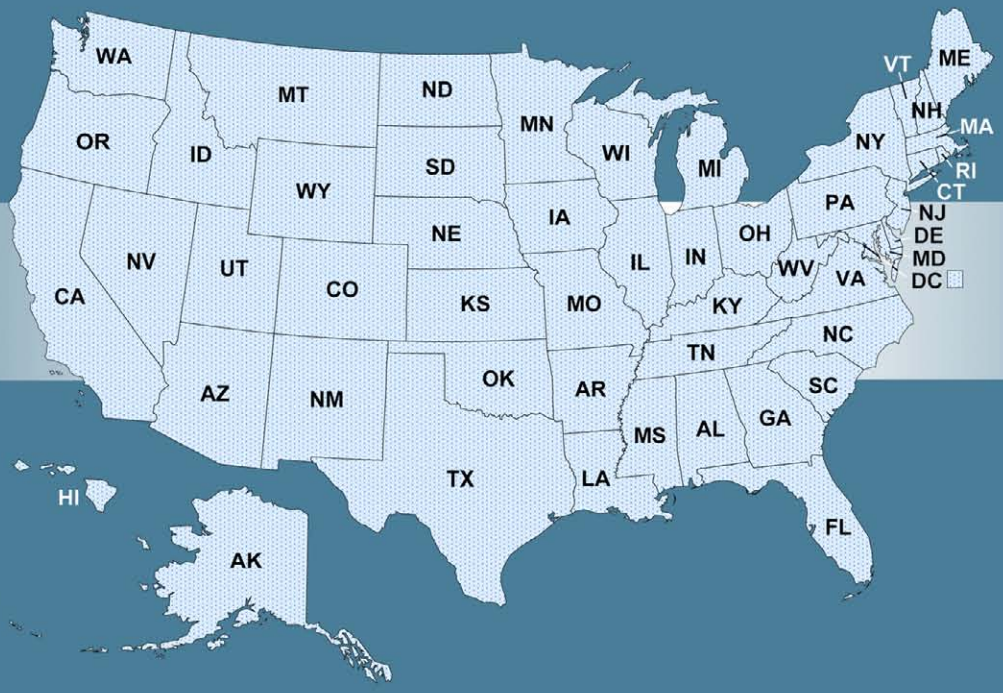
MARYLAND STATE REPORT

Underage Drinking Prevention and Enforcement

2018



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This State Report is required by the Sober Truth on Preventing (STOP) Underage Drinking Act (Pub. L. 109-422), which was enacted by Congress in 2006 and reauthorized in December 2016 as part of the 21st Century Cures Act (Pub. L. 114-255). The STOP Act requires an annual report "on each State's performance in enacting, enforcing, and creating laws, regulations, and programs to prevent or reduce underage drinking." As directed by the STOP Act, the State Reports were prepared by the Interagency Coordinating Committee on Preventing Underage Drinking (ICCPUD), which is chaired by the Assistant Secretary for Mental Health and Substance Use, U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Time period covered by this State Report: The 2018 State Report primarily includes data from calendar year 2017. The state legal data reflects the status of the law as of January 1, 2017. The state survey data was collected in 2017 and was drawn from the most recent 12-month period in which the states maintained the data.

