

# Dundee City Alcohol Profile

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There are **437 places to buy alcohol** in Dundee:

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

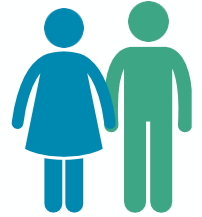


**130 off-sales premises**  
(supermarkets and shops)

*Scottish Liquor Licensing Statistics 2021-22.*

In Dundee, **18% of people** drink above the Chief Medical Officers' low-risk guidelines.

This includes **11% of women** and **26% of men**.



This compares to **20% of people** in Scotland who drink above the guidelines.

*Scottish Health Survey.*



Parental drinking was a concern identified for **7% of children** on the child protection register in Dundee.

*Children's Social Work Statistics 2022-23.*

There were **1089 alcohol-related hospital admissions** in Dundee in **2024-25**.

*Alcohol related hospital statistics 2024-25.*

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

*Alcohol related hospital statistics 2024-25.*



**46% of S2 and S4 students** in Dundee drink alcohol.

**20% of S2 and S4 students** in Dundee drink alcohol at least once a month.



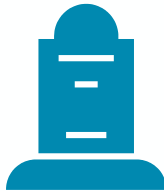
*Health and Wellbeing Census Scotland 2021- 2022.*

In Dundee, **35 people** died because of alcohol in **2024**, from conditions solely caused by alcohol.

*Alcohol-specific deaths 2024 (NRS, 2025).*

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

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

*Public Health Scotland.*

Every year, alcohol costs Dundee **£71.05m** or **£492 per person**.

This includes:

Health Service	£10.58m
Social Care	£10.24m
Crime	£27.25m
Productive Capacity	£22.99m



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

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

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