The Burden of Binge Drinking in Wisconsin

Report Summary



Binge drinking is 5+ drinks per occasion for men and 4+ drinks per occasion for women.²

In Wisconsin, the estimated annual economic cost of binge drinking is \$3.9 billion.



The alcohol tax revenue collected in Wisconsin was \$60.9 million in 2018.³

Binge drinking is responsible for 76% of the excessive alcohol consumption economic cost.4

In the most recent year, excessive alcohol consumption in Wisconsin contributed to:



2,485 alcohol-related deaths⁵



6,151 alcohol-related crashes⁸



79,285 alcohol-related hospitalizations⁶



1,817 juvenile liquor law violations⁹



7,210 persons in an alcohol-related treatment service7



24,651 driving under the influence

^{*}Data are pooled across six years (2013-2018) to produce reliable estimates due to sample size limitations.

^{**}Other includes costs associated with motor vehicle crashes and other consequences.

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Excessive alcohol consumption includes:2

- · Binge drinking
- Heavy drinking (15+ drinks/week for men; 8+ drinks/week for women)
- Any alcohol consumption by youth under 21 or pregnant women

To view the full The Burden of Binge Drinking in Wisconsin report and to find additional information, visit go.wisc.edu/burdenofbingedrinking.

References and Notes

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