

**State Report**

**Virginia**

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## Virginia

**State Population: 8,326,289**

**Population Ages 12–20: 950,000**

	Percentage	Number
<b>Ages 12–20</b>		
Past-Month Alcohol Use	22.3	212,000
Past-Month Binge Alcohol Use	15.0	142,000
<b>Ages 12–14</b>		
Past-Month Alcohol Use	3.8	11,000
Past-Month Binge Alcohol Use	0.7	2,000
<b>Ages 15–17</b>		
Past-Month Alcohol Use	18.3	60,000
Past-Month Binge Alcohol Use	10.1	33,000
<b>Ages 18–20</b>		
Past-Month Alcohol Use	***	***
Past-Month Binge Alcohol Use	***	***
<b>Alcohol-Attributable Deaths (under 21)</b>		100
<b>Years of Potential Life Lost (under 21)</b>		6,085
	Percentage of All Traffic Fatalities	Number
<b>Traffic Fatalities, 15- to 20-Year-Old Drivers with BAC &gt; 0.01</b>	27	20

## 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?	Yes
• Is possession allowed if spouse is present or consents?	Yes in specified locations – See below
Is there an exception based on location?	Yes, in private residence if parent/guardian/spouse is present or consents
<p><i>Note:</i> Virginia law provides for two separate family exceptions. First, Virginia permits persons under 21 to possess alcoholic beverages due to such person's "making a delivery of alcoholic beverages by order of his parent." Second, Virginia permits underage possession when an alcoholic beverage is provided to an underage guest in a private residence and the underage guest is "accompanied by a parent, guardian, or spouse who is twenty-one years of age or older."</p>	

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?	Yes in specified locations – See below
• Is consumption allowed if the spouse is present or consents?	Yes in specified locations – See below
Is there an exception based on location?	Yes, in private residence if parent/guardian/spouse is present or consents

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
<p><i>Note:</i> Although Virginia does not prohibit internal possession as defined in this report, it has a statutory provision that makes it unlawful for a minor to exhibit evidence of physical indicia of consumption of alcohol. Laws that punish minors for displaying "indicators of consumption" or for "exhibiting the effects" of having consumed alcohol, but do so without reference to a blood, breath, or urine test, are not considered as prohibiting internal possession for purposes of this report.</p>	

Underage Purchase and Attempted Purchase	
Is the purchase of alcoholic beverages prohibited?	Yes
May youth purchase for law enforcement purposes?	No

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
<b>Provisions Targeting Suppliers</b>	
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
<b>Retailer Support Provisions</b>	
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?	Yes
• Is it a specific affirmative defense (retailer reasonably believed ID was valid after examining it)?	Yes
• 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

<b>Youth Blood Alcohol Concentration Limits (Underage Operators of Noncommercial Motor Vehicles)</b>	
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

<b>Loss of Driving Privileges for Alcohol Violations by Minors ("Use/Lose" Laws)</b>	
Is there a "use/lose" law that suspends or revokes a minor's driving privileges for alcohol violations?	Yes
<b>What types of violation lead to license suspension or revocation?</b>	
• Purchase of alcohol	Yes
• Possession of alcohol	Yes
• Consumption of alcohol	Yes
The law applies to people under what age?	18
Is suspension or revocation mandatory or discretionary?	Mandatory
<b>What is the length of suspension/revocation?</b>	
Minimum number of days	180
Maximum number of days	180

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What types of violation lead to license suspension or revocation?	
• Purchase of alcohol	Yes
• Possession of alcohol	Yes
• 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	180
Maximum number of days	365

Graduated Driver's Licenses	
<b>Learner Stage</b>	
What is the minimum age for permit to drive with parents, guardians or other adults (other than instructors)?	15 years, 6 months
What is the minimum number of months driver must hold learner permit before advancing to intermediate stage?	9
What is the minimum number of hours of driving with parents, guardians, or adults before advancing to intermediate stage?	45 (15 of which must be at night)
<b>Intermediate Stage</b>	
What is the minimum age for driving without adult supervision?	16 years, 3 months
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 – For first year, no more than one passenger younger than 21 who is not family or household member unless driver is accompanied by parent or person acting in loco parentis; then, no more than three passengers younger than 21 who are not family or household members unless driving to or from school-sponsored activity or accompanied by licensed driver at least 21
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
<b>License Stage</b>	
What is the minimum age for full license privileges and lifting of restrictions?	18

