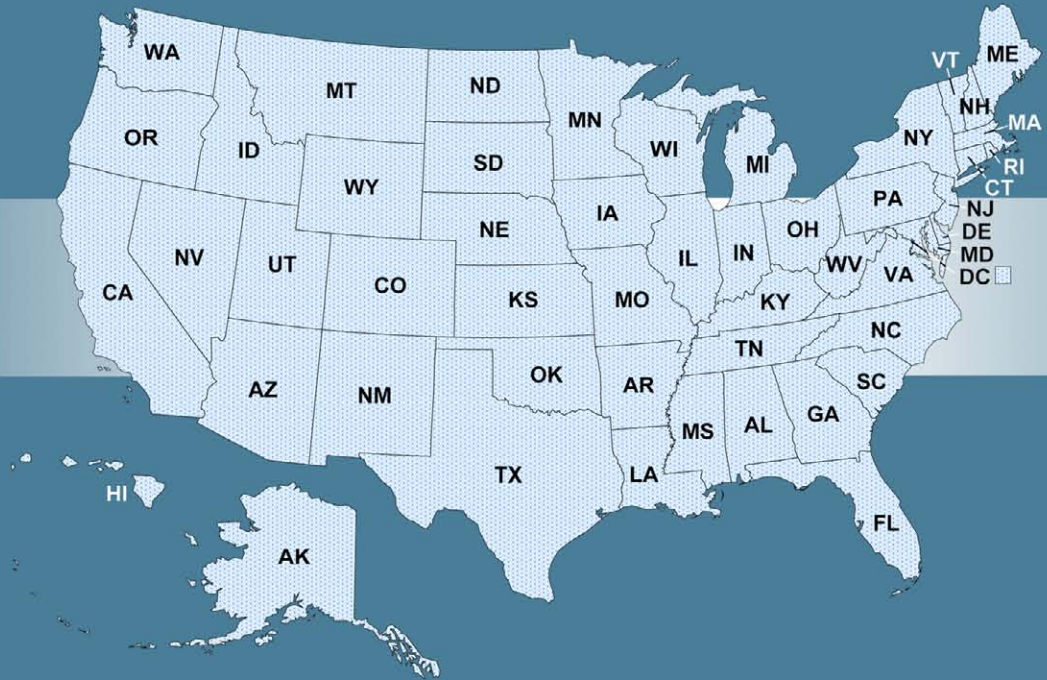


SOUTH CAROLINA STATE REPORT

Underage Drinking Prevention and Enforcement

2018



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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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South Carolina

State Population: 4,961,119

Population Ages 12–20: 550,000

Past-Month Alcohol Use Among 12- to 20-Year-Olds	
Ages 12–20*	
Past-Month Alcohol Use – Number (Percentage)	106,000 (19.3%)
Ages 12–14	
Past-Month Alcohol Use – Number (Percentage)	7,000 (3.4%)
Ages 15–17	
Past-Month Alcohol Use – Number (Percentage)	23,000 (13.4%)
Ages 18–20	
Past-Month Alcohol Use – Number (Percentage)	76,000 (41.2%)
Alcohol-Attributable Deaths and Years of Potential Life Lost Under the Age of 21	
Alcohol-Attributable Deaths (under 21)	83
Years of Potential Life Lost (under 21)	4,999
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	18
Percentage of All Fatal Crashes Involving 15- to 20-Year-Old Driver	15%

*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?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is possession allowed if parent or guardian is present or consents? • Is possession allowed if spouse is present or consents? 	No 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?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is consumption allowed if the parent or guardian is present or consents? • Is consumption allowed if the spouse is present or consents? 	No 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?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is internal possession allowed if the parent or guardian is present or consents? • Is internal possession allowed if the spouse is present or consents? 	No 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

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?	No
• Is it a specific affirmative defense (retailer reasonably believed ID was valid after examining it)?	N/A
• 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?	
• 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	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	6 PM (may only drive unsupervised during

requirement begin?	daylight hours; nighttime 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?	Yes, in specified locations
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Is furnishing allowed if the parent or guardian supplies the alcohol? • 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
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.	

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
Are there appearance requirements for the decoy?	Yes, 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 that are imposed on retailers for furnishing to a minor?	No written guidelines
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 Ages 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
Note: 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.	

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

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, within 300 feet if school is within a municipality; within 500 feet if school is outside of 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 of 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 that contributes 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	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?	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 5% 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 5% alcohol beer	\$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)	5.00%

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)	5.00%
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)	
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	
Note: 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	
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	Yes
Reduced price for a specified day or time (i.e., happy hours)	Restricted (permitted 4 PM–8 PM)
Unlimited beverages for fixed price	No
Increased volume without increase in price	No
Note: 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 (SLED); however, local law enforcement agencies do enforce many of the state underage drinking laws (with the exception of administrative violations or violations that affect the alcohol license status).