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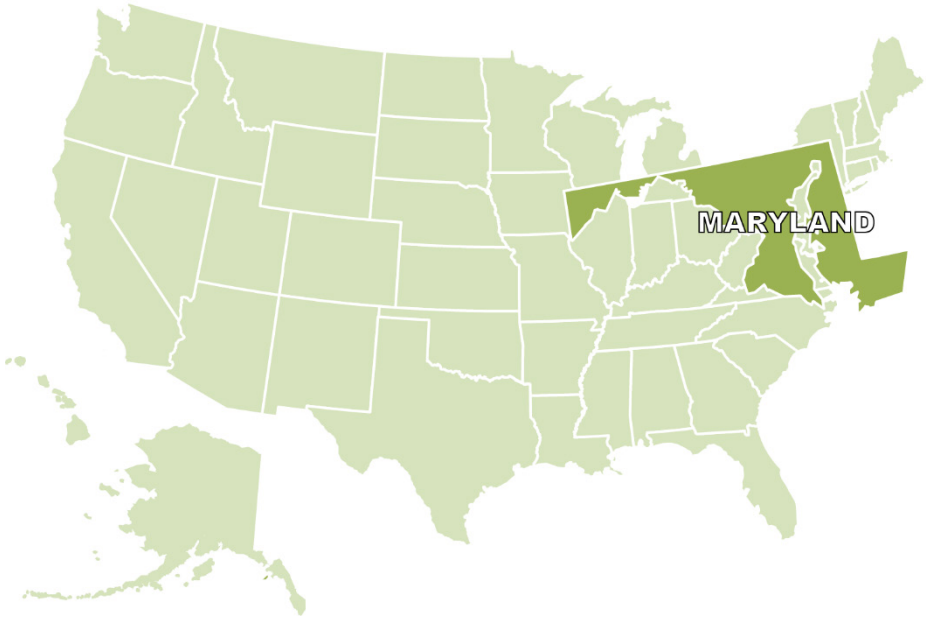

Maryland

State Population: 6,016,447

Population Ages 12–20: 678,000

Past-Month Alcohol Use Among 12- to 20-Year-Olds	
Ages 12–20*	
Past-Month Alcohol Use – Number (Percentage)	150,000 (22.1%)
Ages 12–14	
Past-Month Alcohol Use – Number (Percentage)	7,000 (3.0%)
Ages 15–17	
Past-Month Alcohol Use – Number (Percentage)	48,000 (20.2%)
Ages 18–20	
Past-Month Alcohol Use – Number (Percentage)	96,000 (42.9%)
Alcohol-Attributable Deaths and Years of Potential Life Lost Under the Age of 21	
Alcohol-Attributable Deaths (under 21)	86
Years of Potential Life Lost (under 21)	5,174
Fatal Crashes Involving 15- to 20-Year-Old Driver with BAC > 0.01	
Number of Fatalities Involving 15- to 20-Year-Old Driver with BAC > 0.01	10
Percentage of All Fatal Crashes Involving 15- to 20-Year-Old Driver	19%

*Note that in previous years, the numbers and percentages for past-month binge drinking by age group were included in these profiles. These data are not included as a separate category this year. The definition of binge drinking used in the National Survey on Drug Use and Health (NSDUH) changed in 2015 and insufficient state-level data using the new criteria exist. As more years of consistent data become available, the state profiles will include past-month binge drinking as a separate sub-group of past-month alcohol use. For more information, see https://www.samhsa.gov/data/sites/default/files/NSDUH-TrendBreak-2015.pdf.

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? • Is possession allowed if spouse is present or consents?	 Yes, in specified locations – see below 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
Note: Maryland's exception includes members of an individual's "immediate family" when the alcoholic beverage is furnished and possessed "in a private residence or within the curtilage of the residence." For purposes of this report, the phrase “immediate family” is interpreted as including a spouse.	

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? • Is consumption allowed if the spouse is present or consents?	 Yes, in specified locations – see below 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
Note: Maryland's exception includes members of an individual's "immediate family" when the alcoholic beverage is furnished and consumed "in a private residence or within the curtilage of the residence." For purposes of this report, the phrase “immediate family” is interpreted as including a spouse.	

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? • Is internal possession allowed if the spouse is present or consents?	 N/A N/A
Is there an exception based on location?	N/A

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

Underage 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?	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

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
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?	
• Purchase of alcohol	No
• Possession of alcohol	Yes
• 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	90

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 years, 9 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?	60 (10 of which must be at night)
Intermediate Stage	
What is the minimum age for driving without adult supervision?	16 years, 6 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?	Yes, officer may stop driver for night driving violation
Are there restrictions on passengers?	Yes, no passengers under 18 who are not immediate family members, or relatives living with driver, unless accompanied by licensed driver over 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
License Stage	
What is the minimum age for full license privileges and lifting of restrictions?	18 years (Passenger restrictions expire 151 days after issuance of intermediate license)

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? • Is furnishing allowed if the spouse supplies the alcohol?	 Yes, in specified locations 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?	No
Note: Maryland's exception allows furnishing of alcohol to minors by members of their "immediate family" when the alcoholic beverage is furnished and consumed "in a private residence or within the curtilage of the residence." For purposes of this report, the phrase “immediate family” is interpreted as including a spouse.	

