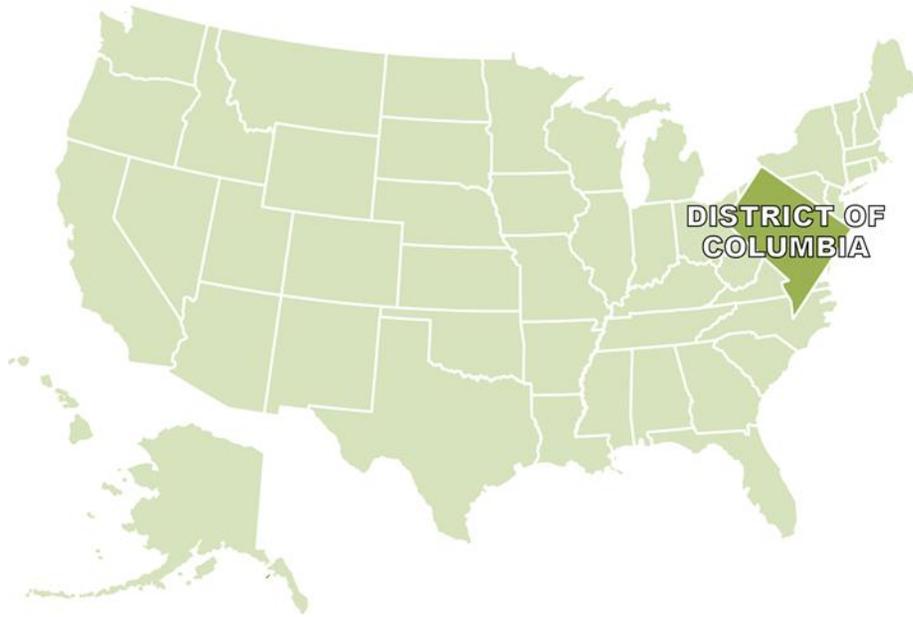


**State Report**

**District of Columbia**

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## District of Columbia

**State Population: 658,893**  
**Population Ages 12–20: 59,000**

	Percentage	Number
<b>Ages 12–20</b>		
Past-Month Alcohol Use	34.0	20,000
Past-Month Binge Alcohol Use	19.0	11,000
<b>Ages 12–14</b>		
Past-Month Alcohol Use	5.9	1,000
Past-Month Binge Alcohol Use	3.2	0
<b>Ages 15–17</b>		
Past-Month Alcohol Use	20.4	3,000
Past-Month Binge Alcohol Use	9.8	2,000
<b>Ages 18–20</b>		
Past-Month Alcohol Use	56.8	16,000
Past-Month Binge Alcohol Use	32.8	9,000
<b>Alcohol-Attributable Deaths (under 21)</b>		17
<b>Years of Potential Life Lost (under 21)</b>		999
	Percentage of All Traffic Fatalities	Number
<b>Traffic Fatalities, 15- to 20-Year-Old Drivers with BAC &gt; 0.01</b>	33	1

## 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?	No
• 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?	No
• 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

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

False Identification for Obtaining Alcohol	
Provisions Targeting Minors	
Is the use of false identification (ID) prohibited?	Yes
Does the use of a false ID result in minor’s driver’s license suspension?	Yes, through a judicial process
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?	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
• 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
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	90
Maximum number of days	90

Graduated Driver’s Licenses	
Learner Stage	
What is the minimum age for permit to drive with parents, guardians or other adults (other than instructors)?	16
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 (must log additional 10 hours of nighttime driving at intermediate stage with driver over 21)
Intermediate Stage	
What is the minimum age for driving without adult supervision?	16 years, 6 months
For night driving, when does adult supervision requirement begin?	11 pm (Sep–June: 11 pm Sun–Thur, 12:01 am Sat–Sun; July–Aug: 12:01 am)
Can law enforcement stop a driver for night-driving violation as a primary offense?	Yes – Officer may stop driver for night-driving violation
Are there restrictions on passengers?	Yes – First 6 months, one licensed driver at least 21, and any parent or sibling. After 6

	months, no more than two passengers under 21 (except parents or siblings)
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?	18

