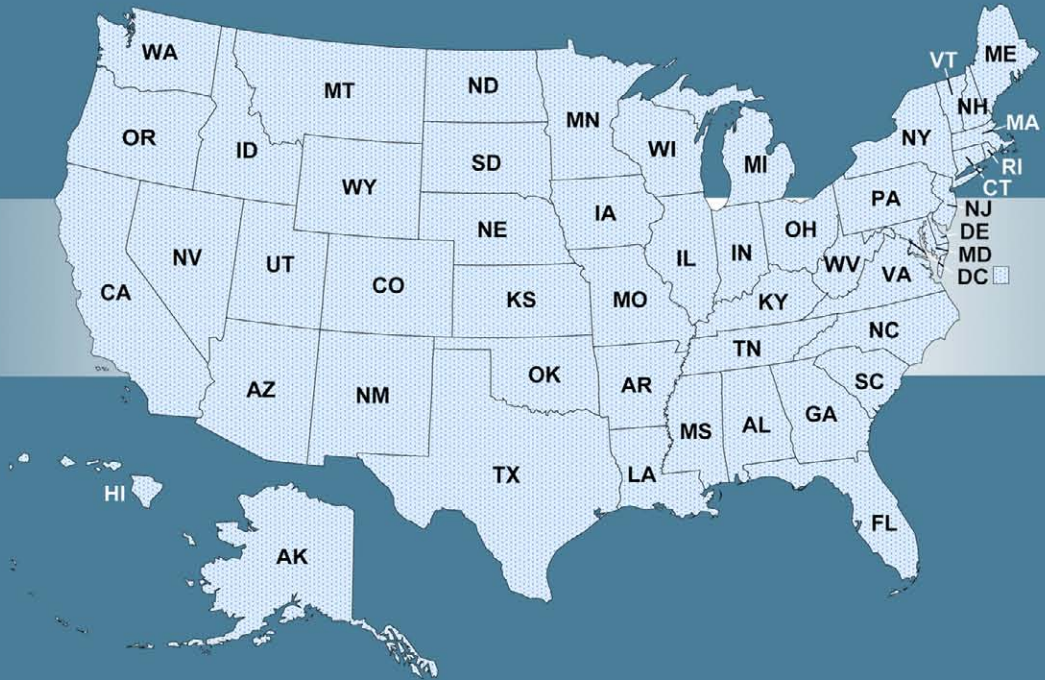


WASHINGTON STATE REPORT

Underage Drinking Prevention and Enforcement

2018



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

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

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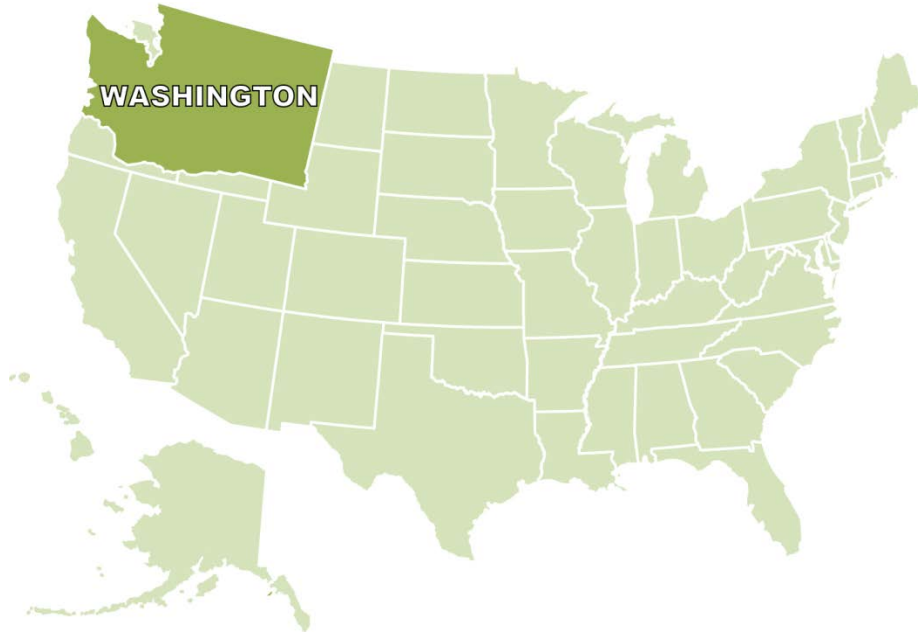
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Washington

