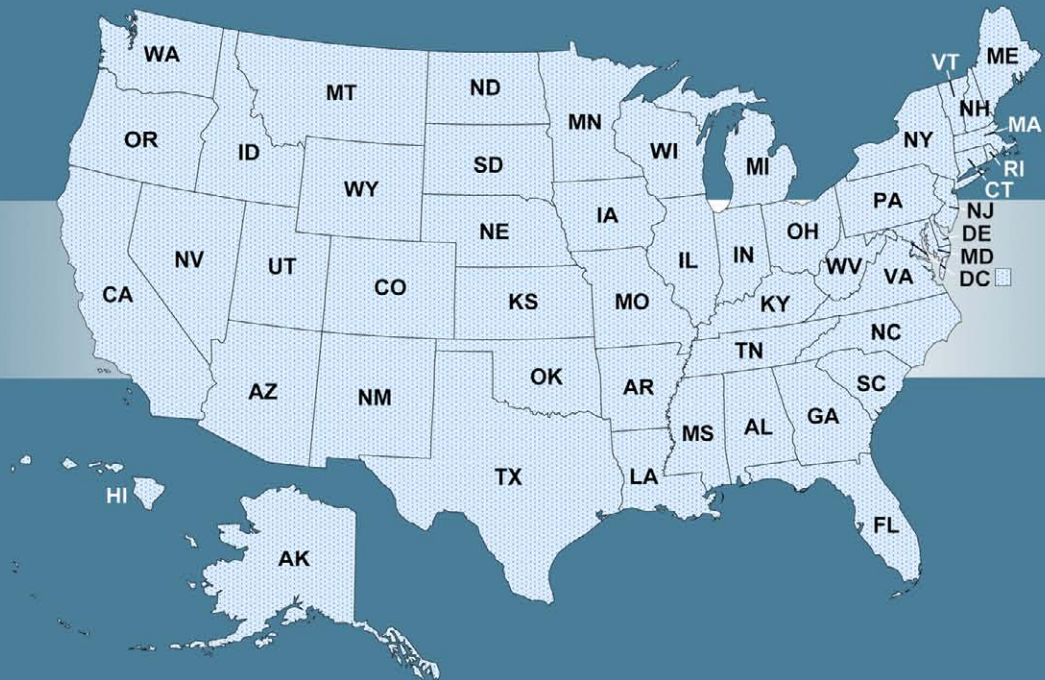


VIRGINIA STATE REPORT

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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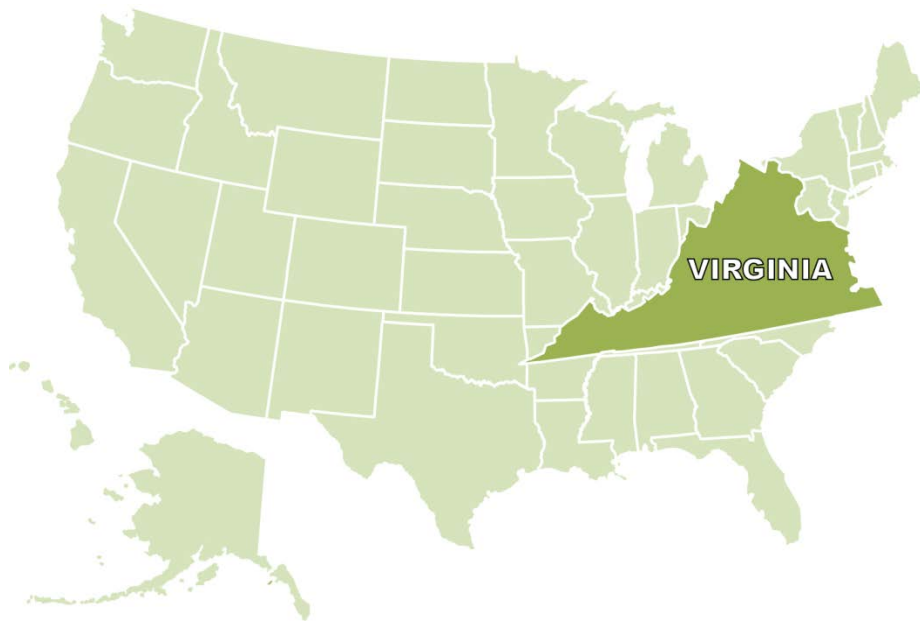
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Virginia