Compliance Check Protocols	
Does the state have a written protocol for when an underage decoy is used in compliance checks?	No data
What is the minimum age a decoy may be to participate in a compliance check?	N/A
What is the maximum age a decoy may be to participate in a compliance check?	N/A
Are there appearance requirements for the decoy?	N/A
Does decoy carry ID during compliance check?	N/A

May decoy verbally exaggerate his or her actual age?	N/A
Is decoy training mandated, recommended, prohibited, or not specified?	N/A

Penalty Guidelines for Sales to Minors	
Are there written guidelines for penalties that are imposed on retailers for furnishing to a minor?	No data
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?	Yes, mandatory
If training is mandatory, who must participate?	Licensees, managers
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)?	Both
Does the RBS law apply to new or existing licensees?	Both

Minimum Ages for Sellers of Alcohol–Off-Premises (i.e., Liquor Stores)	
What is the minimum age requirement for off-premises retail establishments?	
Beer	18
Wine	18
Spirits	21
Does a manager or supervisor have to be present?	No
Note: Maryland statutes allow for exceptions by specific localities within Maryland that may have more or less restrictive laws on the age to sell or serve alcoholic beverages. Such "local options" are not addressed by this report.	

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	18
Wine	18

Spirits	21
Does a manager or supervisor have to be present?	No
Note: Maryland statutes allow for exceptions by specific localities within Maryland that may have more or less restrictive laws on the age to sell or serve alcoholic beverages. Such "local options" are not addressed by this report.	

Distance Limitations Applied to New Alcohol Outlets Near Universities, Colleges, and Primary and Secondary Schools	
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, distance restrictions vary by county and municipality
Is there a distance requirement for on-premises outlets (i.e., restaurants and bars)?	Yes, distance restrictions vary by county and municipality
To which alcohol products does requirement apply?	Beer, wine, spirits (product restrictions vary by county and muncipality)
Note: Exceptions vary by county and municipality.	

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?	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?	Residential/outdoor/other

What level of knowledge by the host is required?	Knowledge (host must have actual knowledge of party)
Does host's preventive action protect him/her from being held liable?	No
Are there any exceptions for underage guests?	Yes, family members

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

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?	Yes
State approval/permit requirements	
Must the producer/manufacturer obtain state license or permit?	Yes
Must the common carrier (deliverer) be approved by a state agency?	Yes
Recording/reporting requirements	
Must the producer/manufacturer 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 (maximum fine/jail, $500 (or Maximum fine/jail, $1000 if repeat violation))
Is it illegal to destroy the label on a keg, and if so, what is the penalty?	Yes (maximum fine/jail, $500 (or maximum fine/jail, $1000 if repeat violation))
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?	Not required
Is a deposit required?	No

Does law cover disposable kegs?	Yes
Note: Although Maryland does not require a retailer to record the number of a keg purchaser's ID, it does require that the purchaser's name and address be recorded as they appear on the purchaser's identification.	

Home Delivery	
Is home delivery of alcohol permitted?	
Beer	Yes
Wine	Yes
Spirits	Yes
Note: Written approval from the county or city is required.	

High-Proof Grain Alcohol Beverages	
Are there restrictions on the sale of high-proof grain alcohol beverages?	Yes
Are restrictions based on Alcohol by Volume (ABV)?	Yes (95% or more)
Are there exceptions to restrictions?	No

Laws Affecting Alcohol Pricing

Alcohol Taxes	
Beer	
Control system for beer?	No
Specific excise tax per gallon for 5% alcohol beer	$0.09
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)	9.00%
If retail tax rate applies, is there an exemption from general sales tax?	Yes
• General sales tax rate	6.00%
• Sales tax adjusted retail tax rate (the retail tax minus the general sales tax, where there is an exemption from the general sales tax)	3.00%
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)	9.00%
If retail tax rate applies, is there an exemption from general sales tax?	Yes
• General sales tax rate	6.00%
• Sales tax adjusted retail tax rate (the retail tax minus the general sales tax, where there is an exemption from the general sales tax)	3.00%
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	$0.40
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)	9.00%
If retail tax rate applies, is there an exemption from general sales tax?	Yes