State Population: 7,288,000

Population Ages 12–20: 836,000

Past-Month Alcohol Use Among 12- to 20-Year-Olds	
Ages 12–20*	
Past-Month Alcohol Use – Number (Percentage)	168,000 (20.1%)
Ages 12–14	
Past-Month Alcohol Use – Number (Percentage)	5,000 (1.8%)
Ages 15–17	
Past-Month Alcohol Use – Number (Percentage)	42,000 (16.0%)
Ages 18–20	
Past-Month Alcohol Use – Number (Percentage)	121,000 (39.6%)
Alcohol-Attributable Deaths and Years of Potential Life Lost Under the Age of 21	
Alcohol-Attributable Deaths (under 21)	71
Years of Potential Life Lost (under 21)	4,291
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	9
Percentage of All Fatal Crashes Involving 15- to 20-Year-Old Driver	13%

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

Laws Addressing Minors in Possession of Alcohol

Underage Possession	
Is underage possession of alcoholic beverages prohibited?	Yes
Are there exceptions based on family relationships?	
• Is possession allowed if parent or guardian is present or consents?	Yes
• Is possession allowed if spouse is present or consents?	No
Is there an exception based on location?	No

Underage Consumption	
Is underage consumption of alcoholic beverages prohibited?	Yes
Are there exceptions based on family relationships?	
• Is consumption allowed if the parent or guardian is present or consents?	Yes
• Is consumption allowed if the spouse is present or consents?	No
Is there an exception based on location?	No

Underage Internal Possession	
Is underage internal possession of alcoholic beverages prohibited?	No law
Are there exceptions based on family relationships?	
• Is internal possession allowed if the parent or guardian is present or consents?	N/A
• Is internal possession allowed if the spouse is present or consents?	N/A
Is there an exception based on location?	N/A
Note: Washington has a statutory provision that makes it unlawful for a minor to "be in a public place...while exhibiting the effects of having consumed liquor." 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.	

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?	Yes
Is the production of a false ID in the context of underage alcohol sales specifically prohibited?	Yes
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?	No

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
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Is it a specific affirmative defense (retailer reasonably believed ID was valid after examining it)? 	Yes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> 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)	
Is there a "use/lose" law that suspends or revokes a minor's driving privileges for alcohol violations?	Yes
What types of violation lead to license suspension or revocation?	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Purchase of alcohol 	Yes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Possession of alcohol 	Yes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Consumption of alcohol 	Yes
The law applies to people under what age?	18
Is suspension or revocation mandatory or discretionary?	Mandatory
What is the length of suspension/revocation?	
Minimum number of days	365
Maximum number of days	365
Note: In Washington, the driving privileges of a juvenile are revoked for 1 year, or until the juvenile reaches age 17, whichever is longer.	

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?	50 (10 of which must be at night)

Intermediate Stage	
What is the minimum age for driving without adult supervision?	16
For night driving, when does adult supervision requirement begin?	1 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 6 months, no passengers under age 20 not in the immediate family; after 6 months, no more than three passengers under age 20 not in the immediate family
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?	17

Laws Targeting Alcohol Suppliers

Furnishing Alcohol to Minors	
Is furnishing of alcoholic beverages to minors prohibited?	Yes
Are there exceptions based on family relationships?	
• Is furnishing allowed if the parent or guardian supplies the alcohol?	Yes
• Is furnishing allowed if the spouse supplies the alcohol?	No
Is there an exception based on location?	No
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

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?	18
What is the maximum age a decoy may be to participate in a compliance check?	20
Are there appearance requirements for the decoy?	Yes, must not be deceptively mature in appearance, shall not use a disguise or alter their appearance to look older
Does decoy carry ID during compliance check?	Discretionary
May decoy verbally exaggerate his or her actual age?	Permitted
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?	2 years
What is the penalty for the first offense?	5-day suspension or \$500 fine
What is the penalty for the second offense?	7-day suspension
What is the penalty for the third offense?	30-day suspension
What is the penalty for the fourth offense?	Cancellation of license
Note: List of mitigating and aggravating circumstances provided.	

Responsible Beverage Service (RBS)–Mandatory	
Is there a state law pertaining to Beverage Service Training?	Yes, mandatory
If training is mandatory, who must participate?	Managers, servers/sellers
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)?	Both
Does the RBS law apply to new or existing licensees?	Both

Responsible Beverage Service (RBS)–Voluntary	
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)?	Off-premises
Does the RBS law apply to new or existing licensees?	New

Minimum Ages for Sellers of Alcohol–Off-Premises (i.e., Liquor Stores)	
What is the minimum age requirement for off-premises retail establishments?	
Beer	18
Wine	18
Spirits	18
Does a manager or supervisor have to be present?	Yes

Note: There must be at least two adults 21 or older on duty supervising the sale of spirits at the licensed premises.