### 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
<b>Affirmative Defense for Sellers and Licensees</b>	
Does law require seller/licensee to be exonerated of furnishing to a minor if the minor has not been charged?	No

<b>Compliance Check Protocols</b>	
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?	17
What is the maximum age a decoy may be to participate in a compliance check?	19
What are the decoy's appearance requirements?	Youthful appearance and not looking older than the true age
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?	Mandated

<b>Penalty Guidelines for Sales to Minors</b>	
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?	3 years
What is the penalty for the first offense?	\$2,000 fine or 25-day license suspension
What is the penalty for the second offense?	Not specified
What is the penalty for the third offense?	Not specified
What is the penalty for the fourth offense?	Not specified
<i>Note:</i> For first offense in 3-year period, if licensees can demonstrate that their employees have received responsible beverage service training in 12 months preceding violation, they can accept a reduced penalty of \$1,000 fine or 5-day license suspension.	

<b>Responsible Beverage Service (RBS)</b>	
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	Yes
• 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?	Existing

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	None
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	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
<i>Note:</i> Although bartenders are generally required to be at least 21 in Virginia, a person who is at least 18 may sell or serve beer for on-premises consumption at a counter in an establishment that sells beer only. A person who is at least 18 may also sell or serve wine for on-premises consumption in an establishment that sells wine only.	

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)?	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

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?	No

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?	No

### 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	Prohibited

### Direct Shipments/Sales

May alcohol producers ship directly to consumers?	Yes
What alcohol types may be shipped?	Beer, 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?	Yes
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?	Yes
Must the common carrier (deliverer) record/report recipient's name?	Yes
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 4.00
Prohibitions	
Is it illegal to possess an unregistered or unlabeled keg and if so, what is the penalty?	Yes
Is it illegal to destroy the label on a keg, and if so, what is the penalty?	Yes
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?	Yes
Must warning information be given to purchaser?	Yes – Active (requires an action by purchaser)
Is a deposit required?	No
Does law cover disposable kegs?	Yes

Home Delivery	
Is home delivery of alcohol permitted?	
Beer	Yes (delivery permit required; 4-case limit without written prior notification to the state including the name and address to the intended recipient)
Wine	Yes (delivery permit required; 4-case limit without written prior notification to the state including the name and address to the intended recipient)
Spirits	No law

High-Proof Grain Alcohol Beverages	
Are there restrictions on the sale of high-proof grain alcohol beverages?	Yes. In addition, Virginia is a control state, and control states may impose additional restrictions on the sale of products that are not reflected in statute or regulation.
Are restrictions based on Alcohol by Volume (ABV)?	Yes, more than 50.5%
Are there exceptions to restrictions?	No
<i>Note: No neutral grain spirit shall be sold in government stores at a proof greater than 101, except by permits for industrial, commercial, culinary, or medical use. 101 proof is equivalent to 50.5% ABV.</i>	

## Laws Affecting Alcohol Pricing

Alcohol Taxes	
<b>Beer</b>	
Control system for beer?	No
Specific excise tax per gallon for 5% alcohol beer	\$0.28
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
• 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 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
• 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 3.2–6% alcohol beer (if applicable)	
<i>Note:</i> Virginia imposes a tax of \$0.2565 per gallon on each barrel of beer, defined as any container or vessel having a capacity of more than 43 ounces.	
<b>Wine</b>	
Control system for wine?	Yes
Specific excise tax per gallon for 12% alcohol wine	
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
• 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 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
• 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 6–14% alcohol wine (if applicable)	
<b>Spirits</b>	
Control system for spirits?	Yes
Specific excise tax per gallon for 40% alcohol spirits	
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)	
<b>Low-Price, High-Volume Drink Specials</b>	
What types of drink specials are prohibited by on-premises retailers?	
Free beverages	Yes
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 before 9 pm)
Unlimited beverages for fixed price	Yes
Increased volume without increase in price	Yes

