

ALCOHOL OUTLET DENSITY



An **alcohol outlet** is a place where alcohol may be legally sold for the buyer to drink there (on-premises outlets, such as bars or restaurants) or elsewhere (off-premises outlets, such as liquor stores).



Density refers to the number of alcohol outlets in a given area.

- CDC The Community Guide

EXCESSIVE ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION

Individuals living in areas with high concentrations of liquor stores and low concentrations of other retail markers are

46% more likely to binge drink.



- Shimotsu S, Jones-Webb R; Drug Alcohol Depend. 2013;132(3):449-456

A **LARGE NUMBER** of New Mexico counties are at least

**100%
OR MORE**

OVER THE LIQUOR LICENSE QUOTA per every 2,000 population.

- www.rld.state.nm.us/alcoholandgaming/

College students **LIVING CLOSER TO ALCOHOL OUTLETS** are **MORE LIKELY TO DRINK**

compared with students who live farther from alcohol outlets.



- Tanumihardjo J et al. WMJ. 2015;114(4):143-147.

MORE LIQUOR LICENSES EQUALS AN INCREASE IN ALCOHOL OUTLET DENSITY



Regulation of alcohol outlet density is a **RECOMMENDED** strategy at preventing excessive alcohol consumption.

- Guide to Community Preventative Services



GREATER ALCOHOL DENSITY IS ASSOCIATED WITH...

- Increased risk of sexually transmitted diseases
- Injury
- Increased exposure to many forms of violence¹

NEIGHBORHOOD OUTCOMES

- Increased rates of child abuse
- Increased rates of child neglect²

1. Theall KP, et al. Alcohol. 2009;44(5):491-499.
2. Morton C, et al. Child Abuse Negl. 2014;38(5):952-961.

WHY CARE ABOUT ALCOHOL OUTLET DENSITY?

MENTAL HEALTH

New Mexico counties with the greatest number of alcohol outlets per 1000 population have

50% HIGHER

ALCOHOL-RELATED SUICIDE RATES

compared to counties with the fewest alcohol outlets per 1000 population.



- Escobedo L, Ortiz M. *Accid Anal Prev.* 2002;34(5):689-694.

INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE

A one unit increase in the number of off-premise alcohol outlets is associated with a

4% INCREASE

in police calls related to intimate partner violence and a

3% INCREASE

in crime reports related to intimate partner violence.



Cunradi C, et. al. *J Urban Heal.* 2011;88(2):191-200.

MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

New Mexico counties with the greatest number of alcohol outlets per 1000 population have

50% HIGHER

ALCOHOL-RELATED CRASH RATES

compared with counties with the lowest number of alcohol outlets per 1000 population.



These counties also have **TWICE** the alcohol-related **CRASH FATALITY** rate.

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UNDERAGE DRINKING

Adolescents living in environments with greater alcohol outlet density are **MORE LIKELY TO DRINK FREQUENTLY** compared to adolescents living in environments with less alcohol outlet density.



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PREVENTION STRATEGIES

INCREASE LOCAL CONTROL OVER ALCOHOL OUTLET DENSITY

- Zoning regulations prevent alcohol-related harm by **REDUCING** the number of establishments permitted to sell alcohol.
- Collaborating with an alcohol epidemiologist **IMPROVES** research methods needed for addressing alcohol outlet density concerns.

For more, please see:

CADCA & CAMY: *Strategizer 55* and *The Community Guide* <http://www.thecommunityguide.org/alcohol/outletdensity.html>



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