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?	
	Yes

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 500 feet if the public elementary or secondary school objects after receiving written notice
Is there a distance requirement for on-premises outlets (i.e., restaurants and bars)?	Yes, within 500 feet if the public elementary or secondary school objects after receiving written notice
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?	No
Note: A state court held that a social host who furnishes alcohol to a minor can be held liable for resulting harms to the minor who was furnished, but is not liable for injuries caused by the minor to third parties.	

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?	Consumption
Property type covered by the law?	Residential/outdoor/other
What level of knowledge by the host is required?	Negligence (host knew or should have known of the party)
Does host's preventive action protect him/her from being held liable?	No
Are there any exceptions for underage guests?	Yes, family members

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

Direct Shipments/Sales	
May alcohol producers ship directly to consumers?	Yes
What alcohol types may be shipped?	Wine, spirits
Must purchaser make mandatory trip to producer before delivery is authorized?	No
Age verification requirements	
Must the producer/shipper verify purchaser's age before sale?	No
Must the common carrier (deliverer) verify age of recipients?	Yes
State approval/permit requirements	
Must the producer/manufacture obtain state license or permit?	Yes
Must the common carrier (deliverer) be approved by a state agency?	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"?	No
Must the label state "Recipient must be 21 years old"?	Yes
Note: Licensed distilleries and craft distilleries may ship spirits in packages labeled as containing liquor and stating that recipient must be 21 or older. Records containing names of purchasers must be kept on licensed premises.	

Keg Registration	
How is a keg defined (in gallons)?	Equal to or more than 4.00
Prohibitions	

Is it illegal to possess an unregistered or unlabeled keg and if so, what is the penalty?	Yes (maximum fine/jail, \$5,000/1 year)
Is it illegal to destroy the label on a keg, and if so, what is the penalty?	Yes (maximum fine/jail, \$5,000/1 year)
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 law
Does law cover disposable kegs?	No
Note: Under a special endorsement from the liquor control board, a grocery store licensee may sell malt liquor in containers no larger than 5½ gallons. Research revealed no similar container size restriction imposed on other licensees.	

Home Delivery	
Is home delivery of alcohol permitted?	
Beer	Yes
Wine	Yes
Spirits	Yes
Note: To sell via the internet, a new license applicant must request internet sales privileges. Existing licensees must notify the board.	

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	\$0.76
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
<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	\$0.87
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	\$14.25
Ad valorem excise tax (for on-premises sales) on total receipts for 40% alcohol spirits	
Wholesale tax rate (if applicable)	23.70%
Retail tax rate (if applicable)	17.00%
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) 	17.00%
Ad valorem excise tax (for off-premises sales) on total receipts for 40% alcohol spirits	
Wholesale tax rate (if applicable)	10.00%
Retail tax rate (if applicable)	37.50%
If retail tax rate applies, is there an exemption from general sales tax?	Yes
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • General sales tax rate 	6.50%
<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) 	31.00%
Additional taxes for 15–50% alcohol spirits if applicable	
Note: The \$14.25 per gallon specific excise tax rate listed above is for off-premises sales of spirits. Washington imposes a specific excise tax of \$9.23 per gallon for on-premises sales of spirits.	

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)	No
Unlimited beverages for fixed price	No
Increased volume without increase in price	No

Wholesaler Pricing Restrictions	
Beer	
Are volume discounts to retailers allowed?	Banned
Must wholesalers establish a minimum markup or maximum discount for each product sold to retailers?	Yes
Must wholesalers publicly post and hold (i.e., not reduce) prices for a set time period?	Post
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?	Yes
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

Washington State Survey Responses

State Agency Information

Agency with primary responsibility for enforcing underage drinking laws:

Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board (WSLCB)

Enforcement Strategies

State law enforcement agencies use:

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

Local law enforcement agencies use:

Cops in Shops	No
Shoulder Tap Operations	No
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 Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board

Such laws are also enforced by local law enforcement agencies Don't know

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 15,575

Number of licensees checked for compliance by state agencies (including random checks) 3,245

Number of licensees that failed state compliance checks 558

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 No

Number of licensees subject to **random** state compliance checks/decoy operations Not applicable

Number of licensees that failed **random** state compliance checks Not applicable

Local agencies conduct underage compliance checks/decoy operations to determine if alcohol retailers are complying with laws prohibiting sales to minors Yes

Data are collected on these activities No

Number of licensees checked for compliance by local agencies Not applicable

Number of licensees that failed local compliance checks Not applicable

Numbers pertain to the 12 months ending Not applicable

Sanctions

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

Number of fines imposed by the state⁴ 391

Total amount in fines across all licensees \$201,990

Smallest fine imposed \$300

Largest fine imposed \$2,700

Numbers pertain to the 12 months ending	06/30/2017
<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	48
Total days of suspensions across all licensees	379
Shortest period of suspension imposed (in days)	3
Longest period of suspension imposed (in days)	30
Numbers pertain to the 12 months ending	06/30/2017
<i>State collects data on license revocations imposed on retail establishments specifically for furnishing minors</i>	Yes
Number of license revocations imposed ⁶	0
Numbers pertain to the 12 months ending	06/30/2017

Additional Clarification

No data

¹ Or having consumed or purchased per state statutes.

