

City of Edinburgh Alcohol Profile

November 2024

There are **1,952 places to buy alcohol** in Edinburgh:

1,467 on-sales premises
(pubs and restaurants)

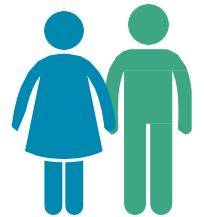


485 off-sales premises
(supermarkets and shops)

Scottish Liquor Licensing Statistics 2021-22.

In Edinburgh, **28% of people** drink above the Chief Medical Officers' low-risk guidelines.

This includes **21% of women** and **36% 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 **19% of children** on the child protection register in Edinburgh.

Children's Social Work Statistics 2022-23.

38% of S2 and S4 students in Edinburgh drink alcohol.

16% of S2 and S4 students in Edinburgh drink alcohol at least once a month.



Health and Wellbeing Census Scotland 2021-2022.

There were **2,040 alcohol-related hospital admissions** in Edinburgh in 2022-23.

Alcohol related hospital statistics 2022-23.

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

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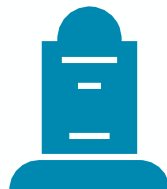


In Edinburgh, **89 people** died because of alcohol in 2023, from conditions solely caused by alcohol.

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 Edinburgh **£221.28m** or **£455 per person**.

This includes:

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| Health Service | £23.36m |
| Social Care | £29.91m |
| Crime | £82.21m |
| Productive Capacity | £85.70m |



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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