

Falkirk

Alcohol Profile

March 2026

There are **339 places to buy alcohol in Falkirk:**

199 on-sales premises
(pubs and restaurants)

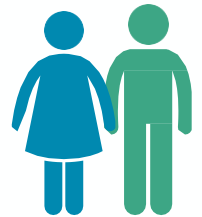


140 off-sales premises
(supermarkets and shops)

Scottish Liquor Licensing Statistics 2021-22.

In Falkirk, **22% of people** drink above the Chief Medical Officers' low-risk guidelines.

This includes **18% of women** and **28% 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 **35% of children** on the child protection register in Falkirk.

Children's Social Work Statistics 2022-23.

45% of S2 and S4 students in Falkirk drink alcohol.

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

Health and Wellbeing Census Scotland 2021- 2022.



There were **759 alcohol-related hospital admissions** in Falkirk in 2024-25.

Alcohol related hospital statistics 2024-25.

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

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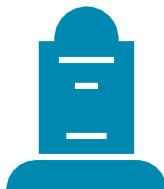


In Falkirk, **36 people** died because of alcohol in 2024, from conditions solely caused by alcohol.

Alcohol-specific deaths 2024 (NRS, 2025).

The death rate was lower than 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 Falkirk **£55.80m or £364 per person.**

This includes:

Health Service	£6.40m
Social Care	£7.34m
Crime	£22.55m
Productive Capacity	£19.51m



The Societal Cost of Alcohol Misuse in Scotland for 2007.

For full references and methods, visit www.alcohol-focus-scotland.org.uk/harm-profiles/

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