## Laws Targeting Alcohol Suppliers

Furnishing Alcohol to Minors	
Is furnishing of alcoholic beverages to minors prohibited?	Yes
Are there exceptions based on family relationships?	
• Is furnishing allowed if the parent or guardian supplies the alcohol?	No
• 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?	Not specified
What is the maximum age a decoy may be to participate in a compliance check?	Under 21
What are the decoy's appearance requirements?	No
Does decoy carry ID during compliance check?	Not specified
May decoy verbally exaggerate his or her actual age?	Not specified
Is decoy training mandated, recommended, prohibited, or not specified?	Mandated

Penalty Guidelines for Sales to Minors	
Are there written guidelines for penalties imposed on retailers for furnishing to a minor?	Yes
What is the time period for defining second, third, and subsequent offenses?	4 years
What is the penalty for the first offense?	Fine of no less than \$2,000 and no more than \$3,000, and suspend the licensee for 5 consecutive days. The 5-day suspension may be stayed by the Board for 1 year if all employees complete an alcohol training program within 3 months.
What is the penalty for the second offense?	Fine of no less than \$3,000 and no more than \$5,000, and suspend the licensee for 10 consecutive days. The Board may stay up to 6 days of the 10-day suspension for 1 year if all employees complete an alcohol training program within 3 months.

What is the penalty for the third offense?	Fine of no less than \$5,000 and no more than \$10,000, and suspend the licensee for 15 consecutive days, or revoke the license. The Board may stay up to 5 days of the 15-day suspension for 1 year if all employees complete an alcohol training program within 3 months.
What is the penalty for the fourth offense?	Revocation
<p><i>Note:</i> The Board may give warnings for first-time sale-to-minor offenses, excluding "egregious" violations. Egregious is defined as a sale-to-minor violation where the licensee: (1) Sold or served an alcoholic beverage to a minor who was unable to produce a valid ID after a request from the licensee to do so; (2) intentionally sold an alcoholic beverage to a minor; or (3) can be established to have had a pattern of prior alcoholic beverage sales or service to minors.</p>	

Responsible Beverage Service (RBS)	
Is there a state law pertaining to beverage service training?	Yes – Mandatory
If training is mandatory, who must participate?	Managers
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

Minimum Age 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?	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

<b>Alcohol Outlet Siting Near Schools and Universities</b>	
<b>Colleges and Universities</b>	
Is there a distance requirement for off-premises outlets (i.e., liquor stores)?	Yes, within 400 feet but the college or university has authority to override state restrictions
Is there a distance requirement for on-premises outlets (i.e., restaurants and bars)?	Yes, within 400 feet but the college or university has authority to override state restrictions
To which alcohol products does requirement apply?	Beer, wine, spirits
<i>Note: Exceptions are (1) restaurant, hotel, club, caterer's, and temporary licenses; (2) grocery stores with only incidental sale of alcoholic beverages; and (3) when the sale of alcoholic beverages constitutes no more than 15% of the total volume of gross receipts on an annual basis.</i>	
<b>Primary and Secondary Schools</b>	
Is there a distance requirement for off-premises outlets (i.e., liquor stores)?	Yes, within 400 feet
Is there a distance requirement for on-premises outlets (i.e., restaurants and bars)?	Yes, within 400 feet
To which alcohol products does requirement apply?	Beer, wine, spirits
<i>Note: Exceptions are (1) restaurant, hotel, club, caterer's, and temporary licenses; (2) grocery stores with only incidental sale of alcoholic beverages; (3) when the sale of alcoholic beverages constitutes no more than 15% of the total volume of gross receipts on an annual basis; and (4) for restaurants located inside hotels, apartment houses, clubs, or office buildings provided there are no signs or displays, and unless specifically approved and Board of Education has no objection.</i>	