<b>Wholesaler Pricing Restrictions</b>	
<b>Beer</b>	
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
<b>Wine</b>	
	Control System
Are volume discounts to retailers allowed?	N/A
Must wholesalers establish a minimum markup or maximum discount for each product sold to retailers?	N/A
Must wholesalers publicly post and hold (i.e., not reduce) prices for a set time period?	N/A
Is wholesaler permitted to extend credit to retailer and if so, what is the maximum time period?	N/A
<b>Spirits</b>	
	Control System
Are volume discounts to retailers allowed?	N/A
Must wholesalers establish a minimum markup or maximum discount for each product sold to retailers?	N/A
Must wholesalers publicly post and hold (i.e., not reduce) prices for a set time period?	N/A
Is wholesaler permitted to extend credit to retailer and if so, what is the maximum time period?	N/A

## Virginia State Survey Responses

### State Agency Information

#### Agency with primary responsibility for enforcing underage drinking laws:

The Virginia Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control, Bureau of Law Enforcement, has continued to enforce the laws of the Commonwealth through several initiatives such as our Alcohol Compliance Program. In FY 2014, 2,871 overall checks were conducted, resulting in a compliance rate of 85.8%. A total of 1,502 random checks were conducted, resulting in an alcohol compliance rate of 85.09%. More than 8,675 criminal investigations were conducted, resulting in 1,670 arrests, 1,154 written warnings, and 730 administrative violations against ABC licensed establishments.

### 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	No
Shoulder Tap Operations	No
Party Patrol Operations or Programs	No
Underage Alcohol-Related Fatality Investigations	No

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 Virginia Dept. of Alcoholic Beverage Control's Compliance Division

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 343

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

Data include arrests/citations issued by local law enforcement agencies No

State conducts underage compliance checks/decoy operations<sup>2</sup> 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 state<sup>3</sup> 18,171

Number of licensees checked for compliance by state agencies (including random checks) 2,871

Number of licensees that failed state compliance checks 410

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 1,502

Number of licensees that failed **random** state compliance checks 224

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 No

Number of licensees checked for compliance by local agencies Not applicable

Number of licensees that failed local compliance checks Not applicable

Numbers pertain to the 12 months ending Not applicable

Sanctions	
<i>State collects data on fines imposed on retail establishments that furnish minors</i>	Yes
Number of fines imposed by the state <sup>4</sup>	436
Total amount in fines across all licensees	\$801,400
Smallest fine imposed	\$500
Largest fine imposed	\$5,000
Numbers pertain to the 12 months ending	4/30/2015
<i>State collects data on license suspensions imposed on retail establishments specifically for furnishing minors</i>	Yes
Number of suspensions imposed by the state <sup>5</sup>	154
Total days of suspensions across all licensees	3,284
Shortest period of suspension imposed (in days)	3
Longest period of suspension imposed (in days)	60
Numbers pertain to the 12 months ending	4/30/2015
<i>State collects data on license revocations imposed on retail establishments specifically for furnishing minors</i>	Yes
Number of license revocations imposed <sup>6</sup>	0
Numbers pertain to the 12 months ending	4/30/2015

**Additional Clarification**

No data

<sup>1</sup>Or having consumed or purchased per state statutes.

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

<sup>3</sup>Excluding special licenses such as temporary, seasonal, and common carrier licenses.

<sup>4</sup>Does not include fines imposed by local agencies.

<sup>5</sup>Does not include suspensions imposed by local agencies.

<sup>6</sup>Does not include revocations imposed by local agencies.

**Underage Drinking Prevention Programs Operated or Funded by the State**

**Youth Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Project (YADAPP)**

Program serves specific or general population	Specific population
Number of youth served	408
Number of parents served	No data
Number of caregivers served	85
Program has been evaluated	Yes
Evaluation report is available	No
URL for evaluation report:	Not applicable
URL for more program information:	<a href="http://www.yadapp.com">http://www.yadapp.com</a> ; <a href="https://www.facebook.com/YadappGuy">https://www.facebook.com/YadappGuy</a>

**Program Description:** The YADAPP summer leadership conference is a team-based leadership experience for high school students and sponsoring adults. YADAPP is designed to empower teams of high school students with the resources and motivation to develop projects that promote school safety and prevention of alcohol and drug use among their peers. Since 1984, approximately 440 different high schools and community organizations and more than 10,000 students have participated in this unique "youth-led" experience. All high schools and community organizations in Virginia are encouraged to send a team to YADAPP. YADAPP conference objectives are to:

- Broaden participant knowledge of substance abuse prevention at the state, local, and regional levels
- Teach leadership skills and attitudes to address common issues among their peers
- Allow youth from across Virginia the opportunity to network
- Teach youth to work in teams to create a substance prevention activity for their school or community

The 30th Annual YADAPP conference was held at Longwood University July 14-18, 2014. Eighty-five youth teams, representing schools and communities across Virginia participated in the conference. The conference format consists of a variety of educational and instructional activities for both youth and adult participants. Youth participant activities are focused toward developing: structured problem solving, action planning (STAN plan), communication, teamwork, and relationships. Activities at the weeklong conference included: Motivational general sessions, educational free-round workshops, and experiential learning and teambuilding.

