

State Report

South Carolina

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The September 2016 Report to Congress on the Prevention and Reduction of Underage Drinking



South Carolina

State Population: 4,832,482

Population Ages 12–20: 535,000

	Percentage	Number
Ages 12–20		
Past-Month Alcohol Use	20.9	112,000
Past-Month Binge Alcohol Use	13.0	70,000
Ages 12–14		
Past-Month Alcohol Use	4.2	8,000
Past-Month Binge Alcohol Use	1.2	2,000
Ages 15–17		
Past-Month Alcohol Use	16.9	30,000
Past-Month Binge Alcohol Use	10.6	19,000
Ages 18–20		
Past-Month Alcohol Use	42.1	74,000
Past-Month Binge Alcohol Use	27.7	49,000
Alcohol-Attributable Deaths (under 21)		83
Years of Potential Life Lost (under 21)		4,999
	Percentage of All Traffic Fatalities	Number
Traffic Fatalities, 15- to 20-Year-Old Drivers with BAC > 0.01	23	32

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 if parent/guardian is present or consents

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?	No

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

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?	Yes, through a judicial process
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?	No
Retailer Support Provisions	
Is there an incentive for the retailer to use electronic scanners for information digitally encoded on valid IDs?	No
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?	No
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is it a specific affirmative defense (retailer reasonably believed ID was valid after examining it)? 	N/A
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is it a general affirmative defense (retailer reasonably believed purchaser was over 21)? 	N/A
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 	Yes
<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?	21
Is suspension or revocation mandatory or discretionary?	Mandatory
What is the length of suspension/revocation?	
Minimum number of days	120
Maximum number of days	120

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?	40 (10 of which must be at night)
Intermediate Stage	
What is the minimum age for driving without adult supervision?	15 years, 6 months
For night driving, when does adult supervision requirement begin?	6 pm (may drive unsupervised during daylight hours only; night time is defined as starting at 6 pm EST or 8 pm EDT)

Can law enforcement stop a driver for night-driving violation as a primary offense?	Yes – Officer may stop driver for night-driving violation
Are there restrictions on passengers?	Yes – No more than two nonfamily passengers under 21 unless supervised by driver at least 21 (unless transporting students to school)
Can law enforcement stop driver for violation of passenger restrictions as a primary offense?	Yes – Officer may stop driver for passenger restrictions violation
License Stage	
What is the minimum age for full license privileges and lifting of restrictions?	16 years, 6 months

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?	Yes, in specified locations
• Is furnishing allowed if the spouse supplies the alcohol?	Yes, in specified locations
Is there an exception based on location?	Yes, in any private residence if parent/guardian/spouse supplies alcohol
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?	Yes
<i>Note: South Carolina's Parent/Guardian and Spouse exceptions apply when the alcohol is furnished in the home of the spouse or in the home of the parent or guardian.</i>	

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?	16
What is the maximum age a decoy may be to participate in a compliance check?	19
What are the decoy's appearance requirements?	No facial hair, no heavy makeup, no inappropriate clothing
Does decoy carry ID during compliance check?	Required
May decoy verbally exaggerate his or her actual age?	Prohibited
Is decoy training mandated, recommended, prohibited, or not specified?	Not specified

Penalty Guidelines for Sales to Minors	
Are there written guidelines for penalties imposed on retailers for furnishing to a minor?	No
What is the time period for defining second, third, and subsequent offenses?	N/A
What is the penalty for the first offense?	N/A
What is the penalty for the second offense?	N/A

What is the penalty for the third offense?	N/A
What is the penalty for the fourth offense?	N/A

Responsible Beverage Service (RBS)	
Is there a state law pertaining to beverage service training?	No law
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	N/A
• Discounts in dram shop liability insurance, license fees, or other	N/A
• Mitigation of fines or other administrative penalties for sales to minors or intoxicated persons	N/A
• Protection against license revocation for sales to minors or sales to intoxicated persons	N/A
Does the RBS law apply to on-premises establishments (such as bars and restaurants) or off-premises establishments (such as liquor stores)?	N/A
Does the RBS law apply to new or existing licensees?	N/A

Minimum Age for Sellers of Alcohol – Off-Premises (i.e., Liquor Stores)	
What is the minimum age requirement for off-premises retail establishments?	
Beer	None
Wine	None
Spirits	21
Does a manager or supervisor have to be present?	No
<i>Note:</i> Although no minimum age is specified to sell beer and wine at off-sale establishments licensed to sell beer and wine, an employee of a retail liquor establishment must be at least 21 years old.	

