

ALCOHOL ENVIRONMENT: PRODUCT AVAILABILITY



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The first step in understanding the alcohol retail landscape is to assess what types of stores are selling alcohol in your community and what types of alcohol they are selling. Limiting the availability of alcohol can help limit excessive drinking.[1]

TYPES OF RETAILERS



65%
Convenience



8%
Drug or
pharmacy



0%
Beer, wine or
liquor store



20%
Grocery



8%
Mass
Merchandiser



0%
Tobacco
shop



0%
Hookah
lounge

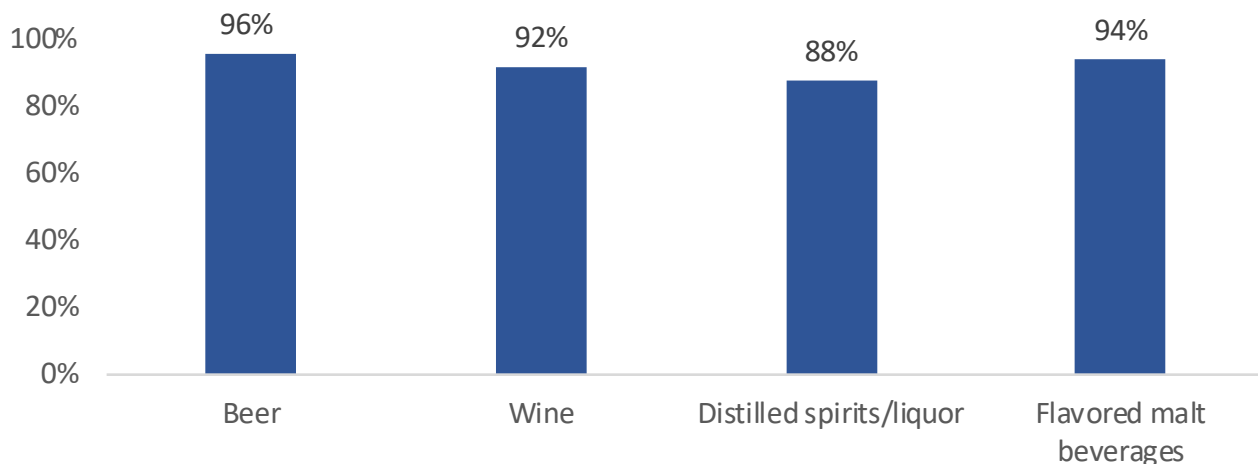


0%
Vape
shop



0%
Other

PRODUCTS SOLD



ALCOHOL ENVIRONMENT: YOUTH APPEAL



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Prominent alcohol advertising and placement in stores can increase alcohol sales.[2] When youth are exposed to greater amounts of alcohol advertising, including product marketing and displays, youth drinking increases.[3][4] Alcohol sold in single-serving sizes are often available at price points more accessible to youth.

SIZES



94%

of retailers sold
single-serving or
mini's of alcohol
beverages



Single-serving or mini's are defined as single bottles or cans that are smaller in size.

PLACEMENT

92%

of retailers displayed or advertised alcohol within
3 feet or less of the floor (kids-eye-level)

71%

of retailers had non-alcohol beverages
(soda, water or fruit juices) placed in the
same or adjacent cooler as alcohol
beverages

DATA ANALYSIS AND VISUAL NOTES: ALCOHOL

METHODOLOGY:

Data analysis and infographic creation was completed by Counter Tools.

Data collected across a 3-year time span (2017-2019) is represented in this infographic. This data for 2017-2019 has been combined/aggregated.

Pairwise deletion methodology (i.e., assessed available store data rather than only complete store data) was utilized; therefore, the total number of assessments summarized for each assessment item may vary depending on the amount of data that was available (or missing) for the particular assessment item.

PRODUCT DESCRIPTIONS:

- Flavored malt beverages include: hard soda, hard tea, hard lemonade, and pre-mixed cocktails (such as Four Loko, Joose or Lime-a-Rita).
- Distilled spirits include: whiskey (Scotch, Canadian, Bourbon), vodka, rum, brandy, tequila, gin.

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