• General sales tax rate	6.00%
• Sales tax adjusted retail tax rate (the retail tax minus the general sales tax, where there is an exemption from the general sales tax)	3.00%
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)	9.00%
If retail tax rate applies, is there an exemption from general sales tax?	Yes
• General sales tax rate	6.00%
• Sales tax adjusted retail tax rate (the retail tax minus the general sales tax, where there is an exemption from the general sales tax)	3.00%
Additional taxes for 6–14% alcohol wine if applicable	
Spirits	
Control system for spirits?	No
Specific excise tax per gallon for 40% alcohol spirits	$1.50
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)	9.00%
If retail tax rate applies, is there an exemption from general sales tax?	Yes
• General sales tax rate	6.00%
• Sales tax adjusted retail tax rate (the retail tax minus the general sales tax, where there is an exemption from the general sales tax)	3.00%
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)	9.00%
If retail tax rate applies, is there an exemption from general sales tax?	Yes
• General sales tax rate	6.00%
• Sales tax adjusted retail tax rate (the retail tax minus the general sales tax, where there is an exemption from the general sales tax)	3.00%
Additional taxes for 15–50% alcohol spirits if applicable	

Low-Price, High-Volume Drink Specials	
Are on-premises retailers prohibited from offering the following types of drink specials?	
Free beverages	No
Multiple servings at one time	No
Multiple servings for same price as single serving	No
Reduced price for a specified day or time (i.e., happy hours)	No
Unlimited beverages for fixed price	No
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?	No law
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 law
Note: With respect to purchases of beer, all counties require payment on delivery except Worcester County, where 10 days of credit may be extended.	

Maryland State Survey Responses

State Agency Information	
Agency with primary responsibility for enforcing underage drinking laws:	
No state agency collects this data.	
Enforcement Strategies	
State law enforcement agencies use:	
Cops in Shops	No
Shoulder Tap Operations	No
Party Patrol Operations or Programs	No
Underage Alcohol–Related Fatality Investigations	No
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	Comptroller of Maryland
Such laws are also enforced by local law enforcement agencies	No
Enforcement Statistics	
State collects data on the number of minors found in possession	No
Number of minors found in possession[1] by state law enforcement agencies	Not applicable
Number pertains to the 12 months ending	Not applicable
Data include arrests/citations issued by local law enforcement agencies	Not applicable
State conducts underage compliance checks/decoy operations[2] to determine if alcohol retailers are complying with laws prohibiting sales to minors	No
Data are collected on these activities	No
Number of retail licensees in state[3]	No data
Number of licensees checked for compliance by state agencies **(including random checks)**	Not applicable
Number of licensees that failed state compliance checks	Not applicable
Numbers pertain to the 12 months ending	Not applicable
Compliance checks/decoy operations conducted at on-sale, off-sale, or both retail establishments	Not applicable
*State conducts **random** underage compliance checks/decoy operations*	Not applicable
Number of licensees subject to **random** state compliance checks/decoy operations	Not applicable
Number of licensees that failed **random** state compliance checks	Not applicable
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	
State collects data on fines imposed on retail establishments that furnish minors	Don't know
Number of fines imposed by the state[4]	Not applicable
Total amount in fines across all licensees	Not applicable
Smallest fine imposed	Not applicable
Largest fine imposed	Not applicable
Numbers pertain to the 12 months ending	Not applicable

State collects data on license suspensions imposed on retail establishments specifically for furnishing minors	Don't know
Number of suspensions imposed by the state[5]	Not applicable
Total days of suspensions across all licensees	Not applicable
Shortest period of suspension imposed (in days)	Not applicable
Longest period of suspension imposed (in days)	Not applicable
Numbers pertain to the 12 months ending	Not applicable
State collects data on license revocations imposed on retail establishments specifically for furnishing minors	Don't know
Number of license revocations imposed[6]	Not applicable
Numbers pertain to the 12 months ending	Not applicable

Additional Clarification

No data

[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

Maryland Strategic Prevention Framework 2 Initiative (MSPF2)

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: https://www.pharmacy.umaryland.edu/programs/behavioral-health-research-team/resources/	

Program Description: The Maryland Strategic Prevention Framework 2 (MSPF2) Initiative provides grant funds to strengthen the efforts of 10 local jurisdiction coalitions to prevent and reduce underage and youth binge drinking in their communities. These coalitions, with training and technical assistance provided by the Behavioral Health Administration (BHA) MSPF Technical Assistance and Evaluation Team, are building upon their past successes and addressing the challenges faced over the five years of the initial MSPF initiative.