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

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

⁴ Does not include fines imposed by local agencies.

⁵ Does not include suspensions imposed by local agencies.

⁶ Does not include revocations imposed by local agencies.

Underage Drinking Prevention Programs Operated or Funded by the State

WA Healthy Youth Coalition

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: www.starttalkingnow.org	

Program Description: The WA Healthy Youth Coalition, a multi-agency, multi-partner group, provides cross-system coordination and leverages resources in support of underage drinking and marijuana abuse prevention efforts. Co-led by the state alcohol and drug agency (Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery) and the state's Liquor and Cannabis Board, the coalition also initiates and provides comments on communication efforts regarding underage drinking and policy initiatives.

College Coalition for Substance Abuse Prevention

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: https://ccsap.wsu.edu/	

Program Description: The College Coalition for Substance Abuse Prevention provides training and professional development support to college counseling and student affairs offices regarding alcohol and other drug use among college students in the State. The Coalition's annual one-day conference features presentations on national and international research about alcohol and other drugs. Topics have included brain development and the impact of substances on college athletics.

Start Talking Now Website

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: www.starttalkingnow.org	

Program Description: The Start Talking Now website is WA's main vehicle for distributing news and materials regarding underage drinking to individuals and groups. The site features information about current trends in Washington State as well as information about biophysical impacts of substance use on youth, guidance for parents for talking about substance use, and many free materials that may be downloaded for use.

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 Yes

Description of collaboration: The Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery (DBHR) provides direct funding to WA State's 29 federally recognized tribes to support services that prevent or treat substance abuse problems. Most of the tribes use these funds to support prevention efforts, including those that focus on underage drinking.

State has programs to measure and/or reduce youth exposure to alcohol advertising and marketing Yes

Description of program: Funds are used to support the Start Talking Now website, which distributes information about underage drinking. New information is posted to the site regularly and promoted across multiple networks.

State has adopted or developed best practice standards for underage drinking prevention programs Yes

Agencies/organizations that established best practices standards:

Federal agency(ies): National Registry for Evidence-based Programs and Practices (NREPP) Yes

Agency(ies) within your state: Washington State Institute for Public Policy, Washington State University, University of Washington Yes

Nongovernmental agency(ies): "Scientific Evidence for Developing a Logic Model on Underage Drinking: A Reference Guide for Community Environmental Prevention." Yes

Other: State of Oregon Yes

Best practice standards description: WA State's Evidence-based Workgroup determines evidence-based practices and strategies. Membership includes representatives from the prevention research subcommittee, the Washington State Institute for Public Policy (WSIPP), and academic partners. The Workgroup focuses on building and maintaining up-to-date lists of evidence-based programs and practices. Additionally, the DBHR has a standing Memorandum of Agreement with the SSA in Oregon State to maintain the evidence-based programs and practices list that is posted on the Athena forum. This list is the evidence-based program and practice list that our sub-recipients for primary prevention services are permitted to select from. To determine whether a strategy is evidence-based, the Workgroup consults the National Registry for Evidence-based Programs and Practices (NREPP), Blueprints for Healthy Youth Development, a separate list of programs identified as evidence-based by the State of Oregon, and the "Scientific Evidence for Developing a Logic Model on Underage Drinking: A Reference Guide for Community Environmental Prevention" report.