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	18
Wine	18
Spirits	18
What is the minimum age requirement for bartenders in on-premises establishments?	
Beer	21
Wine	21
Spirits	21
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

Primary and Secondary Schools	
Is there a distance requirement for off-premises outlets (i.e., liquor stores)?	Yes, within 300 feet if school is within a municipality; within 500 feet if school is outside a municipality
Is there a distance requirement for on-premises outlets (i.e., restaurants and bars)	Yes, within 300 feet if school is within a municipality; within 500 feet if school is outside a municipality
To which alcohol products does requirement apply?	Beer, wine, spirits

Dram Shop Liability	
Does a statute create dram shop liability?	No
Does the statute limit damages that may be recovered?	N/A
Does the statute limit who may be sued?	N/A
Does the statute limit elements or standards of proof?	N/A
Does common law dram shop liability exist?	Yes

Social Host Liability	
Does a statute create social host liability?	No
Does the statute limit damages that may be recovered?	N/A
Does the statute limit who may be sued?	N/A
Does the statute limit elements or standards of proof?	N/A
Does common law social host liability exist?	Yes

Prohibitions Against Hosting Underage Drinking Parties	
Does a statute prohibit hosting underage drinking parties?	Yes
Is the statute specific to underage parties, or a general prohibition against permitting underage drinking on the property?	General
What action by underage guest triggers a violation?	Possession/Consumption
Property type covered by the law?	Other
What level of knowledge by the host is required?	Overt act: Host must have actual knowledge and commit act contributing to party's occurrence
Does host's preventive action protect him/her from being held liable?	No
Are there any exceptions for underage guests?	No

Retailer Interstate Shipments of Alcohol	
Are out-of-state retailers prohibited from sending interstate shipments to in-state consumers?	
Beer	Yes
Wine	Yes
Spirits	Yes

Direct Shipments/Sales	
May alcohol producers ship directly to consumers?	Yes
What alcohol types may be shipped?	Wine
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?	No
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?	No
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 5.16
Prohibitions	
Is it illegal to possess an unregistered or unlabeled keg and if so, what is the penalty?	Yes (maximum fine/jail, \$500/30 days)
Is it illegal to destroy the label on a keg, and if so, what is the penalty?	Yes (maximum fine/jail, \$500/30 days)
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 – Active (requires an action by purchaser)
Is a deposit required?	No
Does law cover disposable kegs?	No

Home Delivery	
Is home delivery of alcohol permitted?	
Beer	No law
Wine	No law
Spirits	No law

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	\$0.77

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	\$1.08
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	\$2.96
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)	5%
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) 	5%
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)	
<i>Note:</i> Base tax rate is \$2.72 per gallon plus a 9% surtax of \$0.24 added to the base rate, for a total of \$2.96 per gallon.	

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)	Restricted (permitted 4–8 pm)
Unlimited beverages for fixed price	No
Increased volume without increase in price	No
<i>Note:</i> Licensee may offer a free drink on a case-by-case basis.	

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?	No
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?	No

South Carolina State Survey Responses

State Agency Information

Agency with primary responsibility for enforcing underage drinking laws:

South Carolina State Law Enforcement Division

Enforcement Strategies

State law enforcement agencies use:

Cops in Shops	Yes
Shoulder Tap Operations	Yes
Party Patrol Operations or Programs	Yes
Underage Alcohol-Related Fatality Investigations	Yes

Local law enforcement agencies use:

Cops in Shops	Yes
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	South Carolina State Law Enforcement Div.
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 985

Number pertains to the 12 months ending 6/30/2014

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 16,000

Number of licensees checked for compliance by state agencies (including random checks) 4,237

Number of licensees that failed state compliance checks 657

Numbers pertain to the 12 months ending 6/30/2014

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 1,571

Number of licensees that failed **random** state compliance checks 257

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 9,043

Number of licensees that failed local compliance checks 1,024

Numbers pertain to the 12 months ending 6/30/2014

Sanctions

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

Number of fines imposed by the state⁴ 657

Total amount in fines across all licensees \$45,880

Smallest fine imposed \$50

Largest fine imposed \$15,000

Numbers pertain to the 12 months ending 6/30/2014

<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	21
Total days of suspensions across all licensees	360
Shortest period of suspension imposed (in days)	15
Longest period of suspension imposed (in days)	45
Numbers pertain to the 12 months ending	6/30/2014
<i>State collects data on license revocations imposed on retail establishments specifically for furnishing minors</i>	Yes
Number of license revocations imposed ⁶	17
Numbers pertain to the 12 months ending	6/30/2014

Additional Clarification

No data

¹Or having consumed or purchased per state statutes.

