin?	12 am
Can law enforcement stop a driver for night-driving violation as a primary offense?	No – Officer must stop driver for another offense to cite for night-driving violation
Are there restrictions on passengers?	Yes – No more than one passenger under 19 who is not an immediate family member
Can law enforcement stop driver for violation of passenger restrictions as a primary offense?	No – Officer must stop driver for another offense to cite for passenger restriction violation
License Stage	
What is the minimum age for full license privileges and lifting of restrictions?	17 (passenger restrictions expire 6 months after issuance of intermediate license; unsupervised night driving restrictions remain until age 17)

Laws Targeting Alcohol Suppliers

Furnishing Alcohol to Minors	
Is furnishing of alcoholic beverages to minors prohibited?	Yes
Are there exceptions based on family relationships?	
• Is furnishing allowed if the parent or guardian supplies the alcohol?	No
• Is furnishing allowed if the spouse supplies the alcohol?	No
Is there an exception based on location?	No
Affirmative Defense for Sellers and Licensees	
Does law require seller/licensee to be exonerated of furnishing to a minor if the minor has not been charged?	No

Compliance Check Protocols	
Does the state have a written protocol for when an underage decoy is used in compliance checks?	Yes
What is the minimum age a decoy may be to participate in a compliance check?	Not specified
What is the maximum age a decoy may be to participate in a compliance check?	20
What are the decoy’s appearance requirements?	Minors shall, in their dress and appearance, be within the range of normal for minors in that geographic area. Hats or caps, if worn, should be worn in a manner that is normal for their age and shall not be pulled down over their eyes.
Does decoy carry ID during compliance check?	Required
May decoy verbally exaggerate his or her actual age?	Permitted
Is decoy training mandated, recommended, prohibited, or not specified?	Recommended

Penalty Guidelines for Sales to Minors	
Are there written guidelines for penalties imposed on retailers for furnishing to a minor?	Yes
What is the time period for defining second, third, and subsequent offenses?	4 years
What is the penalty for the first offense?	10 to 20 days (see note below for fine equivalent); with guilty plea 5 days upon written certification from licenses that person making sale had completed training program approved by Commission within the past 3 years.
What is the penalty for the second offense?	Occurring within 4 years: 2-day license suspension plus 20 days (fine equivalent). Within 3 years: 2-day license suspension plus 30 days (fine equivalent). Within 2 years: 2-day license suspension and 40 days (fine equivalent). Within 1 year -- 2 days of license suspension and 50 days (fine equivalent)
What is the penalty for the third offense?	5-day license suspension plus 20 days (fine equivalent)
What is the penalty for the fourth offense?	Cancellation of license
<i>Note:</i> First suspension is \$50 per day. All subsequent suspensions are \$100 per day. If previous violation is 10 years or longer, penalty would be half (e.g., \$50 instead of \$100).	

Responsible Beverage Service (RBS)	
Is there a state law pertaining to beverage service training?	Yes – Voluntary
If training is mandatory, who must participate?	N/A
If training is voluntary, which of the following incentives are offered?	
• Defense in dram shop liability lawsuits	No
• Discounts in dram shop liability insurance, license fees, or other	No
• Mitigation of fines or other administrative penalties for sales to minors or intoxicated persons	No
• Protection against license revocation for sales to minors or sales to intoxicated persons	No
Does the RBS law apply to on-premises establishments (such as bars and restaurants) or off-premises establishments (such as liquor stores)?	Unspecified
Does the RBS law apply to new or existing licensees?	Unspecified

Minimum Age for Sellers of Alcohol – Off-Premises (i.e., Liquor Stores)	
What is the minimum age requirement for off-premises retail establishments?	
Beer	19
Wine	19
Spirits	19
Does a manager or supervisor have to be present?	No

Minimum Age for Alcohol Servers and Bartenders – On-Premises (i.e., Restaurants and Bars)	
What is the minimum age requirement for servers in on-premises establishments?	
Beer	19