Communities were selected based on a formula that first considered prevalence indicators of youth alcohol use, consequences, and contributing factors. This accounted for 70 percent of their selection score. The remaining 30 percent of the score was based on past coalition performance in bringing resources to bear, and each jurisdiction's contribution to the cultural diversity and geographic balance of the initiative.

Underage and youth binge drinking are the state's MSPF priorities, as determined by a recent statewide youth AOD needs assessment. Accordingly, Goal 1 of the initiative is to reduce underage and youth binge drinking in Maryland. Its measurable objectives are (1) to reduce past 30-day underage drinking in the 10 selected jurisdictions and statewide, and (2) to reduce past 30-day binge drinking by youth ages 18-25 in the 10 jurisdictions and statewide. Interventions to attain this goal will primarily be evidence-based prevention strategies addressing key intervening variables for underage and youth binge drinking, including retail access to alcohol, social access, youth perception of harm and risk, community and social norms, enforcement of alcohol laws, alcohol pricing, and promotions. While it is expected that most strategies implemented will be environmental and community-process strategies, coalitions may augment these strategies with information dissemination and prevention education to strengthen community awareness of and support for their prevention efforts.

Goal 2 of the initiative is to strengthen state and local community prevention capacity and infrastructure. Its measurable objectives are (1) to increase the capacity of subrecipient prevention coalitions through the provision of guidance, training, and technical assistance and (2) to strengthen the state and local prevention infrastructure by leveraging, redirecting, and realigning the Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant (SABG) resources administered by BHA to exclusively support evidence-based programs and strategies that are determined through the SPF process, as measured by grant program and fiscal records.

Substance Abuse Block Grant (SABG) Prevention Program

Program serves specific or general population	No data
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:	No data

Program Description: Maryland's SABG Prevention Program adheres to SAMHSA definitions, policies, and best practices to plan, fund, implement, and evaluate a comprehensive array of data-driven, evidence-based substance abuse prevention practices, strategies, and programs. Only primary prevention activities can be supported through this grant program, i.e., services for those who have not been identified as having a substance use disorder that requires treatment. Through this process, Maryland will support universal, selected, and indicated prevention activities designed to reach a broad and diverse group of Maryland youth, at various levels of risk for substance use and abuse, resulting in a reduction of youth substance abuse at the population level. Each jurisdiction develops its own unique SABG Strategic Prevention Plan which lays out the jurisdiction's specific substance abuse issues, resources, contributing factors, objectives, and strategies. Jurisdictions, based on their plans, can address the particular substances that are supported by their local data and endorsed by their planning body and may provide universal, selected, or indicated primary prevention strategies. Since the Office of Prevention Wellness (OPW) emphasizes change at the population-level, all jurisdictions must allocate at least 50 percent of their prevention block grant award to strategies that are most likely to result in population level change. This includes environmental, community process, and information dissemination strategies. As youth problem drinking (underage drinking and youth binge drinking) has been identified as the state's top youth substance abuse priority, the vast majority of our jurisdictions have also made the prevention of youth problem drinking their top priority and allocate the majority of their grant funds to address this issue. Jurisdictions may also provide any of the other SAMHSA strategies, which specifically target individuals and families rather than the entire community, with their remaining prevention block grant funds. However, all funds must be used for programs and strategies that research findings/evidence show to be effective or promising. All strategies must be evidence-based and determined through the SPF planning process.