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	Yes

Local law enforcement agencies use:

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

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

Yes

Primary state agency responsible for enforcing laws addressing direct sales/shipments of alcohol to minors

State Law Enforcement Division (SLED). Agents may be assisted by local law enforcement agencies but SLED is primary on the investigation.

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 possession¹ 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 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

12,952

Number of licensees checked for compliance by state agencies

10,149

(including random checks)

Number of licensees that failed state compliance checks

1,151

Numbers pertain to the 12 months ending

06/30/2017

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

No data

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

No data

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

8,176

Number of licensees that failed local compliance checks

911

Numbers pertain to the 12 months ending

06/30/2017

Sanctions	
<i>State collects data on fines imposed on retail establishments that furnish minors</i>	Yes
Number of fines imposed by the state ⁴	1,601
Total amount in fines across all licensees	No data
Smallest fine imposed	\$400
Largest fine imposed	Unknown
Numbers pertain to the 12 months ending	06/30/2016
<i>State collects data on license suspensions imposed on retail establishments specifically for furnishing minors</i>	Yes
Number of suspensions imposed by the state ⁵	No data
Total days of suspensions across all licensees	No data
Shortest period of suspension imposed (in days)	5
Longest period of suspension imposed (in days)	45
Numbers pertain to the 12 months ending	06/30/2016
<i>State collects data on license revocations imposed on retail establishments specifically for furnishing minors</i>	Yes
Number of license revocations imposed ⁶	36
Numbers pertain to the 12 months ending	07/07/2017

Additional Clarification

The State Law Enforcement Division (SLED) Alcohol Enforcement Unit enforces state laws concerning underage drinking. SLED agents also enforce alcohol regulations and alcohol licenses issued by the South Carolina Department of Revenue. Underage drinking law violations are judged by summary courts in each of the 46 South Carolina counties. Administrative violations of alcohol regulations are adjudicated by the South Carolina Administrative Court system. This complexity makes it difficult to learn fines collected through the county summary courts and administrative courts. We are working with our partners to improve reporting. The number of revocations covers the 12-month prior to July 7, 2017. Please note this is a different period of time than the reporting period for other items.

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

South Carolina Alcohol Enforcement Teams (AET)- 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://scoutoftheirhands.org/index.html	

Program Description: The South Carolina Alcohol Enforcement Teams (AETs) are a statewide network of local and state law enforcement agencies that have built a partnership with prevention agencies. Each of the 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) for the purposes of this report to distinguish the numbers served by each type of effort. Given the population-level impact of strategies conducted by AETs (with no individual directly "served"), the state considers the affected population to be almost its entire population of 14 to 20-year-olds. In FY16, there were 8,176 alcohol compliance checks with a 11.1 percent buy rate (non-compliance rate). There were 297 bar checks. Bar checks are not compliance checks (where an undercover youth attempts to purchase alcohol), but law enforcement officers looking for general violations, conducting a sweep of patrons for fake IDs, and/or providing retailer education about alcohol sale/use. There were 19 shoulder tap operations with 95 individuals being approached. This resulted in 3 adult purchases for the youth undercover. There were 715 public safety checkpoints and 232 saturation patrols resulting in 9,292 violations and arrests. There were 66 underage alcohol parties dispersed in FY16 resulting in 383 citations.

South Carolina Alcohol Enforcement Teams - AET Training for Community Partners

Program serves specific or general population	General population
Number of youth served	Not applicable
Number of parents served	Not applicable
Number of caregivers served	Not applicable
Program has been evaluated	No
Evaluation report is available	Not applicable
URL for evaluation report:	Not applicable
URL for more program information:	
http://scoutoftheirhands.org/scaet-training.html	

Program Description: In FY16, there were 30 training sessions conducted in 13 counties in South Carolina. These sessions were attended by 439 individuals, including 357 law enforcement officers. Among those participants were 140 "youth actors" who participated as role players in mock party dispersal training. This training module was combined with primary training topics such as the two-day AET Training, AET Activities Training, and Fake ID Training. All training numbers were up by at least 50 percent from FY15.

Alcohol Merchant Education (Responsible Beverage Service Education)

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.daodas.sc.gov/prevention/merchant-initiatives/prep/	

Program Description: Efforts to enforce laws regarding underage purchases of alcohol or tobacco are strengthened by efforts to help educate and train those who sell alcohol or tobacco products with appropriate information and proper techniques. Several merchant education curricula are in use nationally and in South Carolina, though the county authorities are now exclusively using the *PREP* curriculum. County authorities were each required to implement merchant education programming in FY16 and collectively served 1,809 retail staff, which is down from 2,180 in FY15. Thirty-seven of the 46 counties served at least one retailer in *PREP*, and Beaufort (294) served the most. There is a standardized *PREP* post-test used across the system that allows standardization of outcomes. Primarily, the test is graded for a pass or fail. Among those who passed in FY16, the average score was 95.1 percent.