Wine	19
Spirits	19
What is the minimum age requirement for bartenders in on-premises establishments?	
Beer	19
Wine	19
Spirits	19
Does a manager or supervisor have to be present?	No

Alcohol Outlet Siting Near Schools and Universities	
Colleges and Universities	
Is there a distance requirement for off-premises outlets (i.e., liquor stores)?	No
Is there a distance requirement for on-premises outlets (i.e., restaurants and bars)?	No
To which alcohol products does requirement apply?	N/A
<i>Note: Although Nebraska law states a 300-foot limit, the Commission may waive it. If outlet is surrounded by or adjacent on two sides to university/college, then university/college must approve.</i>	
Primary and Secondary Schools	
Is there a distance requirement for off-premises outlets (i.e., liquor stores)?	Yes, within 150 feet
Is there a distance requirement for on-premises outlets (i.e., restaurants and bars)?	Yes, within 150 feet
To which alcohol products does requirement apply?	Beer, wine, spirits

Dram Shop Liability	
Does a statute create dram shop liability?	Yes
Does the statute limit damages that may be recovered?	No
Does the statute limit who may be sued?	No
Does the statute limit elements or standards of proof?	No
Does common law dram shop liability exist?	No
<i>Note: Injury or property damage must be a proximate result of negligence of an intoxicated minor.</i>	

Social Host Liability	
Does a statute create social host liability?	Yes
Does the statute limit damages that may be recovered?	No
Does the statute limit who may be sued?	No
Does the statute limit elements or standards of proof?	No
Does common law social host liability exist?	No
<i>Note: Injury or property damage must be a proximate result of the negligence of an intoxicated minor.</i>	

Prohibitions Against Hosting Underage Drinking Parties	
Does a statute prohibit hosting underage drinking parties?	No
Is the statute specific to underage parties, or a general prohibition against permitting underage drinking on the property?	N/A
What action by underage guest triggers a violation?	N/A
Property type covered by the law?	N/A
What level of knowledge by the host is required?	N/A
Does host's preventive action protect him/her from being held liable?	N/A

Are there any exceptions for underage guests?	N/A
Retailer Interstate Shipments of Alcohol	
Are out-of-state retailers prohibited from sending interstate shipments to in-state consumers?	
Beer	Permitted
Wine	Permitted
Spirits	Permitted

Direct Shipments/Sales	
May alcohol producers ship directly to consumers?	Yes
What alcohol types may be shipped?	Beer, wine, distilled spirits
Must purchaser make mandatory trip to producer before delivery is authorized?	No
Age verification requirements	
Must the producer/shipper verify purchaser's age before sale?	Yes
Must the common carrier (deliverer) verify age of recipients?	No
State approval/permit requirements	
Must the producer/manufacture obtain state license or permit?	Yes
Must the common carrier (deliverer) be approved by a state agency?	Yes
Recording/reporting requirements	
Must the producer/manufacture record/report purchaser's name?	No
Must the common carrier (deliverer) record/report recipient's name?	No
Shipping label requirements	
Must the label state "Package contains alcohol"?	Yes
Must the label state "Recipient must be 21 years old"?	Yes

Keg Registration	
How is a keg defined (in gallons)?	Equal to or more than 5.00
Prohibitions	
Is it illegal to possess an unregistered or unlabeled keg and if so, what is the penalty?	Yes (maximum fine/jail, \$500/3 months)
Is it illegal to destroy the label on a keg, and if so, what is the penalty?	Yes (maximum fine/jail, \$500/3 months)
What purchaser information is collected?	
Must the retailer collect the name and address?	Yes
Must the retailer collect the ID number, name and address on license or other government information?	Yes
Must the retailer collect the address at which keg will be consumed?	No
Must warning information be given to purchaser?	Yes – Passive (requires no action by purchaser)
Is a deposit required?	No
Does law cover disposable kegs?	No