Maryland College ATOD Prevention Centers

Program serves specific or general population	Specific population
Number of youth served	21,235
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: BHA provides funding to four Maryland universities to develop and maintain programs/activities that prevent and reduce substance use and risk-taking behaviors associated with use of alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs (ATOD). ATOD Prevention Centers have been established at Frostburg State University, Towson University, Bowie State University, and the University of Maryland Eastern Shore. These

centers promote and assist in the design and implementation of campus policies, evidence-based practices, and prevention/wellness education programs for their institutions. They also collaborate with agencies and organizations in communities surrounding the campuses. Center directors have working relationships with local health department prevention coordinators, local drug and alcohol councils, and other colleges/universities in the region. Underage drinking and binge drinking by students create major issues on college campuses and their surrounding communities and subsequently, preventing and reducing these issues are a primary focus of the prevention activities funded with their BHA grant awards. It is estimated that 21,235 students are served through College ATOD Prevention Center-funded prevention strategies.

Maryland Collaborative to Reduce College Drinking and Related Problems

Program serves specific or general population	No data
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://marylandcollaborative.org	

Program Description: BHA provides funding to the University of Maryland College Park and Johns Hopkins University to bring together state colleges and universities to (1) reduce the current level of excessive alcohol use and related harm on college campuses in Maryland and (2) mobilize and sustain the commitment of campus and community leaders to reducing excessive alcohol use and related harm on the state's campuses. These goals are attained through an assessment of current challenges to campuses and surrounding communities with respect to college drinking problems; forming a collaborative of committed colleges and universities; instituting a common data collection system; and providing ongoing expert training and technical assistance to the participants in understanding and implementing evidence-based best practices. Fourteen colleges and universities currently participate in the Collaborative, which has produced several documents, including the *Report on College Drinking in Maryland*, *Guide to Best Practices to Reduce Underage Drinking*, and *Results of 1st Annual Maryland College Alcohol Survey.*

Additional Underage Drinking Prevention Programs Operated or Funded by the State

No data

Additional Clarification

No data

Additional Information Related to Underage Drinking Prevention Programs

State collaborates with federally recognized tribal governments in the prevention of underage drinking	No recognized tribal governments
Description of collaboration: Not applicable	
State has programs to measure and/or reduce youth exposure to alcohol advertising and marketing	No
Description of program: Not applicable	
State has adopted or developed best practice standards for underage drinking prevention programs	Yes
Agencies/organizations that established best practices standards:	
Federal agency(ies):	No
Agency(ies) within your state: Behavioral Health Administration	Yes
Nongovernmental agency(ies):	No
Other:	No

Best practice standards description: Recipients of BHA's MSPF2 and Opioid Misuse Prevention Program (OMPP) grants must follow the structured Maryland SPF process as described in our written guidance documents in order to receive funding. This includes the requirement that all programs implemented to

reduce underage and problem youth drinking be evidence-based. A set of approved evidence-based strategies and best practices is included in our written guidance documents and on our website.

Recipients of our SAPT Block Grant funds that implement direct services programs are required to implement at least one evidence-based (NREPP) program. Recipients that implement environmental strategies must implement strategies from the list of evidence-based strategies included in our written guidance documents and on our website. We are incrementally requiring SAPT Block Grantees to infuse the five-step SPF process in their program planning and implementation. Currently, SAPT Block Grantees are in the needs assessment phase of the SPF process.

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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Governor's Office of Crime Control & Prevention
Maryland State Department of Education
Maryland Department of Juvenile Services
College of Southern Maryland
Maryland State Highway Administration
Montgomery County Dept. of Liquor Control
Maryland Department of Public Safety & Corrections
Maryland State's Attorney's Office
Talbot Partnership
Wicomico County Health Dept.
Dorchester County Health Dept.
Substance Abuse Prevention offices in: Charles County, Allegany County, Wicomico County, Cecil County, Queen Anne's County, Caroline County, Dorchester County, Carroll County, Garrett County, St. Mary's County, Kent County, Prince George's County, Frederick County, and Harford County

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 — No

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

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

Additional Clarification

The state underage drinking plan was developed eight years ago for Maryland's Strategic Prevention Framework application. The plan has been implemented since then through the BHA-funded Maryland Strategic Prevention Framework (MSPF) grant program and the BHA-funded SAPT Block Grant program.