<b>Dram Shop Liability</b>	
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

<b>Social Host Liability</b>	
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

<b>Prohibitions Against Hosting Underage Drinking Parties</b>	
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	Permitted

Direct Shipments/Sales	
May alcohol producers ship directly to consumers?	Yes
What alcohol types may be shipped?	Beer, wine, distilled 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?	No
State approval/permit requirements	
Must the producer/manufacture obtain state license or permit?	No
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”?	No

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?	No
Is it illegal to destroy the label on a keg, and if so, what is the penalty?	No
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
Wine	Yes
Spirits	Yes

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	
<b>Beer</b>	
Control system for beer?	No
Specific excise tax per gallon for 5% alcohol beer	\$0.09
Ad valorem excise tax (for on-premises sales) on total receipts for 5% alcohol beer	
Wholesale tax rate (if applicable)	
Retail tax rate (if applicable)	10%
If retail tax rate applies, is there an exemption from general sales tax?	Yes
• General sales tax rate	5.75%
• Sales tax adjusted retail tax rate (the retail tax minus the general sales tax, where there is an exemption from the general sales tax)	4.25%
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)	10%
If retail tax rate applies, is there an exemption from general sales tax?	Yes
• General sales tax rate	5.75%
• Sales tax adjusted retail tax rate (the retail tax minus the general sales tax, where there is an exemption from the general sales tax)	4.25%
Additional taxes for 3.2–6% alcohol beer (if applicable)	
<b>Wine</b>	
Control system for wine?	No
Specific excise tax per gallon for 12% alcohol wine	\$0.30
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)	10%
If retail tax rate applies, is there an exemption from general sales tax?	Yes
• General sales tax rate	5.75%
• Sales tax adjusted retail tax rate (the retail tax minus the general sales tax, where there is an exemption from the general sales tax)	4.25%
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)	10%
If retail tax rate applies, is there an exemption from general sales tax?	Yes

• General sales tax rate	5.75%
• Sales tax adjusted retail tax rate (the retail tax minus the general sales tax, where there is an exemption from the general sales tax)	4.25%
Additional taxes for 6–14% alcohol wine (if applicable)	
<b>Spirits</b>	
Control system for spirits?	No
Specific excise tax per gallon for 40% alcohol spirits	\$1.50
Ad valorem excise tax (for on-premises sales) on total receipts for 40% alcohol spirits	
Wholesale tax rate (if applicable)	
Retail tax rate (if applicable)	10%
If retail tax rate applies, is there an exemption from general sales tax?	Yes
• General sales tax rate	5.75%
• Sales tax adjusted retail tax rate (the retail tax minus the general sales tax, where there is an exemption from the general sales tax)	4.25%
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)	10%
If retail tax rate applies, is there an exemption from general sales tax?	Yes
• General sales tax rate	5.75%
• Sales tax adjusted retail tax rate (the retail tax minus the general sales tax, where there is an exemption from the general sales tax)	4.25%
Additional taxes for 15–50% alcohol spirits (if applicable)	

<b>Low-Price, High-Volume Drink Specials</b>	
What types of drink specials are prohibited by on-premises retailers?	
Free beverages	No
Multiple servings at one time	Yes
Multiple servings for same price as single serving	No
Reduced price for a specified day or time (i.e., happy hours)	No
Unlimited beverages for fixed price	No
Increased volume without increase in price	No

<b>Wholesaler Pricing Restrictions</b>	
<b>Beer</b>	
Are volume discounts to retailers allowed?	No law
Must wholesalers establish a minimum markup or maximum discount for each product sold to retailers?	No law
Must wholesalers publicly post and hold (i.e., not reduce) prices for a set period of time?	No law
Is wholesaler permitted to extend credit to retailer and if so, what is the maximum time period?	Yes (45 days)
<b>Wine</b>	
Are volume discounts to retailers allowed?	No law
Must wholesalers establish a minimum markup or maximum discount for each product sold to retailers?	No law