Home Delivery	
Is home delivery of alcohol permitted?	
Beer	Yes
Wine	Yes

Spirits	Yes
High-Proof Grain Alcohol Beverages	
Are there restrictions on the sale of high-proof grain alcohol beverages?	No
Are restrictions based on Alcohol by Volume (ABV)?	N/A
Are there exceptions to restrictions?	N/A

Laws Affecting Alcohol Pricing

Alcohol Taxes	
Beer	
Control system for beer?	No
Specific excise tax per gallon for 5% alcohol beer	\$0.31
Ad valorem excise tax (for on-premises sales) on total receipts for 5% alcohol beer	
Wholesale tax rate (if applicable)	
Retail tax rate (if applicable)	
If retail tax rate applies, is there an exemption from general sales tax?	No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General sales tax rate 	Not relevant
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sales tax adjusted retail tax rate (the retail tax minus the general sales tax, where there is an exemption from the general sales tax) 	Not relevant
Ad valorem excise tax (for off-premises sales) on total receipts for 5% alcohol beer	
Wholesale tax rate (if applicable)	
Retail tax rate (if applicable)	
If retail tax rate applies, is there an exemption from general sales tax?	No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General sales tax rate 	Not relevant
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sales tax adjusted retail tax rate (the retail tax minus the general sales tax, where there is an exemption from the general sales tax) 	Not relevant
Additional taxes for 3.2–6% alcohol beer (if applicable)	
Wine	
Control system for wine?	No
Specific excise tax per gallon for 12% alcohol wine	\$0.95
Ad valorem excise tax (for on-premises sales) on total receipts for 12% alcohol wine	
Wholesale tax rate (if applicable)	
Retail tax rate (if applicable)	
If retail tax rate applies, is there an exemption from general sales tax?	No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General sales tax rate 	Not relevant
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sales tax adjusted retail tax rate (the retail tax minus the general sales tax, where there is an exemption from the general sales tax) 	Not relevant
Ad valorem excise tax (for off-premises sales) on total receipts for 12% alcohol wine	
Wholesale tax rate (if applicable)	
Retail tax rate (if applicable)	
If retail tax rate applies, is there an exemption from general sales tax?	No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> General sales tax rate 	Not relevant
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Sales tax adjusted retail tax rate (the retail tax minus the general sales tax, where there is an exemption from the general sales tax) 	Not relevant
Additional taxes for 6–14% alcohol wine (if applicable)	
Spirits	

Control system for spirits?	No
Specific excise tax per gallon for 40% alcohol spirits	\$3.75
Ad valorem excise tax (for on-premises sales) on total receipts for 40% alcohol spirits	
Wholesale tax rate (if applicable)	
Retail tax rate (if applicable)	
If retail tax rate applies, is there an exemption from general sales tax?	No
• General sales tax rate	Not relevant
• Sales tax adjusted retail tax rate (the retail tax minus the general sales tax, where there is an exemption from the general sales tax)	Not relevant
Ad valorem excise tax (for off-premises sales) on total receipts for 40% alcohol spirits	
Wholesale tax rate (if applicable)	
Retail tax rate (if applicable)	
If retail tax rate applies, is there an exemption from general sales tax?	No
• General sales tax rate	Not relevant
• Sales tax adjusted retail tax rate (the retail tax minus the general sales tax, where there is an exemption from the general sales tax)	Not relevant
Additional taxes for 15–50% alcohol spirits (if applicable)	

Low-Price, High-Volume Drink Specials	
What types of drink specials are prohibited by on-premises retailers?	
Free beverages	No
Multiple servings at one time	No
Multiple servings for same price as single serving	Yes
Reduced price for a specified day or time (i.e., happy hours)	No
Unlimited beverages for fixed price	Yes
Increased volume without increase in price	No

