

2010 Figures

Alcohol Related Costs Compared to Revenue from Sales

Alcohol related costs (U.S.)	\$ 249,000,000,000
Divided by the Population of the United States	309,300,000
Equal the Alcohol-Related Costs Per Person in (U.S.)	\$ 805.04
Multiplied by the Population of the State of Alabama	4,785,000
Equal the Alcohol-Related Costs for Alabama	\$ 3,852,116,400
Divided by the Alcohol Tax Revenue – State of Alabama	\$ 200,402,649.00
Equal the Cost Per Dollar Received in Tax Revenue	\$ 19.22

Sources:

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2. Alabama ABC Board
3. United States Census Bureau

Center for Disease Control and Prevention (CDP) says:

Alcohol is the most commonly used and abused drug among youth in the United States.¹

Excessive drinking is responsible for more than 4,300 deaths among underage youth each year, and cost the U.S. \$24 billion in economic costs in 2010.^{2,3}

Although drinking by persons under the age of 21 is illegal, people aged 12 to 20 years drink 11% of all alcohol consumed in the United States.⁴ More than 90% of this alcohol is consumed in the form of binge drinks.⁴ On average, underage drinkers consume more drinks per drinking occasion than adult drinkers.⁵

In 2010, there were approximately 189,000 emergency rooms visits by persons under age 21 for injuries and other conditions linked to alcohol.⁶

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