Must wholesalers publicly post and hold (i.e., not reduce) prices for a set period of time?	No law
Is wholesaler permitted to extend credit to retailer and if so, what is the maximum time period?	Yes (45 days)
<b>Spirits</b>	
Are volume discounts to retailers allowed?	No law
Must wholesalers establish a minimum markup or maximum discount for each product sold to retailers?	No law
Must wholesalers publicly post and hold (i.e., not reduce) prices for a set period of time?	No law
Is wholesaler permitted to extend credit to retailer and if so, what is the maximum time period?	Yes (45 days)

## District of Columbia State Survey Responses

### State Agency Information

Agency with primary responsibility for enforcing underage drinking laws:

Metropolitan Police Department and the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration

### Enforcement Strategies

State law enforcement agencies use:

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

Local law enforcement agencies use:

Cops in Shops	Yes
Shoulder Tap Operations	No
Party Patrol Operations or Programs	No
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	Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration
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 Yes

Number of minors found in possession by state law enforcement agencies	1,000
Number pertains to the 12 months ending	9/30/2014
Data include arrests/citations issued by local law enforcement agencies	Don't know

State conducts underage compliance checks/decoy operations<sup>2</sup> to determine if alcohol retailers are complying with laws prohibiting sales to minors No

Data are collected on these activities	Not applicable
Number of retail licensees in state <sup>3</sup>	1,800
Number of licensees checked for compliance by state agencies (including random checks)	Not applicable
Number of licensees that failed state compliance checks	Not applicable
Numbers pertain to the 12 months ending	9/30/2014
Compliance checks/decoy operations conducted at on-sale, off-sale, or both retail establishments	On-sale establishments only

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	Yes
Number of licensees checked for compliance by local agencies	959
Number of licensees that failed local compliance checks	188
Numbers pertain to the 12 months ending	9/30/2014

### Sanctions

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

Number of fines imposed by the state <sup>4</sup>	No data
Total amount in fines across all licensees	No data

Smallest fine imposed	\$2,000
Largest fine imposed	\$10,000
Numbers pertain to the 12 months ending	9/30/2014
<i>State collects data on license suspensions imposed on retail establishments specifically for furnishing minors</i>	
Don't know	
Number of suspensions imposed by the state <sup>5</sup>	Not applicable
Total days of suspensions across all licensees	Not applicable
Shortest period of suspension imposed (in days)	Not Applicable
Longest period of suspension imposed (in days)	No Maximum
Numbers pertain to the 12 months ending	9/30/2014
<i>State collects data on license revocations imposed on retail establishments specifically for furnishing minors</i>	
Yes	
Number of license revocations imposed <sup>6</sup>	2
Numbers pertain to the 12 months ending	9/30/2014

**Additional Clarification**

**Underage Alcohol Enforcement/Cops in Shops:**

- Compliance checks enforcement (also known as sale to minor enforcement) is a joint operation with The Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), The Alcohol Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA), and minors (persons under 21 years old) from the National Capital Coalition to Prevent Underage Drinking (NCCPUD). Listed MPD and ABRA members use NCCPUD minors to enter ABC establishments (liquors stores, convenience stores, restaurants, bars, and night clubs) and attempt to purchase alcohol. Minors do not use false identification of any kind and do not misrepresent their true age. If a sale is made, the employee who makes the sale is charged with sale of alcohol to minor and an ABC violation report is also completed and sent to the ABC board for further action against the establishment.
- Cops in shops enforcement is a joint operation of the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD), the Alcohol Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA), and various ABC establishments to combat (1) use of fraudulent identification by underage minors to enter ABC establishments (bars, night clubs, and restaurants) and (2) use of fraudulent identification by underage minors to purchase alcoholic beverages from liquor stores or convenience stores. Once these minors are identified as using fraudulent identification that misrepresents their age, the minor is charged with misrepresentation of age to enter an ABC establishment or misrepresentation of age to purchase alcohol. However, there is no violation for the establishment because the establishment is working with local law enforcement to identify minors attempting to use false identification and preventing these minors from consuming the alcohol. A report is completed to document an ABC incident and a PD 163 is also completed if an arrest is made.
- Conduct spot checks on establishments that sell alcohol and check persons inside establishments who have purchased alcohol to verify that establishments are complying with the law. This is also a joint operation between the Metropolitan Police Department (MPD) and the Alcohol Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA), and locations are selected when complaints have been received for various violations, including underage drinking. Any violations observed by MPD and ABRA are documented on a PD 251 as an ABC violation or incident.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**DC: Double Check 101**