#### **College Tour**

Program serves specific or general population	Specific population
Number of youth served	856
Number of parents served	No data
Number of caregivers served	30
Program has been evaluated	Yes
Evaluation report is available	No
URL for evaluation report:	Not applicable
URL for more program information:	<a href="https://www.abc.virginia.gov/education/programs/college-tour;">https://www.abc.virginia.gov/education/programs/college-tour;</a> <a href="https://www.facebook.com/vacolletour">https://www.facebook.com/vacolletour</a>

**Program Description:** Since 1986, Virginia Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control (ABC) has sponsored a College Conference on alcohol education and prevention for college students and the higher education community. The College Tour model is an expansion of College Conference, with a goal of reaching more students across the state. College Tour partners with colleges and universities across the Commonwealth to host a series of regional conferences that focus on preventing and reducing underage and high-risk drinking and preventing alcohol-related injuries and fatalities by promoting healthy choices, social responsibility, collaboration, and leadership. Each 1-day conference unites student leaders and college staff with the common goal of making a difference on their campuses. The workshops equip participants with best practice strategies to prevent and reduce underage and high-risk drinking on their college campuses and the opportunity to network and share resources with others. College Tour stops during 2014 were held at Tidewater Community College on March 22, 2014, and Northern Virginia Community College on April 4, 2014. During 2014, ABC offered College Alcohol Awareness Mini-Grants as an element of the College Tour. Tidewater Community College, Randolph Macon College, the College of William & Mary, Virginia Commonwealth University, and Roanoke College each received approximately \$1,000 to develop and enhance initiatives related to alcohol education and prevention prior to Spring Break 2014.

#### **Underage Buyer (UB) Program**

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:	<a href="https://www.abc.virginia.gov/enforcement/uab-program/uab-results">https://www.abc.virginia.gov/enforcement/uab-program/uab-results</a>
URL for more program information:	<a href="https://www.abc.virginia.gov/enforcement/uab-program">https://www.abc.virginia.gov/enforcement/uab-program</a>

**Program Description:** The UB program is an ongoing effort by Virginia ABC to visit alcohol and tobacco retailers throughout the Commonwealth to verify compliance with the state age requirements—18 for tobacco and 21 for alcohol sales. Special agents, who are sworn officers from ABC's Bureau of Law Enforcement, accompany underage operatives during attempts to purchase cigarettes or alcohol at grocery stores, convenience stores, restaurants, and other businesses, including Virginia ABC stores. The purpose of the UB program is not to trick businesses. In fact, it is the hope of Virginia ABC that 100% of the businesses comply with state law by not selling to the underage buyer.

- Virginia ABC selects operatives who look their age, making it easier for clerks and servers to request ID and avoid the sale.

- Operatives are instructed not to alter their appearance or mannerisms or mislead clerks in any way while attempting to make a purchase.
- Operatives carry their own valid identification. If the store clerk asks for ID, the operative presents his or her own valid identification.

ABC special agents throughout the state complete nearly 400 alcohol and tobacco compliance checks every month. ABC promotes zero tolerance for underage alcohol consumption as one of its most important messages. The agency is working to address the problem of underage drinking, and efforts seem to be paying off. Youth access to alcohol in Virginia is diminishing as evidenced by the latest UAB program statistics. Operative participation has greatly contributed to these positive outcomes.