State Population: 8,411,808

Population Ages 12–20: 928,000

Past-Month Alcohol Use Among 12- to 20-Year-Olds	
Ages 12–20*	
Past-Month Alcohol Use – Number (Percentage)	187,000 (20.1%)
Ages 12–14	
Past-Month Alcohol Use – Number (Percentage)	10,000 (3.3%)
Ages 15–17	
Past-Month Alcohol Use – Number (Percentage)	59,000 (18.4%)
Ages 18–20	
Past-Month Alcohol Use – Number (Percentage)	117,000 (38.6%)
Alcohol-Attributable Deaths and Years of Potential Life Lost Under the Age of 21	
Alcohol-Attributable Deaths (under 21)	100
Years of Potential Life Lost (under 21)	6,085
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	21
Percentage of All Fatal Crashes Involving 15- to 20-Year-Old Driver	23%

* 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?	Yes
<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? 	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>Note: 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." For purposes of this report, the phrase "by order of his parent" is interpreted as providing for parental consent. 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?	Yes, in specified locations – see below
<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? 	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?	
<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? 	N/A
Is there an exception based on location?	N/A
<p>Note: Virginia 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 which 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

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

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)—For Ages 17 and Under	
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?	18
Is suspension or revocation mandatory or discretionary?	Mandatory
What is the length of suspension/revocation?	
Minimum number of days	180
Maximum number of days	180

Loss of Driving Privileges for Alcohol Violations by Minors ("Use/Lose" Laws)—For Ages 18–20	
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	180
Maximum number of days	365

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, 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)
Intermediate Stage	
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 the driver is accompanied by a parent or guardian; then, no more than three passengers younger than 21 who are not family or household members unless driving to or from a school-sponsored activity or accompanied by a licensed driver who is 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
License Stage	
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?	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?	No

VT-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?	No
What types of violation lead to license suspension or revocation?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purchase of alcohol Possession of alcohol Consumption of alcohol 	N/A
The law applies to people under what age?	N/A
Is suspension or revocation mandatory or discretionary?	N/A
What is the length of suspension/revocation?	
Minimum number of days	N/A
Maximum number of days	N/A
Note: In Vermont, suspension of a person's driver's license for underage possession or consumption is only imposed upon the person's failure to successfully complete a diversion program.	

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?	17
What is the maximum age a decoy may be to participate in a compliance check?	19
Are there appearance requirements for the decoy?	Yes, youthful in appearance and shall not appear older than their 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

Penalty Guidelines for Sales to Minors	
Are there written guidelines for penalties that are 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
Note: For first offense in 3-year period, if licensee 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.	

Responsible Beverage Service (RBS)	
Is there a state law pertaining to Beverage Service Training?	Yes, voluntary
If training is mandatory, who must participate?	N/A
If training is voluntary, which of the following incentives are offered?	
• Defense in dram shop liability lawsuits	No
• Discounts in dram shop liability insurance, license fees, or other	No
• Mitigation of fines or other administrative penalties for sales to minors or intoxicated persons	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 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	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
Note: Although bartenders are generally required to be at least 21 years old 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.	

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)?	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/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
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; four-case limit without written prior notification to the state including the name and address to the intended recipient)
Wine	Yes (delivery permit required; four-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, this state 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
Note: Statute states "101 proof," which is equivalent to 50.5% alcohol by volume.	

Laws Addressing Alcohol Pricing

Alcohol Taxes	
Beer	
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	
Note: 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.	
Wine	
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	
Spirits	
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	

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 before 9 PM)
Unlimited beverages for fixed price	Yes
Increased volume without increase in price	Yes

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	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
Spirits	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:

Virginia Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control's (ABC) Bureau of Law Enforcement

Enforcement Strategies

State law enforcement agencies use:

Cops in Shops	Yes
Shoulder Tap Operations	No
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 Department 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 possession¹ by state law enforcement agencies

38 arrests for purchase/
possession by person
under 21

Number pertains to the 12 months ending

06/30/2016

Data include arrests/citations issued by local law enforcement agencies

No

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

15,997

Number of licensees checked for compliance by state agencies

3,619

(including random checks)