Substance Abuse Curricula Programs

Program serves specific or general population	Specific population
Number of youth served	1,650
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://ncweb.pire.org/scdocuments/>
 URL for more program information:
<http://www.daodas.sc.gov/prevention/>

Program Description: Local prevention providers deliver one or more substance abuse curriculum programs to youth, mostly for middle school youth, throughout the state. Across the provider network, nine different programs were implemented in the state in FY16 (7/1/2015-6/30/2016). *Alcohol-Drug True Stories* (hosted by Matt Damon) is a movie with testimonials by real people about their experiences with alcohol and drugs. Used together with its accompanying discussion guide, this is considered an evidenced-based practice. The program was implemented with 271 matched youth at one site. There was a statistically significant change in perceived risk. *All Stars* is a comprehensive evidence-based ATOD prevention curriculum. This program was used by two sites with a total of 84 matched participants. There were no statistically significant changes in risk factors or substances. *Keepin' It Real*, an evidence-based, video-enhanced intervention for youth 10 to 17 that uses a culturally-grounded resiliency model that incorporates traditional ethnic values and practices that protect against drug use, was used by one site with a total of 142 matched participants. There were no statistically significant changes in risk factors or substances. *Life Skills Training*, a skill-based, evidence-based ATOD prevention curriculum, was the most commonly implemented program, with seven sites and 1009 matched participants. There were desired changes on four of the five risk factors (perceived risk, decision making, disapproval of use, and perceived peer norms). There was a significant decrease in alcohol use and marginally significant decreases in cigarettes, marijuana, and inhalant use. *Project Alert*, a comprehensive evidence-based ATOD prevention curriculum for middle school students, was delivered at one site to 20 matched participants. There were no statistically significant changes in risk factors or substances. *Project Towards No Drug Abuse (TND)*, a prevention curriculum intended for high school students, was used by one site with 27 total matched participants. There were desired changes on four of the five risk factors (perceived risk, decision making, disapproval of use, and perceived peer norms). There was also a significant decrease in the use of marijuana. *Too Good for Drugs* is an evidence-based program with specific lessons for each middle and high school grade. One site, with a total of 57 matched participants, used this program. There were no statistically significant changes in risk factors or substances. *Why Try* is a comprehensive evidence-based ATOD prevention curriculum that was implemented at one site with 32 participants. There were no statistically significant changes in risk factors or substances. County authorities are not required to use evidence-based interventions exclusively, though most do. In FY16, 99.5 percent (all but 8 of matched pre- and post-tests) of participants were served in evidence-based programs. Due to the large difference in numbers of participants served in evidence-based versus non-evidence based programs, we do not compare the pre-post results by these groups. In past years, we have generally seen superior outcomes from the evidence based programs.

Alcohol Education Program (AEP)

Program serves specific or general population	Specific population
Number of youth served	510
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://ncweb.pire.org/scdocuments/	
URL for more program information:	No data

Program Description: County authorities often play a role in the post-arrest process for youth violators of alcohol or tobacco laws. Related to alcohol, county providers often offer programming as part of their solicitor's Alcohol

Education Program (AEP), a program many first-time offenders will be offered in lieu of a conviction. There were 510 youth served in AEP in FY16. Most of the youth served came from Pickens (246) and Charleston (117).

South Carolina Alcohol Enforcement Teams- Public 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	Yes
Evaluation report is available	Yes
URL for evaluation report: http://ncweb.pire.org/scdocuments/	
URL for more program information: http://www.scoutoftheirhands.org/index.html	

Program Description: Typical education efforts of the Alcohol Enforcement Team (AET) 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. Additionally, AET awareness activities include town hall meetings, educational sessions for youth or adults, local media campaigns, and “casual contacts (typically law enforcement officers making community contacts with youth or merchants to keep a high visibility presence and warn them of upcoming enforcement efforts). AETs reported 367 media placements (articles, TV stories, etc.) during FY16, up from 314 in FY15. There were 222 presentations and media events occurring during *Out of Their Hands* conducted the entire month of April 2016. This includes all forms of media including television, radio, and social media as well as presentations conducted at schools, colleges, and universities.