**Miss Virginia School Tour**

Program serves specific or general population	Specific population
Number of youth served	4,233
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:	No data

**Program Description:** ABC partnered with Miss Virginia to deliver an alcohol, tobacco, and other drug prevention message to approximately 4,233 students at 16 elementary schools throughout Virginia. Miss Virginia incorporated talking points provided by ABC and shared the "Dominion the Dog" activity booklet with elementary school students. Miss Virginia presented a message titled "Healthy Lifestyles for Virginia's Youth." The content of this message included, but was not limited to, the following topics:

- Get Moving Today for a Healthier Tomorrow, Miss Virginia's personal platform encouraging youth to be physically active, eat nutritious foods, make healthy choices, and give respect to others and themselves
- Saying NO to alcohol, tobacco, illegal substances, inhalants, and the improper usage of prescription and nonprescription drugs
- Ill effects of bullying, including physical, verbal, emotional, and cyber-bullying
- Effective leadership skills and the importance of community service
- Obeying and following rules
- Healthy friendships and relationships

**Virginia Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPF SIG) to Reduce Alcohol Related Car Crashes by 18- to 24-Year-Olds**

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:	Not applicable
URL for more program information:	<a href="http://www.cscs.soe.vcu.edu/spfsig_awardees_implementation_2013-2015.html">http://www.cscs.soe.vcu.edu/spfsig_awardees_implementation_2013-2015.html</a>

**Program Description:** Virginia's SPF SIG addressed alcohol-related car crashes in 10 communities across the state utilizing an evidenced-based planning model and a comprehensive array of environmental approaches and community organizing. Stakeholders included local law enforcement, restaurants, the media, universities, etc.

**Additional Underage Drinking Prevention Programs Operated or Funded by the State**

**Program description:** No data

**Additional Clarification**

No data

<b>Additional Information Related to Underage Drinking Prevention Programs</b>	
<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
Description of program: Not applicable	
<i>State has adopted or developed best practice standards for underage drinking prevention programs</i>	No
Agencies/organizations that established best practices standards:	
Federal agency(ies):	Not applicable
Agency(ies) within your state:	Not applicable
Nongovernmental agency(ies):	Not applicable
Other:	Not applicable
Best practice standards description:	Not applicable
<b>Additional Clarification</b>	
No data	
<b>State Interagency Collaboration</b>	
<i>A state-level interagency governmental body/committee exists to coordinate or address underage drinking prevention activities</i>	Yes
<i>Committee contact information:</i>	
Name: Jennifer Farinholt	
Email: <a href="mailto:jennifer.farinholt@abc.virginia.gov">jennifer.farinholt@abc.virginia.gov</a>	
Address: Virginia ABC, 2901 Hermitage Road, Richmond, VA 23220	
Phone: 804-213-4452	
<i>Agencies/organizations represented on the committee:</i>	
Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control	
Department of Education	
Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth	
Department of Health	
Department of Social Services	
Division of Motor Vehicles	
Department of Criminal Justice Services	
Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services	
Virginia State Police	
Department of Juvenile Justice	
Virginia National Guard	
Department of Fire Programs	
Virginia Commonwealth University, Center for School-Community Collaboration	
<i>A website or other public source exists to describe committee activities</i>	Yes
URL or other means of access: <a href="http://www.vosap.virginia.gov">http://www.vosap.virginia.gov</a>	
<b>Underage Drinking Reports</b>	
<i>State has prepared a plan for preventing underage drinking in the last 3 years</i>	No
Prepared by:	Not applicable
Plan can be accessed via:	Not applicable
<i>State has prepared a report on preventing underage drinking in the last 3 years</i>	No
Prepared by:	Not applicable
Plan can be accessed via:	Not applicable
<b>Additional Clarification</b>	
No data	

**State Expenditures for the Prevention of Underage Drinking**

<i>Compliance checks in retail outlets:</i>	
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	\$216,000
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	\$4,000
Estimate based on the 12 months ending	6/30/2014
<i>Programs targeted to institutes of higher learning:</i>	
Estimate of state funds expended	\$73,000
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	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: Educational material development and distribution; 61,414 educational brochures dispersed during this period. Also produced and distributed "Do Not Sell" and "Sticker Shock" stickers to prevent underage sales and social providing	
Estimate of state funds expended	\$10,000
Estimate based on the 12 months ending	6/30/2014

**Funds Dedicated to Underage Drinking**

<i>State derives funds dedicated to underage drinking from the following revenue streams:</i>	
Taxes	No
Fines	No
Fees	No
Other	Not applicable
<i>Description of funding streams and how they are used:</i>	Not applicable

**Additional Clarification**

No data