Wholesaler Pricing Restrictions	
Beer	
Are volume discounts to retailers allowed?	No law
Must wholesalers establish a minimum markup or maximum discount for each product sold to retailers?	No law
Must wholesalers publicly post and hold (i.e., not reduce) prices for a set time period?	No law
Is wholesaler permitted to extend credit to retailer and if so, what is the maximum time period?	No
Wine	
Are volume discounts to retailers allowed?	No law
Must wholesalers establish a minimum markup or maximum discount for each product sold to retailers?	No law
Must wholesalers publicly post and hold (i.e., not reduce) prices for a set time period?	No law

Is wholesaler permitted to extend credit to retailer and if so, what is the maximum time period?	Yes (30 days)
Spirits	
Are volume discounts to retailers allowed?	No law
Must wholesalers establish a minimum markup or maximum discount for each product sold to retailers?	No law
Must wholesalers publicly post and hold (i.e., not reduce) prices for a set time period?	No law
Is wholesaler permitted to extend credit to retailer and if so, what is the maximum time period?	Yes (30 days)

Nebraska State Survey Responses

State Agency Information

Agency with primary responsibility for enforcing underage drinking laws:

Nebraska State Patrol

Enforcement Strategies

State law enforcement agencies use:

Cops in Shops	No
Shoulder Tap Operations	Yes
Party Patrol Operations or Programs	Yes
Underage Alcohol-Related Fatality Investigations	Yes

Local law enforcement agencies use:

Cops in Shops	No
Shoulder Tap Operations	Yes
Party Patrol Operations or Programs	Yes
Underage Alcohol-Related Fatality Investigations	Yes

State has a program to investigate and enforce direct sales/shipment laws Yes

Primary state agency responsible for enforcing laws addressing direct sales/shipments of alcohol to minors Nebraska State Patrol/Nebraska Liquor Control Commission

Such laws are also enforced by local law enforcement agencies No

Enforcement Statistics

State collects data on the number of minors found in possession Yes

Number of minors found in possession by state law enforcement agencies 1,216

Number pertains to the 12 months ending 12/31/2014

Data include arrests/citations issued by local law enforcement agencies Yes

State conducts underage compliance checks/decoy operations² to determine if alcohol retailers are complying with laws prohibiting sales to minors Yes

Data are collected on these activities Yes

Number of retail licensees in state³ 5,670

Number of licensees checked for compliance by state agencies (including random checks) 721

Number of licensees that failed state compliance checks 78

Numbers pertain to the 12 months ending 12/31/2014

Compliance checks/decoy operations conducted at on-sale, off-sale, or both retail establishments Both on- and off-sale establishments

State conducts **random** underage compliance checks/decoy operations Yes

Number of licensees subject to **random** state compliance checks/decoy operations 721

Number of licensees that failed **random** state compliance checks 78

Local agencies conduct underage compliance checks/decoy operations to determine if alcohol retailers are complying with laws prohibiting sales to minors Yes

Data are collected on these activities Yes

Number of licensees checked for compliance by local agencies 1,224

Number of licensees that failed local compliance checks 108

Numbers pertain to the 12 months ending 12/31/2014

Sanctions

State collects data on fines imposed on retail establishments that furnish minors Yes

Number of fines imposed by the state⁴ No data

Total amount in fines across all licensees \$24,100

Smallest fine imposed	\$50 per day that license is suspended
Largest fine imposed	\$5,000
Numbers pertain to the 12 months ending	12/31/2014
<i>State collects data on license suspensions imposed on retail establishments specifically for furnishing minors</i>	
	Yes
Number of suspensions imposed by the state ⁵	No data
Total days of suspensions across all licensees	No data
Shortest period of suspension imposed (in days)	1
Longest period of suspension imposed (in days)	15 days closed plus additional 50 days of suspension
Numbers pertain to the 12 months ending	12/31/2014
<i>State collects data on license revocations imposed on retail establishments specifically for furnishing minors</i>	
	Yes
Number of license revocations imposed ⁶	5
Numbers pertain to the 12 months ending	12/31/2014

Additional Clarification

The Nebraska State Patrol and local law enforcement agencies conduct compliance checks, party patrols, and underage alcohol source investigations with funding provided by the Nebraska Office of Highway Safety (NOHS). The NOHS facilitates an annual training for all law enforcement and prosecution personnel on these enforcement operations each year.