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:	No data

**Program Description:** The DC: Double Check 101 program has the support and partnership of all eight major universities in the District of Columbia, the Metropolitan Police Department, and several other District agencies. DC: Double Check 101 employs a two-prong approach, education and enforcement, to attempt to lower the prevalence of underage drinking among the District youth.

**National Capital Coalition to Prevent Underage Drinking (NCCPUD)**

Program serves specific or general population	Specific population
Number of youth served	28
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:	No data

**Program Description:** NCCPUD, organized in 1997, is a nonprofit 501c(3) organization dedicated to preventing and reducing underage drinking and its related harms in the District of Columbia. NCCPUD is a coalition of community-based organizations, government, and youth, and has been in the vanguard of developing and implementing prevention programs aimed at reducing underage drinking and other ATOD use by youth. NCCPUD’s mission is to organize, educate, and build the capacity of local, public and private organizations, youth, and the community to reduce underage drinking and its related harms. The Coalition aims to do this with the help of teens from various high schools in the District of Columbia. NCCPUD seeks to (1) reduce both the availability and accessibility of alcohol to area youth; (2) reduce alcohol marketing and promotional strategies that target youth; (3) reduce alcohol-impaired driving and support the enforcement of underage drinking laws in the metropolitan area; and (4) develop and implement other promising interventions and policies that reduce drinking and the accessibility of alcohol to youth.

Over the past 10 years, NCCPUD has partnered with the District of Columbia Alcoholic Beverage Regulatory Administration (ABRA) in conducting areawide alcohol compliance operations, educating and training youth on various environmental issues, laws, and regulations that affect alcohol issues in the District. NCCPUD also serves as a community lab agency for youth in the District of Columbia, training youth as peer leaders in the prevention of underage drinking and its related harms.

**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 recognized tribal governments
<i>State has programs to measure and/or reduce youth exposure to alcohol advertising and marketing</i>	No
Description of program:	Not applicable
<i>State has adopted or developed best practice standards for underage drinking prevention programs</i>	Yes

Agencies/organizations that established best practices standards:

Federal agency(ies): SAMHSA/National Institute on Alcohol Abuse and Alcoholism (NIAAA) Yes

Agency(ies) within your state: Department of Behavioral Health Yes

Nongovernmental agency(ies): No

Other: No data No

Best practice standards description: In August 2012, more than 14 DC agencies developed a Five Year Substance Use Prevention Plan that included practices to reduce underage drinking. One approach supported by all participants was the concept of a Prevention Leadership Center (PLC). A concept paper was created in 2014 in collaboration with DC agency collaborators and community prevention leaders. DBH is addressing many of the strategies in the concept paper, including the development of prevention program standards and prevention certification.

#### 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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*Note:* Prevention Partnership Council purpose and representatives are being revised under the new Strategic Prevention Framework Partnership for Success (PFS) Grant. The DCEOW with 12 agency partners and the Evidence-Based Workgroup will continue to be connected to the Council.

