Aberdeenshire Alcohol Profile



November 2024

There are 531 places to buy alcohol in Aberdeenshire:

370 on-sales premises (pubs and restaurants)





161 off-sales premises (supermarkets and shops)

Scottish Liquor Licensing Statistics 2021-22.

In Aberdeenshire, 19% of people drink above the Chief Medical Officers' low-risk guidelines.

This includes 14% of women and 25% of men.

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



Scottish Health Survey.



Parental drinking was a concern identified for 19% of children on the child protection register in Aberdeenshire.

Children's Social Work Statistics 2022-23.

42% of 13-year-olds and 77% of 15-year-olds in Aberdeenshire have drunk alcohol.

Of those who have ever drunk alcohol, 44% of 13-year-olds and 67% of 15-year-olds have been drunk.

Scottish Schools Adolescent Lifestyle and Substance Use Survey 2018.

There were 765 alcohol-related hospital admissions in Aberdeenshire in 2022-23.

Alcohol related hospital statistics 2022-23.

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





In Aberdeenshire, 37 people died because of alcohol in 2023, from conditions solely caused by alcohol.

Alcohol-specific deaths 2023.

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



Alcohol-specific deaths 2023.

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 Aberdeenshire £64.31m or £262 per person.

This includes:

Health Service	£7.28m
Social Care	£9.54m
Crime	£24.60m
Productive Capacity	£22.89m



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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