- 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 Excluding special licenses such as temporary, seasonal, and common carrier licenses.
- ⁴ Does not include fines imposed by local agencies.
- ⁵ Does not include suspensions imposed by local agencies.
- ⁶ Does not include revocations imposed by local agencies.

Underage Drinking Prevention Programs Operated or Funded by the State

Communities Mobilizing for Change on Alcohol (CMCA)

Program serves specific or general population	Specific population
Number of youth served	44,252
Number of parents served	No data
Number of caregivers served	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.epi.umn.edu/alcohol/cmca/index.shtm

Program Description: This program is a community-organizing effort designed to change policies and practices of major community institutions in ways that reduce teenagers' access to alcohol (target age group is 13- to 20-year-olds) by using environmental strategies.

Nebraska Enforcing Underage Drinking Laws (EUDL)

Program serves specific or general population	General population
Number of youth served	Not applicable
Number of parents served	Not applicable
Number of caregivers served	Not applicable
Program has been evaluated	No
Evaluation report is available	Not applicable
URL for evaluation report:	Not applicable
URL for more program information:	No data

Program Description: Nebraska's EUDL program is led by the NOHS, which was established in 1967 to coordinate, develop, and implement Nebraska's annual traffic safety plan in accordance with the Federal Highway Safety Act of 1966. Alcohol awareness activities are coordinated through the NOHS to ensure continuity, uniformity, and comprehensiveness in this area. The reduction of fatal and injury crashes requires the continued combined efforts of an informed public and dedicated government officials willing to address alcohol issues. A good working relationship, including resources and support for local officials, businesses, and others in the community, between the NOHS staff and its partners, is essential for improved compliance of impaired driving and underage age drinking laws. This coordination and assistance provides an essential element in a successful alcohol awareness program for our state.

Across Ages

Program serves specific or general population	Specific population
Number of youth served	204
Number of parents served	204
Number of caregivers served	No data
Program has been evaluated	No
Evaluation report is available	Not applicable
URL for evaluation report:	Not applicable
URL for more program information:	http://www.promoteprevent.org/publications

Program Description: Across Ages is a mentoring program that pairs adult mentors over age 50 with youth ages 9–13. The goal is to enhance the resiliency of children to promote positive development and prevent involvement in high-risk behaviors. The program has four components: (1) adults mentoring youth, (2) youth performing community service, (3) youth participating in a life skills/problem-solving curriculum, and (4) monthly activities for family members. The program can be implemented as a school-based or afterschool program.

All Stars

Program serves specific or general population	Specific population
Number of youth served	1,623
Number of parents served	No data
Number of caregivers served	No data
Program has been evaluated	No
Evaluation report is available	Not applicable
URL for evaluation report:	Not applicable
URL for more program information:	http://www.allstarprevention.com

Program Description: All Stars programs are designed to prevent, reduce, and eliminate negative behaviors and promote positive behaviors. Each All Stars program, and every session and activity within All Stars, achieves these goals by changing qualities that account for why young people engage in negative behaviors. The various All Stars programs address the following concepts to some degree:

- Beliefs about consequences
- Bonding
- Commitment to not use or reduce use
- Decisionmaking and impulsivity control
- Goal setting
- Idealism
- Norms
- Parental attentiveness
- Resistance skills training
- Self-management

Brief Alcohol Screening and Intervention for College Students (BASICS)

Program serves specific or general population	Specific population
Number of youth served	162
Number of parents served	No data
Number of caregivers served	No data

Program has been evaluated	No
Evaluation report is available	Not applicable
URL for evaluation report:	Not applicable
URL for more program information:	http://depts.washington.edu/abrc/basics.htm