Number of licensees that failed state compliance checks

290

Numbers pertain to the 12 months ending

06/30/2016

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

1,618

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

145

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

Yes

Number of fines imposed by the state⁴

271

Total amount in fines across all licensees

Data not available

Smallest fine imposed	\$500
Largest fine imposed	\$10,000
Numbers pertain to the 12 months ending	04/30/2017
<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	132
Total days of suspensions across all licensees	3,675
Shortest period of suspension imposed (in days)	3
Longest period of suspension imposed (in days)	60
Numbers pertain to the 12 months ending	04/30/2017
<i>State collects data on license revocations imposed on retail establishments specifically for furnishing minors</i>	Yes
Number of license revocations imposed ⁶	10
Numbers pertain to the 12 months ending	04/30/2017

Additional Clarification

The Virginia Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control's Bureau of Law Enforcement has continued to enforce the laws of the Commonwealth through several initiatives such as the Alcohol Compliance Program. In FY16, 3,619 underage buyer checks were conducted. A total of 1,618 random checks were conducted, resulting in an alcohol compliance rate of 91.04 percent. Approximately 3,373 criminal investigations were conducted, resulting in 431 arrests.

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

Alcohol Education and Prevention Grants

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.abc.virginia.gov/education/grants	

Program Description: Virginia ABC Alcohol Education and Prevention Grants assist community partners in developing and enhancing initiatives related to alcohol education and prevention. Applicants must address one or more of the following priorities: (1) underage drinking prevention; (2) social providing or social hosting prevention; (3) high-risk drinking prevention. Grant requests are limited to a maximum of \$8,000. Coalitions, law enforcement, nonprofits, schools, colleges, universities, faith-based organizations, and prevention-related groups are encouraged to apply. Programs should have a long-lasting impact and establish and encourage partnerships between organizations. For FY16, grantees included:

- *Blue Ridge Community College (BRCC), Weyers Cave (\$7,700)*—The grant helped engage the BRCC's service region, central Shenandoah Valley, in increased and enhanced education and prevention efforts. The partnership allowed BRCC to improve its efforts to educate college students through expanded training, programming, and community service projects related to underage and high-risk drinking.
- *Campbell County Youth Advisory Council, Campbell County (\$7,636)*—The Council, working with numerous partners, used the grant to help fund education, training, and enforcement. It also funded a media campaign

to prevent underage and high-risk drinking.

- *Chesterfield Substance Abuse Free Environment, Inc. (SAFE), Chesterfield (\$8,000)*—Grant funds were used to expand the SAFE Central Virginia Latino Coalition focusing on substance abuse prevention, specifically alcohol abuse within the Latino population. Grant funds partially financed a media campaign, community education events, and collateral materials.
- *Communities Helping Improve Local Lives (CHILL)/Piedmont Community Services, Martinsville (\$4,000)*—Grant funds were used to deter underage use, purchase, possession, and sale of alcohol. CHILL Youth Task Force members hosted safe, fun events for high school students and included information regarding the harms of underage drinking.
- *Youth and Community Action Team (YCAT), City of Virginia Beach (\$8,000)*—To increase community awareness of the risks of underage drinking, YCAT, working collaboratively with numerous community partners, developed a comprehensive social media campaign. A pool of 50 youth representing the Mayor's Youth Leaders in Action and YCAT created alcohol prevention messages via PSAs, print media, website, videos, Twitter, and Instagram that were delivered throughout the year with increased frequency at critical times such as holidays, proms, dances and sporting events.
- *Focus on Response and Education to Stay Healthy (FRESH) Coalition of Franklin, Franklin County (\$8,000)*—In December, 2015, CHILL members and local law enforcement participated in a regular county-wide *Project Sticker Shock* to educate the community about the risks of providing alcohol to minors. A media campaign was developed by CHILL members and parents to target parents in the community to bring awareness to the issue of providing alcohol to minors.
- *Longwood University, Farmville (\$4,757)*—Longwood University's (LU) Wellness Coordinator worked with other departments to implement the *Training for Intervention Procedures (TIPS)* curriculum for student leaders representing: Greek life, student government, student athletics, residential and commuter life, student wellness and recreational clubs. Longwood also used grant funds for the LU Police Department's patrols during known party hours on- and off-campus.
- *Radford Youth Adult Partnership, Radford (\$6,150)*—Funds were used to print a graphic novel produced by local youth and supported an underage drinking prevention presentation to all of Radford's middle and high school students to raise awareness about the dangers related to alcohol consumption.
- *Rappahannock County Schools, Rappahannock County (\$4,500)*—The grant supported the Youth Advocacy and Prevention (YAP) Team to increase understanding of the risks of illegal drinking and substance use, and helped fund a safe, fun, alcohol-free event for high school students. Rappahannock County students in Positive Relationships Inspire a Drive for Excellence (PRIDE) clubs actively participated by creating campaign components.
- *Roanoke Children's Theatre, Roanoke (\$5,500)*—The Roanoke Children's Theatre, Inc. staged the play "The Ice Cream Man" to provide a unique prevention messaging experience through the arts with the intent to decrease the prevalence of local underage drinking and substance abuse. Approximately 3,000 teens, parents and community members attended the play and participated in "talk backs" led by professional counselors and prevention specialists.
- *Substance Abuse Taskforce in Rural Appalachia (SATIRA), Tazewell (\$4,750)*—Grant funds were used for compliance checks conducted by law enforcement and a media campaign to support SATIRA's goal to decrease alcohol use by students in Tazewell County. A community-wide campaign, engaging multiple public and private partners, promoted the message "We Don't Support Underage Use."
- *Virginia Commonwealth University (VCU), Richmond (\$7,500)*—Funding supported Spit for Science, a university-wide research initiative focused on understanding factors that contribute to risky alcohol use. The findings are then disseminated to the VCU administration and wellness community so they can enact tailored, effective prevention and intervention programming to reduce underage and high-risk alcohol use among students.
- *Virginia State University, Petersburg (\$3,400)*—Grant funds were used for VSU's Trojan Reducing and Eliminating Drinking and Driving (R.E.D.D.) campaign to increase education and awareness of the risk factors associated with underage drinking and driving among new and returning undergraduate students. VSU's Police Department led this collaborative project that also engaged students 21 and over to dissuade purchasing for underage individuals.

