

# Aberdeen City Alcohol Profile

November 2024

There are **627 places to buy alcohol** in Aberdeen:

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

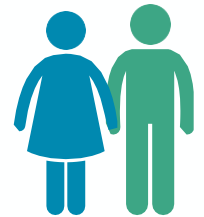


**195 off-sales premises**  
(supermarkets and shops)

*Scottish Liquor Licensing Statistics 2021-22.*

In Aberdeen, **23% of people** drink above the Chief Medical Officers' low-risk guidelines.

This includes **15% of women** and **30% 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 Aberdeen.

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

**33% of 13-year-olds** and **67% of 15-year-olds** in Aberdeen have drunk alcohol.

Of those who have ever drunk alcohol, **50% of 13-year-olds** and **71% of 15-year-olds** have been drunk.



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

There were **1,233 alcohol-related hospital admissions** in Aberdeen in 2021-22.

*Alcohol related hospital statistics 2022-23.*

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

*ScotPho Profiles.*

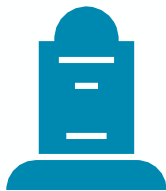


In Aberdeen, **45 people** died because of alcohol in 2023, from conditions solely caused by alcohol.

*Alcohol-specific deaths 2023.*

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 Aberdeen **£120.92m** or **£577 per person**.

This includes:

Health Service	£10.11m
Social Care	£12.19m
Crime	£53.66m
Productive Capacity	£44.96m



*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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