Program Description: BASICS is a prevention program for college students who drink alcohol heavily and have experienced or are at risk for alcohol-related problems. Following a harm reduction approach, BASICS aims to motivate students to reduce alcohol use in order to decrease the negative consequences of drinking. It is delivered over the course of two 1-hour interviews with a brief online assessment survey taken by the student after the first session. The first interview gathers information about the student's recent alcohol consumption patterns, personal beliefs about alcohol, and drinking history, while providing instructions for self-monitoring any drinking between sessions and preparing the student for the online assessment survey. Information from the online assessment survey is used to develop a customized feedback profile for use in the second interview, which compares personal alcohol use with alcohol use norms, reviews individualized negative consequences and risk factors, clarifies perceived risks and benefits of drinking, and provides options to assist in making changes to decrease or abstain from alcohol use. Based on principles of motivational interviewing, BASICS is delivered in an empathetic, nonconfrontational, and nonjudgmental manner and is aimed at revealing the discrepancy between the student's risky drinking behavior and his or her goals and values. The intervention is delivered by trained personnel proficient in motivational interviewing and may be tailored for use with young adults in settings other than colleges.

Class Action

Program serves specific or general population	Specific population
Number of youth served	No data
Number of parents served	No data
Number of caregivers served	No data
Program has been evaluated	No
Evaluation report is available	Not applicable
URL for evaluation report:	Not applicable
URL for more program information:	http://www.hazelden.org

Program Description: Class Action is the second phase of the Project Northland alcohol-use prevention curriculum series. Class Action (for grades 11–12) and Project Northland (for grades 6–8) are designed to delay the onset of alcohol use, reduce use among youths who have already tried alcohol, and limit the number of alcohol-related problems experienced by young drinkers. Class Action draws upon the social influence theory of behavior change, using interactive, peer-led sessions to explore the real-world legal and social consequences of substance abuse. The curriculum consists of 8–10 group sessions in which students divide into teams to research, prepare, and present mock civil cases involving hypothetical persons harmed as a result of underage drinking. Using a casebook along with audiotaped affidavits and depositions, teens review relevant statutes and case law to build legal cases they then present to a jury of their peers. Case topics include drinking and driving, fetal alcohol syndrome, drinking and violence, date rape, drinking and vandalism, and school alcohol policies. Students also research community issues around alcohol use and become involved in local events to support community awareness of the problem of underage drinking. Class Action can be used as a booster session for the Project Northland series or as a stand-alone program.

Project ALERT

Program serves specific or general population	Specific population
Number of youth served	No data
Number of parents served	No data
Number of caregivers served	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:	http://www.projectalert.com

Program Description: Project ALERT is a school-based prevention program for middle or junior high school students that focuses on alcohol, tobacco, and marijuana use. It seeks to prevent adolescent nonusers from

experimenting with these drugs, and to prevent youths who are already experimenting from becoming more regular users or abusers. Based on the social influence model of prevention, the program is designed to help motivate young people to avoid using drugs and to teach them the skills they need to understand and resist prodrug social influences. The curriculum comprises 11 lessons in the first year and three lessons in the second year. Lessons involve small-group activities, question-and-answer sessions, role-playing, and the rehearsal of new skills to stimulate students' interest and participation. The content focuses on helping students understand the consequences of drug use, recognize the benefits of nonuse, build norms against use, and identify and resist prodrug pressures.