- *Washington County Prevention Coalition, Washington County (\$4,500)*—Grant funds supported law enforcement saturation patrols and a media campaign. They also funded the printing of permanent "building wraps" with the message: "We Don't Support Underage Use."

Project Sticker Shock

Program serves specific or general population	General population
Number of youth served	Not applicable
Number of parents served	Not applicable
Number of caregivers served	Not applicable
Program has been evaluated	Yes
Evaluation report is available	No
URL for evaluation report:	Not applicable
URL for more program information:	
https://www.abc.virginia.gov/education/programs/project-sticker-shock	

Program Description: *Project Sticker Shock (PSS)* is a community awareness program designed to prevent people 21 and older from purchasing alcohol and providing it to underage individuals. Participants visit partnering stores to post stickers with a warning message about the penalties for providing alcohol to anyone under 21 and using a fake ID to purchase alcohol. By contributing to these events, citizens throughout the state are taking a proactive stand against underage drinking and its related problems. *PSS* also seeks to increase visibility of and compliance with Virginia's underage drinking laws. This unique program represents a partnership among youth, retail establishments, concerned parents, community members, prevention professionals, and law enforcement, and provides a great opportunity for community, faith-based, school-based, and any groups interested in preventing underage drinking to contribute to community awareness. Virginia ABC Education and Prevention provides an online training and event materials package for all coordinators planning to implement *PSS*. Upon completion of online training, coordinators may request a *PSS* event materials package containing all the materials needed for the event. During FY16, there were 12 events involving 118 licensed establishments; 63 adults and 118 youth applied; approximately 1,500 *PSS* stickers and clings were distributed.

Underage Buyer 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:	
https://www.abc.virginia.gov/enforcement/uab-program/uab-results	
URL for more program information:	
https://www.abc.virginia.gov/enforcement/uab-program	

Program Description: The Underage Buyer (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 Virginia 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 percent 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.

College Tour

Program serves specific or general population	Specific population
Number of youth served	56
Number of parents served	No data
Number of caregivers served	86
Program has been evaluated	Yes
Evaluation report is available	No
URL for evaluation report:	Not applicable
URL for more program information:	No data

Program Description: 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 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 FY16 were: (1) Norfolk State University on April 2, 2016, and (2) - University of Virginia on April 16-17, 2016.

