ALCOHOL OUTLET DENSITY



An alcohol outlet is a place where alcohol may be legally sold for the buyer to drink there (on-premises outlets, such as bars or restaurants) or elsewhere (off-premises outlets, such as liquor stores).



Density refers to the number of alcohol outlets in a given area.

- CDC The Community Guide

EXCESSIVE ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION

Individuals living in areas with high concentrations of liquor stores and low concentrations of other retail markers are

- Shimotsu S, Jones-Webb R; Drug Alcohol Depend. 2013;132(3):449-456

A LARGE NUMBER of New Mexico counties are at least



OVER THE LIQUOR LICENSE QUOTA

per every 2,000 population.

- www.rld.state.nm.us/alcoholandgaming/

College students LIVING CLOSER TO ALCOHOL OUTLETS are MORE LIKELY TO DRINK

compared with students who live farther from alcohol outlets.



MORE LIQUOR LICENSES EQUALS AN INCREASE IN ALCOHOL OUTLET DENSITY

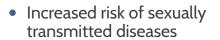


Regulation of alcohol outlet density is a **RECOMMENDED** strategy at preventing excessive alcohol consumption.

- Guide to Community Preventative Services

- Tanumihardjo J et al. WMJ. 2015;114(4):143-147.





- Injury
- Increased exposure to many forms of violence¹

NEIGHBORHOOD OUTCOMES

- Increased rates of child abuse
- Increased rates of child neglect²



2. Morton C, et al. Child Abuse Negl. 2014;38(5):952-961.



WHY CARE ABOUT ALCOHOL OUTLET DENSITY?

MENTAL HEALTH

New Mexico counties with the greatest number of alcohol outlets per 1000 population have



50% HIGHER

ALCOHOL-RELATED SUICIDE RATES

compared to counties with the fewest alcohol outlets per 1000 population.

- Escobedo L, Ortiz M. Accid Anal Prev. 2002;34(5):689-694.

MOTOR VEHICLE ACCIDENTS

New Mexico counties with the greatest number of alcohol outlets per 1000 population have



50% HIGHER

ALCOHOL-RELATED CRASH RATES

compared with counties with the lowest number of alcohol outlets per 1000 population.



These counties also have **TWICE** the alcohol-related **CRASH FATALITY** rate.

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INTIMATE PARTNER VIOLENCE

A one unit increase in the number of off-premise alcohol outlets is associated with a



4% INCREASE

in police calls related to intimate partner violence and a 300 INCREASE

in crime reports related to intimate partner violence.

Cunradi C, et. al. J Urban Heal. 2011;88(2):191-200.

UNDERAGE DRINKING

Adolescents living in environments with greater alcohol outlet density are MORE LIKELY TO DRINK



FREQUENTLY compared to

adolescents living in environments with less alcohol outlet density.

Cunradi C, et. al. J Urban Heal. 2011;88(2):191-200

PREVENTION STRATEGIES

INCREASE LOCAL CONTROL OVER ALCOHOL OUTLET DENSITY

- Zoning regulations prevent alcohol-related harm by REDUCING the number of establishments permitted to sell alcohol.
- Collaborating with an alcohol epidemiologist IMPROVES research methods needed for addressing alcohol outlet density concerns.