Project Northland

Program serves specific or general population	Specific population
Number of youth served	251
Number of parents served	No data
Number of caregivers served	No data
Program has been evaluated	No
Evaluation report is available	Not applicable
URL for evaluation report:	Not applicable
URL for more program information:	http://www.epi.umn.edu/projectnorthland/Schoolba.html

Program Description: Project Northland is a multilevel intervention involving students, peers, parents, and community in programs designed to delay the age at which adolescents begin drinking, reduce alcohol use among those already drinking, and limit the number of alcohol-related problems among young drinkers. Administered weekly to adolescents in grades 6–8, the program has a specific theme within each grade level that is incorporated into the parent, peer, and community components. The 6th-grade home-based program targets communication about adolescent alcohol use utilizing student-parent homework assignments, in-class group discussions, and a communitywide task force. The 7th-grade peer- and teacher-led curriculum focuses on resistance skills and normative expectations regarding teen alcohol use, and is implemented through discussions, games, problem-solving tasks, and role-plays. During the first half of the 8th-grade Powerlines peer-led program, students learn about community dynamics related to alcohol use prevention through small-group and classroom interactive activities. During the second half, they work on community-based projects and hold a mock town meeting to make community policy recommendations to prevent teen alcohol use.

Lead & Seed

Program serves specific or general population	Specific population
Number of youth served	No data
Number of parents served	No data
Number of caregivers served	No data
Program has been evaluated	Yes
Evaluation report is available	No
URL for evaluation report:	https://www.alutiiq.com/capabilities/lead-seed
URL for more program information:	No data

Program Description: Lead & Seed is an environmental drug prevention program for schools or communities that is youth driven and adult supported. It has been replicated in all regions of the United States. The program focuses on underage alcohol consumption, prescription drug misuse, drunk driving, and marijuana and illicit drug use. It involves an interactive, 2-day training with youth leaders from middle and/or high school and adults who will work with the youth to capture the desired outcomes. The team develops a logic model using compelling data from their community assessment to drive the process for innovative solutions and sustainability of positive outcomes. The empowered team promotes community mobilization, social marketing techniques, leadership skills, and other advocacy measures to make necessary changes in their physical, sociocultural, economic, and legal environments.

Creating Lasting Family Connections (CLFC)

Program serves specific or general population	Specific population
Number of youth served	286

Number of parents served	No data
Number of caregivers served	No data
Program has been evaluated	Yes
Evaluation report is available	Yes
URL for evaluation report:	No data
URL for more program information:	http://www.copes.org

Program Description: CLFC, the currently available version of Creating Lasting Connections (CLC), is a family-focused program that aims to build the resiliency of youth ages 9–17 and reduce the frequency of their alcohol and other drug (AOD) use. CLFC is designed to be implemented through a community system, such as churches, schools, recreation centers, and court-referred settings. The six modules of the CLFC curriculum, administered to parents/guardians and youth in 18–20 weekly training sessions, focus on imparting knowledge and understanding about AOD use, including tobacco; improving communication and conflict resolution skills; building coping mechanisms to resist negative social influences; encouraging the use of community services when personal or family problems arise; engendering self-knowledge, personal responsibility, and respect for others; and delaying the onset and reducing the frequency of AOD use among participating youth. The program supports problem identification and referrals to other community services for participants when necessary. Manuals for trainers, notebooks for participants, and other materials are available, but the program is intended to be modified with each implementation to reflect the needs of the participants and the skill level of the trainers.

Strengthening Families Program (SFP)

Program serves specific or general population	Specific population
Number of youth served	309
Number of parents served	No data
Number of caregivers served	No data
Program has been evaluated	No
Evaluation report is available	Not applicable
URL for evaluation report:	Not applicable
URL for more program information:	http://www.strengtheningfamiliesprogram.org

Program Description: SFP is a nationally and internationally recognized parenting and family strengthening program for high-risk and general population families. SFP is an evidence-based family skills training program found to significantly improve parenting skills and family relationships; reduce problem behaviors, delinquency, and alcohol and drug abuse in children; and improve social competencies and school performance. Child maltreatment also decreases as parents strengthen bonds with their children and learn more effective parenting skills.