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

³Excluding special licenses such as temporary, seasonal, and common carrier licenses.

⁴Does not include fines imposed by local agencies.

⁵Does not include suspensions imposed by local agencies.

⁶Does not include revocations imposed by local agencies.

Underage Drinking Prevention Programs Operated or Funded by the State

South Carolina Alcohol Enforcement Teams (AETs)—Enforcement Efforts

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	Yes
Evaluation report is available	Yes
URL for evaluation report:	http://ncweb.pire.org/scdocuments/
URL for more program information:	http://www.scoutoftheirhands.org/environmental-enforcement-strategies.html

Program Description: South Carolina has a statewide network of local law enforcement and prevention agency partnerships called the Alcohol Enforcement Teams. Each of 16 judicial circuits has an AET that conducts best-practice law enforcement operations while offering prevention activities and raising community awareness. Typical enforcement strategies include compliance checks, public safety checkpoints, and controlled party dispersals. The program is separated into two parts (enforcement and education) on this report to distinctly display the numbers served by enforcement efforts and education efforts. Given the population-level impact of the strategies conducted by AETs (with no individual being directly "served"), the state considers the affected population to be almost the entire population of 14- to 20-year-olds in South Carolina.

South Carolina Alcohol Enforcement Teams—Education Efforts

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:	http://www.scoutoftheirhands.org
URL for more program information:	No data

Program Description: Typical education efforts include community presentations on underage drinking and youth alcohol trends, casual contacts with young people who educate them about ongoing enforcement, visits with

alcohol retailers to discuss policy enhancements and ongoing enforcement, and media engagement. We have recorded a total number served in these efforts as 225,965. We cannot easily calculate how many of these were youth vs. adults. This total includes those reached with media efforts. Limiting numbers served to those in formal or informal speaking engagements/community contacts lowers the figure to 10,811. In addition to these citizen awareness efforts, the AETs also have an active training component primarily aimed at law enforcement on proper ways to enforce underage drinking laws. In FY 2013, 28 trainings were held across the state with a total audience of 591, mostly officers.

Substance Abuse Curriculum Programs

Program serves specific or general population	Specific population
Number of youth served	12,473
Number of parents served	397
Number of caregivers served	No data
Program has been evaluated	Yes
Evaluation report is available	Yes
URL for evaluation report:	http://ncweb.pire.org/scdocuments
URL for more program information:	No data

Program Description: Most of the 33 local prevention providers deliver one or more substance abuse prevention curriculum programs to youth, mostly for middle-school ages. These include curricula primarily focused on alcohol like Project Northland and Class Action and more general curricula like All Stars and Life Skills Training. Ten curriculum programs were offered in FY 2014, with approximately 12,473 reached in these programs. There were also three adult curriculum offerings, typically aimed at parents to reduce youth substance use.

Palmetto Retailer Education Program (PREP)

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	Yes
URL for evaluation report:	http://ncwebpire.org/scdocuments
URL for more program information:	http://www.daodas.state.sc.us/prep_main.asp

Program Description: PREP is a merchant education program designed and offered in South Carolina for those who sell alcohol or tobacco products. PREP is almost exclusively offered by local alcohol and drug service providers. The state’s Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services (DAODAS) supports the program by purchasing most of the local materials, making content updates, maintaining the website, maintaining a database of participants and trainers, and sending out certification cards to those who pass the posttest. The program lasts 2.5 to 3 hours, with an additional section for on-premises alcohol retailers. A total of 1,678 merchants were served in FY 2014.

Community Action for A Safer Tomorrow (CAST)

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	Yes
Evaluation report is available	No
URL for evaluation report:	The report is being finalized and will be available later in 2015.
URL for more program information:	http://www.daodas.state.sc.us/prevention.asp