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
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Description of collaboration: Not applicable

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

<i>State has adopted or developed best practice standards for underage drinking prevention programs</i>	Yes
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Agencies/organizations that established best practices standards:

Federal agency(ies):	No
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Agency(ies) within your state: South Carolina Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services	Yes
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Nongovernmental agency(ies):	No
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Other:	No
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Best practice standards description: The state relies on previous "training of trainer" training from the Underage Drinking Enforcement Training Center funded federally through the U.S. Dept. of Justice, Office of Juvenile Justice and Delinquency Prevention. The South Carolina Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services (DAODAS) formed a cadre of state and local instructors, who in turn coordinated regional trainings. The training sessions involve discussions about best practice standards concerning enforcement and public education about underage drinking issues. DAODAS has a *Toolkit for Evidence-Based Programs and Strategies*, with an environmental prevention section on underage drinking prevention that defines the effectiveness of a range of strategies. The Toolkit is posted on the SC Documents web page at <http://ncweb.pire.org/scdocuments/>

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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- SC Department of Alcohol & Other Drug Abuse Services
- SC State Law Enforcement Division
- Greenville County Sheriff's Office
- The Phoenix Center
- University of South Carolina
- Clemson University
- Department of Mental Health Suicide Prevention
- SC Department of Revenue
- SC Department of Public Safety, Office of Highway Safety & Justice Programs
- Lexington/Richland Alcohol and Drug Abuse Commission
- Circle Park Behavioral Health Services of Florence County, SC
- South Carolina Department of Juvenile Justice
- Behavioral Health Services Association
- Pacific Institute for Research and Evaluation (PIRE)

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

State has prepared a report on preventing underage drinking in the last 3 years Yes
 Prepared by: SC Department of Alcohol and Other Drug Abuse Services in conjunction with the Governor's Council on Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment
 Plan can be accessed via: <http://ncweb.pire.org/scdocuments/>

Additional Clarification

Although South Carolina does not produce a report specific to underage drinking, the state does produce an annual prevention outcomes report for the state that does include information on underage drinking prevention efforts.

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 data
Fines	No data
Fees	No data
Other: No data	No data

Description of funding streams and how they are used:

No data

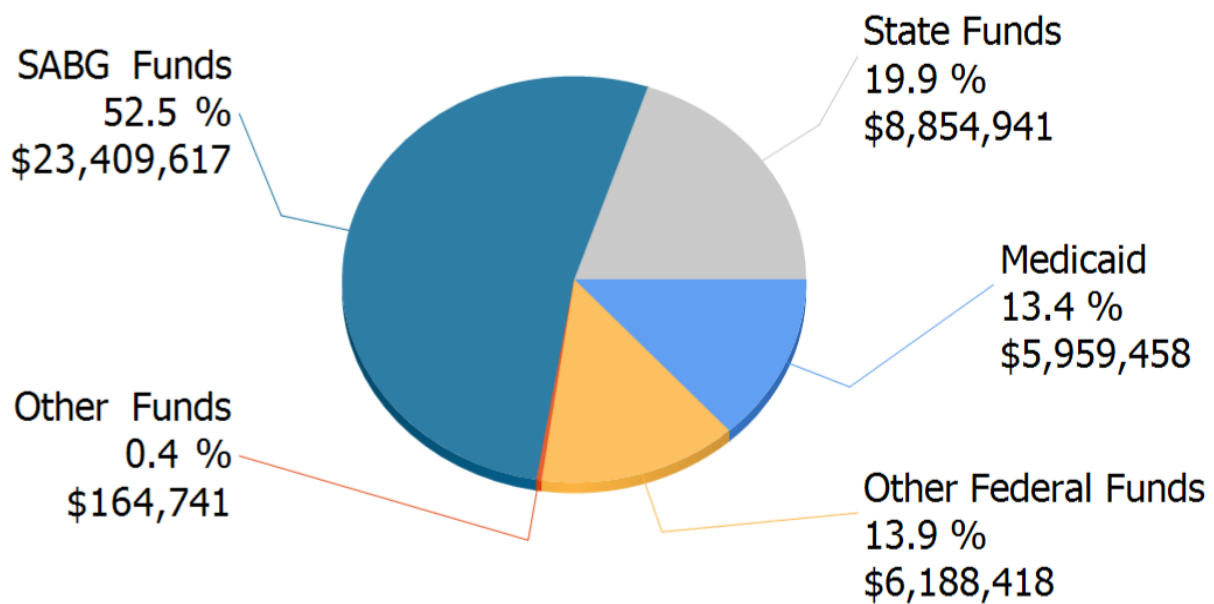
Additional Clarification

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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 South Carolina used for expenditures on substance abuse prevention and treatment in 2017. As indicated, SABG funds and state funds account for the largest sources (52.5 percent and 19.9 percent respectively).²⁷

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, South Carolina designated reducing underage alcohol use as the number one priority for use of SABG funds.²⁸

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



²⁷ WebBGAS State Profile, 2017 SABG and MHBG Reports– South Carolina 2017

²⁸ FY 2018/2019 – (South Carolina) 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