

# Argyll & Bute Alcohol Profile

There are **602 places to buy alcohol** in Argyll & Bute:

**451 on-sales premises**  
(pubs and restaurants)

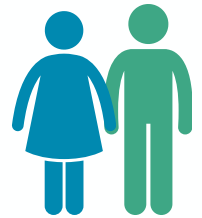


**151 off-sales premises**  
(supermarkets and shops)

*Scottish Liquor Licensing Statistics 2021-22.*

In Argyll & Bute, **25% of people** drink above the Chief Medical Officers' low-risk guidelines.

This includes **16% of women** and **34% of men**.



This compares to **23% of people** in Scotland who drink above the guidelines.

*Scottish Health Survey.*



Parental drinking was a concern identified for **14% of children** on the child protection register in Argyll & Bute.

*Children's Social Work Statistics 2021-22.*

**44% of 13-year-olds** and **78% of 15-year-olds** in Argyll & Bute have drunk alcohol.

Of those who have ever drunk alcohol, **56% of 13-year-olds** and **74% of 15-year-olds** have been drunk.



*Scottish Schools Adolescent Lifestyle and Substance Use Survey 2018.*

There were **621 alcohol-related hospital admissions** in Argyll & Bute in 2021-22.

*Alcohol related hospital statistics 2021-22.*

The admission rate was higher than for Scotland as a whole.

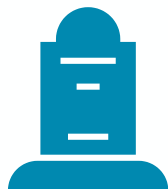
*ScotPho Profiles.*



In Argyll & Bute, **24 people** died because of alcohol in 2022, from conditions solely caused by alcohol.

The death rate was similar to Scotland as a whole.

*Alcohol-specific deaths 2022.*



The **true number** of alcohol deaths is **over 3 times as high** when including conditions such as cancer and cardiovascular diseases.

*NHS Health Scotland.*

Every year, alcohol costs Argyll & Bute **£27.98m** or **£314 per person**.

This includes:

Health service	£4.01m
Social care	£3.45m
Crime	£10.42m
Productive capacity	£10.10m



*The Societal Cost of Alcohol Misuse in Scotland for 2007.*

For full references and methods, visit [www.alcohol-focus-scotland.org.uk/alcohol-information/local-alcohol-profiles](http://www.alcohol-focus-scotland.org.uk/alcohol-information/local-alcohol-profiles)

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