

# Dumfries & Galloway Alcohol Profile

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There are **610 places to buy alcohol** in Dumfries & Galloway:

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



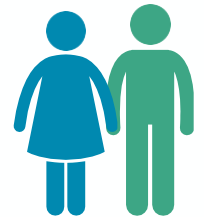
**154 off-sales premises**  
(supermarkets and shops)



*Scottish Liquor Licensing Statistics 2021-22.*

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

This includes **12% of women** and **37% 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 **15% of children** on the child protection register in Dumfries & Galloway.

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

**58% of S2 and S4 students** in Dumfries & Galloway drink alcohol.

**28% of S2 and S4 students** in Dumfries & Galloway drink alcohol at least once a month.



*Health and Wellbeing Census Scotland 2021-2022.*

There were **708 alcohol-related hospital admissions** in Dumfries & Galloway in 2022-23.

*Alcohol related hospital statistics 2022-23.*

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



*ScotPho Profiles.*

In Dumfries & Galloway, **32 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 Dumfries & Galloway **£44.87m** or **£303 per person**.

This includes:

Health Service	£7.33m
Social Care	£7.09m
Crime	£13.92m
Productive Capacity	£16.52m



*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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