Program Description: In July 2009, CSAP awarded a Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPF SIG) to DAODAS. The SPF SIG is a 5-year, \$10 million grant intended to prevent the onset and reduce the progression of substance abuse; reduce substance abuse-related problems; and build prevention capacity and infrastructure at the state and community levels. Eighty-five percent of the funds will be distributed to communities in South Carolina. The state received a no-cost extension to complete the work and the funding

will end in June 2015. The South Carolina SPF SIG has been titled “Community Action for a Safer Tomorrow.” CAST addresses two priority issues: alcohol-related (DUI) car crashes and underage alcohol use. These priority issues are two of four that were identified by the State Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup (SEOW) through an intensive prioritization process. Using a data-driven process and in collaboration with the department’s partners, 13 high-need counties were identified and funded in these priority areas. Five additional sites were chosen during year 3 of the grant to also implement the SPF framework in their communities based on need. In total, the state funded 18 sites to implement strategies to reduce underage drinking and/or impaired driving crashes throughout the state. State-level staff and funded communities follow the steps of the SPF to address priority areas; assess prevention needs; build capacity; develop a comprehensive strategic plan; implement evidence-based prevention programs, policies, and practices; and evaluate the process and outcomes. Two cross-cutting components of the SPF are cultural competency and sustainability. CAST is coalition driven at the local level. Due to the broad range of strategies, mostly environmental, it is not possible to determine a number served for CAST.

Alcohol Education Program (AEP)

Program serves specific or general population	Specific population
Number of youth served	564
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:	No data

Program Description: AEP is a diversionary program option for youth charged with an alcohol-related offense. State law requires all 16 solicitors to operate an AEP, though each can determine the fines and programs that constitute the process. (The solicitors are equivalent to county district attorneys, but instead of serving one county, these elected officials serve multiple counties in the 16 judicial districts throughout the state. Some of the judicial circuits include two counties, and one of the circuits has up to five counties. The solicitor serves the counties that are covered by the judicial circuit in which they are elected to serve.) In most areas, the DAODAS local provider is contracted to deliver an 8-hour alcohol education program. There are data only for the number of youth who go through that system.

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>	No recognized tribal governments
Description of collaboration:	Not applicable
<i>State has programs to measure and/or reduce youth exposure to alcohol advertising and marketing</i>	No
Description of program:	Not applicable
<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): OJJDP	Yes
Agency(ies) within your state: South Carolina Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services (DAODAS)	Yes
Nongovernmental agency(ies):	No
Other:	No
Best practice standards description: The state relies heavily on OJJDP’s Strategies to Reduce Underage Alcohol Use: Typology and Brief Overview. SC DAODAS has a Toolkit for Evidence-Based Programs and Strategies with	

an environmental section on underage drinking prevention that defines the effectiveness of a range of strategies. We are currently updating this list of strategies.

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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Agencies/organizations represented on the committee:

- SC Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services
- State Law Enforcement Division
- Greenville County Sheriff's Office
- Phoenix Center
- University of South Carolina
- Clemson University
- Department of Juvenile Justice
- Joint Base Charleston
- LRADAC
- Circle Park Behavioral Health Services
- Behavioral Health Services Association of SC
- MADD South Carolina
- South Carolina Department of Public Safety

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: Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment and SC Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services (SPF SIG focused on addressing underage drinking and alcohol-related car crashes in SC). South Carolina also includes underage drinking prevention as a focus area in the Substance Abuse Prevention Treatment Block Grant (SAPT) plan that is submitted to SAMHSA.
 Plan can be accessed via: No data

State has prepared a report on preventing underage drinking in the last 3 years No

Prepared by: Not applicable
 Plan can be accessed via: Not applicable

Additional Clarification

Although South Carolina does not produce a report specific to underage drinking, the state does produce an annual prevention outcomes report for SC that includes underage drinking prevention efforts. The SC SPF SIG final evaluation report also includes information on underage drinking and impaired driving strategies implemented by communities that were funded based on need throughout the duration of that grant.

State Expenditures for the Prevention of Underage Drinking

Compliance checks in retail outlets:

Estimate of state funds expended Data not available
 Estimate based on the 12 months ending Data not available

<i>Checkpoints and saturation patrols:</i>	
Estimate of state funds expended	Data not available
Estimate based on the 12 months ending	Data not available
<i>Community-based programs to prevent underage drinking:</i>	
Estimate of state funds expended	Data not available
Estimate based on the 12 months ending	Data not available
<i>K–12 school-based programs to prevent underage drinking:</i>	
Estimate of state funds expended	Data not available
Estimate based on the 12 months ending	Data not available
<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	Data not available
Estimate of state funds expended	Data not available
Estimate based on the 12 months ending	Data not available

Funds Dedicated to Underage Drinking

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

Taxes	No
Fines	No
Fees	Yes
Other	Not applicable

Description of funding streams and how they are used:
 A portion of the alcohol license fee goes to the State Law Enforcement Division for enforcement of those licenses, which includes alcohol compliance checks.

Additional Clarification

No data