*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* Yes

Prepared by: Department of Behavioral Health Addiction Prevention and Recovery Administration had the lead for a Prevention Policy Council, composed of 14 DC agency partners, that developed a Five Year Substance Abuse Prevention Strategic Plan. Underage drinking was a priority area in the plan. Plan can be accessed via: Judith.Donovan@DC.Gov

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

Prepared by: Department of Behavioral Health

Plan can be accessed via: STOP Act Survey Report was shared with other DC and ward representatives

#### Additional Clarification

Description of collaboration: The District of Columbia (DC) Department of Behavioral Health (DBH) is a new agency that merged the former Addiction Prevention and Recovery Administration/ Department of Health (DOH) with the Department of Mental Health. DBH has invested in a sustainable infrastructure and prevention system that supports collaborations and best practices to reduce underage drinking. This includes four DC Prevention Centers (DCPC) that provide access to universal, selective, and indicated best practices across all eight wards. Each Center serves two wards each to strengthen community capacity, address needed community and system changes, reduce risk factors, increase protective factors, and achieve outcomes for youth, families, and the community at large. Center functions are community education, community leadership development, and community changes. In 2015, the Centers will continue to expand their reach through more than 53 Community Prevention Networks that develop data-driven action plans for prevention. More than 35 DC youth were trained in a national Strategic Prevention Framework best practice model and will implement community level action plans to prevent underage drinking in their wards.

DBH funds the DC Epidemiological Outcomes Workgroup (DCEOW) that involves 12 District agency partners and produces district and ward data reports on underage drinking including alcohol consumption, consequences, risk

and protective factors and demographics. The DCEOW has enhanced "Community Conversation" protocols and a guidance document for collecting information through town hall meetings, focus groups, and group discussions. In addition, DBH supports DC's 2015 Youth Risk Behavior Survey that expands the size of the random sample and produces data for prevention planning and evaluation.

Strategic Prevention Framework State Incentive Grant (SPF SIG) funds are supporting an adaptation of the federal campaign "Talk. They Hear You" to urban areas with culturally diverse populations. The June 2015 launch included educational resources such as brochures, posters, palm cards; underage drinking campaign/website/social media/digital engagement; print media; radio ads; earned media; bus cards; Metro ads; and targeted print ads. The DCPC will collaborate with identified community leaders in their wards, disseminate campaign materials and serve as the catalyst for community action.

DBH has been awarded a new, 5-year, \$10 million SAMHSA Strategic Prevention Framework Partnership for Success (PFS) grant targeting prevention of underage drinking and marijuana use among youth. DBH will support a Prevention Partnership Council, continuation of the DC EOW, and an evidence-based workgroup. In 2015, the grant supports a PFS Coordinator in each of the DC Prevention Centers and eight high-need community centers. Requests for Applications require a robust network of community partners and collaborations, data-driven planning, and the use of evidence-based preventive interventions. All eight wards have been deemed high need. New ward Prevention Partnership Councils are being developed to support policy planning through the DBH Prevention Partnership Council composed of state agency partners.

DBH is continuing the use of technology to increase collaborations and best practices to reduce underage drinking. This includes a new online DC Information Resource System (DIRS) with modules that track emerging trends around underage drinking and other drug use through local social media activity. DBH will also continue enhancement of a new prevention website, DRUGFREEYOUTHDC.COM, and social media capacity (e.g., Facebook Instagram, Twitter).

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

*Compliance checks in retail outlets:*

Estimate of state funds expended	\$115,000
Estimate based on the 12 months ending	9/30/2014

*Checkpoints and saturation patrols:*

Estimate of state funds expended	\$700,000
Estimate based on the 12 months ending	9/30/2014

*Community-based programs to prevent underage drinking:*

Estimate of state funds expended	\$18,000
Estimate based on the 12 months ending	9/30/2014

*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	\$0
Estimate based on the 12 months ending	9/30/2014

*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

*Description of funding streams and how they are used:* Not applicable

**Additional Clarification**

No data