Youth Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Project

Program serves specific or general population	Specific population
Number of youth served	333
Number of parents served	No data
Number of caregivers served	80
Program has been evaluated	Yes
Evaluation report is available	No
URL for evaluation report:	Not applicable
URL for more program information:	

<http://www.yadapp.com/> <https://www.facebook.com/YadappGuy/>

Program Description: The Youth Alcohol and Drug Abuse Prevention Project (YADAPP) is a year-long peer leadership program that begins each summer when high schools and communities throughout Virginia send participants (students and sponsoring adults) to a five-day conference. YADAPP is designed to empower teams of high school students with the resources and motivation to develop year-long projects that promote school safety and the 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 learning objectives are: (1) broaden knowledge of substance use prevention and work as a team to create a substance use prevention plan; (2) learn leadership skills needed to address common issues among youth; and (3) network and build supportive relationships with others from across Virginia. The 32nd Annual YADAPP conference was held at Longwood University from July 18-22, 2016. Seventy-four youth teams representing schools and communities across Virginia participated. The conference consists of a variety of educational and instructional activities for both youth and adult participants. Youth activities are focused towards developing: structured problem solving, action planning (STAN plan), communication, teamwork, and relationships. Activities at the conference included motivational general sessions, educational breakout sessions, experiential learning and team-building, and Strategies To Act Now (STAN) planning. The summer leadership conference uses six different levels of participation and is centered on the experience of youth participants and adult sponsors. The levels, which represent steps towards increasingly-responsible leadership opportunities, support and enrich the conference experience. The conference is a collaborative effort between each participant level which consisted of: 277 youth participants, 80 adult sponsors, 27 youth leaders, 24 junior staff, 5 conference interns, and 10 resource officers. To support STAN Plan implementation and growth, YADAPP provided one Wheeler Award (\$500) and 19 mini-grants (\$250 each).

Being Outstanding Leaders Together (BOLT) Against Drugs and Alcohol

Program serves specific or general population	Specific population
Number of youth served	79
Number of parents served	9
Number of caregivers served	8
Program has been evaluated	Yes
Evaluation report is available	No
URL for evaluation report:	Not applicable
URL for more program information:	
https://www.abc.virginia.gov/education/programs/bolt	

Program Description: Being Outstanding Leaders Together (BOLT) Against Drugs and Alcohol is a series of regional one-day events focused on providing drug and alcohol prevention information for middle school students and their parents. Participants that attend YADAPP are eligible for BOLT partnership grants to prevent underage drinking and promote peer leadership. BOLT learning objectives are:

- Drug and Alcohol Education: Participants will demonstrate knowledge of the effects of drugs and alcohol on the body and brain, and understand legal consequences and the impact on academics.
- Leadership Skills: Participants will understand the importance of peer leaderships and will be able to recognize the abilities of a peer leader.
- Relational and Social Skills: Participants will understand the role that alcohol and drugs play in youth relationships, suicide, and interpersonal violence. Participants will understand the key concepts of social providing and peer pressure.

With prior approval from Virginia ABC, BOLT partners have the latitude to determine how to design and deliver the program that best meets the needs of their region. During FY16, a BOLT event was hosted by Lafayette High School in Williamsburg, Virginia on April 16, 2016.

Miss Virginia School Tour

Program serves specific or general population	Specific population
Number of youth served	19,023
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.abc.virginia.gov/education/programs/miss-va	

Program Description: During FY16, Virginia ABC partnered with Miss Virginia to deliver alcohol, tobacco, and drug prevention messages to approximately 19,023 students in 38 elementary schools throughout Virginia. Miss Virginia shared messages of health and wellness with a special emphasis on showing youth the importance of living alcohol- and drug-free. The content of these messages included, but was not limited to, the following topics: (1) alcohol is illegal for anyone under 21, (2) healthy friendships and relationships, and (3) tell a trusted adult if anyone offers tobacco, alcohol, or other drugs. Miss Virginia also shared the agency's *Health and Safety Activity Booklet* (the elementary school guide from our Publication Series) with age-appropriate exercises that promote health and safety messages. The booklet includes an introductory letter that encourages parents and caregivers to talk to children about the dangers of alcohol use and ways to refuse alcohol (or other substances).

Publication Series

Program serves specific or general population	General population
Number of youth served	Not applicable
Number of parents served	Not applicable
Number of caregivers served	Not applicable
Program has been evaluated	Yes
Evaluation report is available	No

URL for evaluation report: Not applicable
 URL for more program information:
<https://www.abc.virginia.gov/education/publications>

Program Description: At the end of FY16, the Education and Prevention Section launched a Publication Series consisting of guides designed for the general population and alcohol licensees and cover alcohol laws, facts, and safety risks. There are specific, age-appropriate publications for elementary, middle, high school and college students and a publication for parents. Additionally, the *Responsibility Guide for Licensees* also includes information about preventing underage drinking.