Additional Underage Drinking Prevention Programs Operated or Funded by the State

Program description: No data

Additional Clarification

No data

Additional Information Related to Underage Drinking Prevention Programs

<i>State collaborates with federally recognized tribal governments in the prevention of underage drinking</i>	Yes
Description of collaboration: Partnership on various initiatives occurs through the work of the Nebraska Prevention Advisory Council, whose membership includes tribal representation.	
<i>State has programs to measure and/or reduce youth exposure to alcohol advertising and marketing</i>	Yes
Description of program: Yes, many of the locally established community coalitions that are targeting underage drinking prevention initiatives have included efforts aimed at youth exposure to alcohol advertising, promotions, and marketing, including some that are initiated by youth members themselves.	
<i>State has adopted or developed best practice standards for underage drinking prevention programs</i>	Yes
Agencies/organizations that established best practices standards:	
Federal agency(ies): USDOJ/OJJDP, NHTSA, SAMHSA, NREPP	Yes
Agency(ies) within your state: Nebraska Department of Health and Human Services Division of Behavioral Health, Liquor Control Commission, Nebraska Office of Highway Safety	Yes

Nongovernmental agency(ies): Project Extra Mile Yes
 Other: PIRE, CAMY Yes
 Best practice standards description: *The Surgeon General's Call to Action To Prevent and Reduce Underage Drinking* (HHS, 2007) provides the framework for our underage drinking prevention initiatives.

Additional Clarification

No data

State Interagency Collaboration

A state-level interagency governmental body/committee exists to coordinate or address underage drinking prevention activities Yes

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Nebraska State Patrol
 Department of Health and Human Services
 Nebraska Crime Commission
 Nebraska Liquor Control Commission
 Nebraska Attorney General
 Nebraska Department of Motor Vehicles
 University of Nebraska-Lincoln and UNL Police Department
 Lincoln Police Department
 State Probation Office
 Project Extra Mile
 Nebraska Medical Association
 Nebraska MADD
 Nebraska Public Health Association
 Nebraska Sheriff's Association

A website or other public source exists to describe committee activities No
 URL or other means of access: Not applicable

Underage Drinking Reports

State has prepared a plan for preventing underage drinking in the last 3 years Yes
 Prepared by: Department of Health and Human Services Division of Behavioral Health Prevention Advisory Council
 Plan can be accessed via: http://dhhs.ne.gov/behavioral_health/Documents/DBH-PreventionStrategicPlan2013-17.pdf

State has prepared a report on preventing underage drinking in the last 3 years Yes
 Prepared by: Department of Health and Human Services Division of Behavioral Health Prevention Advisory Council
 Plan can be accessed via: No data

Additional Clarification

No data

State Expenditures for the Prevention of Underage Drinking

Compliance checks in retail outlets:

Estimate of state funds expended \$47,603
 Estimate based on the 12 months ending 12/31/2014

Checkpoints and saturation patrols:

Estimate of state funds expended \$18,795
 Estimate based on the 12 months ending 12/31/2014

Community-based programs to prevent underage drinking:

Estimate of state funds expended \$151,700
 Estimate based on the 12 months ending 6/30/2014

<i>K–12 school-based programs to prevent underage drinking:</i>	
Estimate of state funds expended	\$61,090
Estimate based on the 12 months ending	6/30/2014
<i>Programs targeted to institutes of higher learning:</i>	
Estimate of state funds expended	\$0
Estimate based on the 12 months ending	6/30/2014
<i>Programs that target youth in the juvenile justice system:</i>	
Estimate of state funds expended	\$0
Estimate based on the 12 months ending	6/30/2014
<i>Programs that target youth in the child welfare system:</i>	
Estimate of state funds expended	\$0
Estimate based on the 12 months ending	6/30/2014
<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

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

Taxes	No
Fines	No
Fees	No
Other	No data

Description of funding streams and how they are used: Not applicable

Additional Clarification

The majority of Nebraska's substance abuse prevention efforts are federally funded. Nebraska was awarded the 2013 Strategic Prevention Framework–Partnerships for Success grant from SAMHSA totaling \$7,537,820 over 5 years and has prioritized prevention of underage drinking as the project focus.