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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 WA State Patrol
 WA Liquor and Cannabis Board
 WA State Dept of Health
 WA State Office of Superintendent of Public Education
 WA Office of Attorney General
 WA Division of Behavioral Health and Recovery
 Governor's Juvenile Justice Advisory Committee
 WA Dept of Licensing
 WA Association of Prosecuting Attorneys
 College Coalition for Substance Use Prevention
 WA Association of Sheriffs and Police Chiefs
 WA Association of Juvenile Court Administrators
 WA Association of Substance Use and Prevention
 WA Poison Center
 WA State PTA
 WA Association of Prevention Coalitions
 AAA Washington
 Northwest HIDTA
 WA Mothers Against Drunk Driving
 Faith Community
 Concerned Adult/Parents
 Representatives from Treatment Community
 Foundations for Healthy Generations

A website or other public source exists to describe committee activities Yes

URL or other means of access: www.starttalkingnow.org

Underage Drinking Reports

State has prepared a plan for preventing underage drinking in the last 3 years Yes

Prepared by: DBHR

Plan can be accessed via:

<http://theathenaforum.org/sites/default/files/SPE%20Strategic%20Plan%202015%20Update%20FINAL%20for%20Athena.pdf>

State has prepared a report on preventing underage drinking in the last 3 years Yes

Prepared by: DBHR

Plan can be accessed via: <https://www.dshs.wa.gov/sites/default/files/BHSIA/dbh/Research/YAHS-Dec-2016.pdf>

Additional Clarification

No data

State Expenditures for the Prevention of Underage Drinking

Compliance checks in retail outlets:

Estimate of state funds expended	\$284,844
Estimate based on the 12 months ending	06/30/2017

Checkpoints and saturation patrols:

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

Community-based programs to prevent underage drinking:

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

K-12 school-based programs to prevent underage drinking:

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

Programs targeted to institutes of higher learning:

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

Programs that target youth in the juvenile justice system:

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

Programs that target youth in the child welfare system:

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

Other programs:

Programs or strategies included:	Data not available
Estimate of state funds expended:	Data not available
Estimate based on the 12 months ending:	Data not available

Funds Dedicated to Underage Drinking

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

Taxes	No
Fines	No
Fees	No
Other: Not applicable	No

Description of funding streams and how they are used:

Not applicable

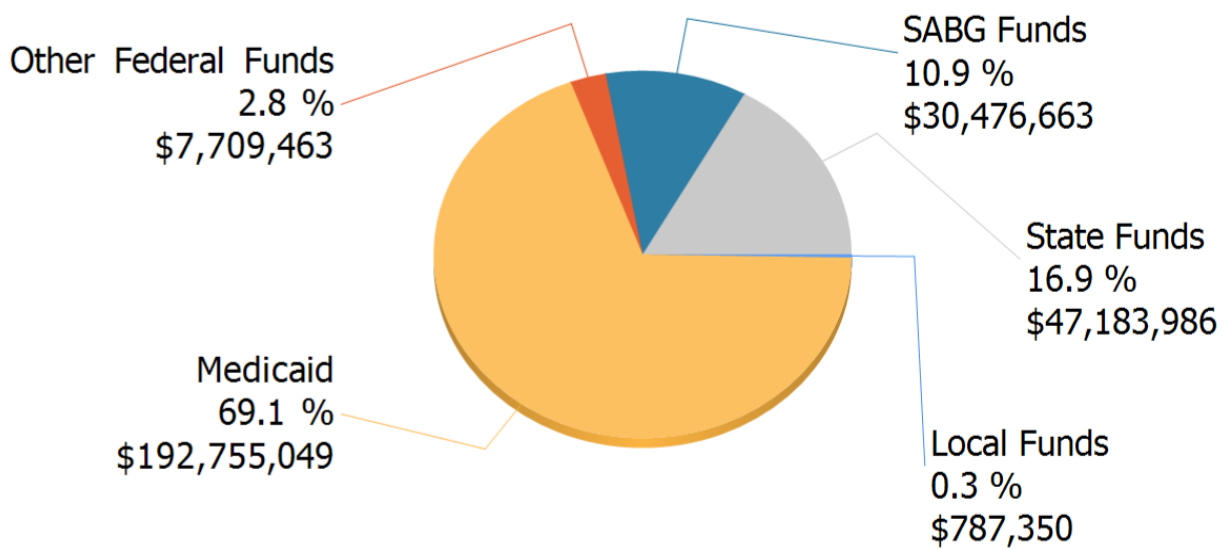
Additional Clarification

The dollar amount for compliance checks is reflective of what the WSLCB spent on underage compliance checks. It does not include money expended on other agencies for this purpose.

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 Washington used for expenditures on substance abuse prevention and treatment in 2017. As indicated, Medicaid funds and state funds account for the largest sources (69.1 percent and 16.9 percent respectively).⁴¹

States submit Behavioral Assessment and Plan reports that include their priorities for use of SABG funds, as well as planned expenditures. For FY 2018-2019, Washington designated reducing underage and young adult substance use and misuse as the number one priority for use of SABG funds.⁴²

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



⁴¹ WebBGAS State Profile, 2017 SABG and MHBG Reports– Washington 2017

⁴² FY 2018/2019 – (Washington) 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