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

State collaborates with federally recognized tribal governments in the prevention of underage drinking No

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): Substance Abuse and Mental Health Services Administration Yes

Agency(ies) within your state: No

Nongovernmental agency(ies): No

Other: No

Best practice standards description: The Virginia Office for Substance Abuse Prevention Collaborative (including 12 participating agencies) promotes SAMHSA's Strategic Prevention Framework as the model for all prevention programming.

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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Department of Alcoholic Beverage Control

Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Services

Department of Health

Virginia Foundation for Healthy Youth

Department of Education

Department of Social Services

Department of Motor Vehicles

Department of Criminal Justice Services

Virginia State Police

Virginia National Guard

Department of Juvenile Justice

Department of Fire Programs

<i>A website or other public source exists to describe committee activities</i>	Yes
URL or other means of access: https://www.abc.virginia.gov/education/programs/vosap	

Underage Drinking Reports

<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	

Additional Clarification

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	\$98,000
Estimate based on the 12 months ending	06/30/2016
<i>K–12 school-based programs to prevent underage drinking:</i>	
Estimate of state funds expended	\$180,000
Estimate based on the 12 months ending	06/30/2016
<i>Programs targeted to institutes of higher learning:</i>	
Estimate of state funds expended	\$26,000
Estimate based on the 12 months ending	06/30/2016
<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: No data	
Estimate of state funds expended:	No data
Estimate based on the 12 months ending:	No data

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	No
<i>Description of funding streams and how they are used:</i>	
Not applicable	

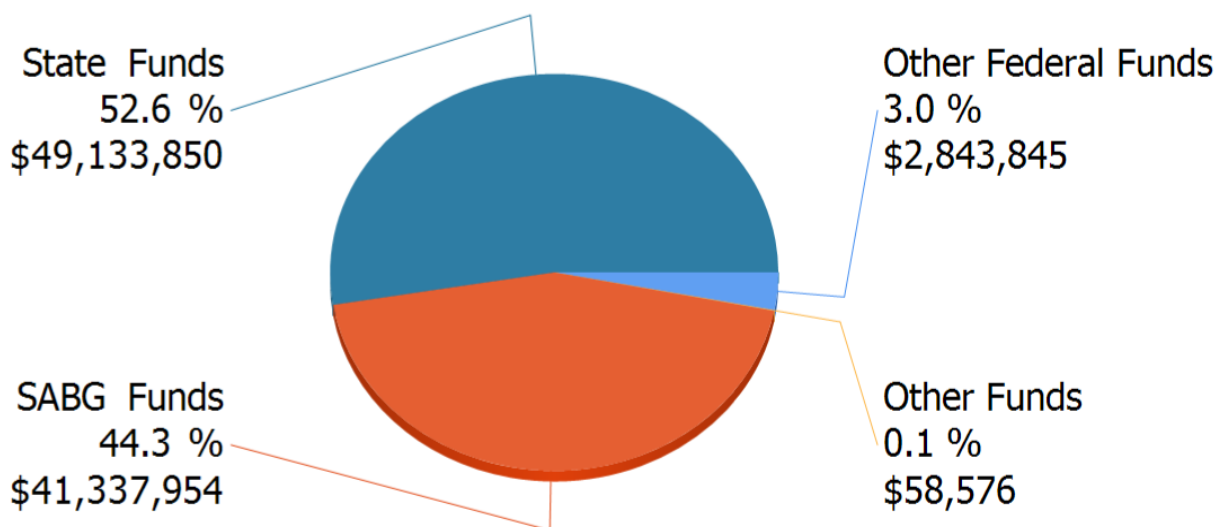
Additional Clarification

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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 Virginia used for expenditures on substance abuse prevention and treatment in 2017. As indicated, state funds and SABG funds account for the largest sources (52.6 percent and 44.3 percent respectively).³⁹

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, Virginia did not specifically identify underage drinking as a prevention priority for use of SABG funds.⁴⁰

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



³⁹ WebBGAS State Profile, 2017 SABG and MHBG Reports– Virginia 2017

⁴⁰ FY 2018/2019 – (Virginia) 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