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
Checkpoints and saturation patrols:	
Estimate of state funds expended	Data not available
Estimate based on the 12 months ending	Data not available
Community-based programs to prevent underage drinking:	
Estimate of state funds expended	Data not available
Estimate based on the 12 months ending	Data not available
K–12 school-based programs to prevent underage drinking:	
Estimate of state funds expended	Data not available
Estimate based on the 12 months ending	Data not available
Programs targeted to institutes of higher learning:	
Estimate of state funds expended	Data not available
Estimate based on the 12 months ending	Data not available
Programs that target youth in the juvenile justice system:	
Estimate of state funds expended	Data not available
Estimate based on the 12 months ending	Data not available
Programs that target youth in the child welfare system:	
Estimate of state funds expended	Data not available
Estimate based on the 12 months ending	Data not available
Other programs:	
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	No
Other: Not applicable	No

Description of funding streams and how they are used:

Not applicable

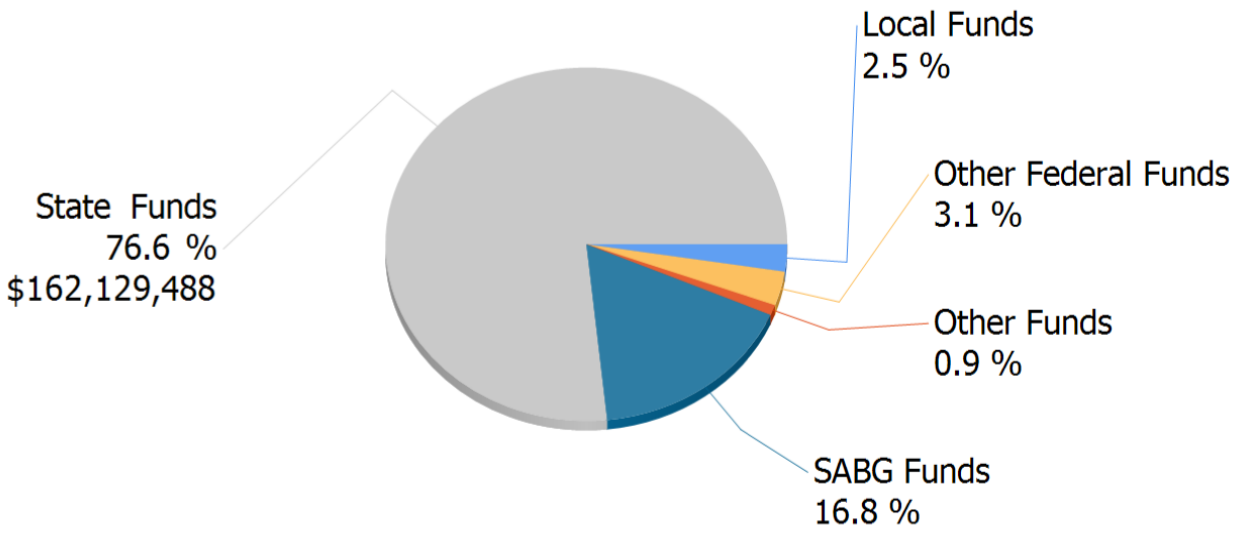
Additional Clarification

No data

In addition to the state expenditures on underage drinking prevention reported in the annual STOP Act Survey, all states receive federal funds for substance abuse prevention through Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant (SABG) funds, administered by the Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration (SAMHSA). Exhibit 1 shows the sources that Maryland used for expenditures on substance abuse prevention and treatment in 2017. As indicated, state funds and SABG funds account for the largest sources (76.6 percent and 16.8 percent respectively).[41]

States submit Behavioral Assessment and Plan reports that include their priorities for use of SABG funds, as well as planned expenditures. For FY 2018-2019, Maryland did not identify underage drinking as a priority for use of SABG funds.[42]

Exhibit 1: Source of 2017 Expenditures for Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment



[41] WebBGAS State Profile, 2017 SABG and MHBG Reports– Maryland 2017

[42] FY 2018/2019 – (Maryland) State Behavioral Assessment and Plan, Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment Block Grant, Center for Substance Abuse Prevention, Division of State Programs, Center for Substance Abuse Treatment, Division of State and Community Assistance: Table 1: Priority Areas and Annual Performance Indicators

SAMHSA
Substance Abuse and Mental Health
Services Administration