

Infographic for Immediate Release

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Underage Drinking Citations in Pennsylvania Declining

HARRISBURG— Underage drinking citations statewide have decreased by **45 percent** between 2012 and 2016. In Pennsylvania an underage drinking citation is issued to anyone under the age of 21 who is caught consuming, transporting, purchasing or attempting to purchase any alcoholic beverage. These numbers *do not include driving under the influence offenses*.

Data is based on the following state law: Title 18, section 6308 A. The infographic below highlights key data and demographics about underage drinking in Pennsylvania. Or [download a high-resolution file](#) of the graphic.

County-specific data is available at the end of the news release.



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Editor's Note:

County-specific underage drinking data

Title 18 Section 6308 A (Purch Etc Alcoh Bev By A Minor) offenses filed from 1/1/2012 through 12/31/2016, as recorded in the Magisterial District Judge System (MDJS) and Common Pleas Case Management System (CPCMS) for Philadelphia Municipal Court.

County	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	Total	Percentage of Overall
Adams	273	251	216	145	133	1,018	1.02%
Allegheny	2,738	2,404	2,041	1,720	1,567	10,470	10.48%
Armstrong	89	83	106	67	72	417	0.42%
Beaver	236	171	120	166	130	823	0.82%
Bedford	42	76	34	28	15	195	0.20%
Berks	654	641	667	440	418	2,820	2.82%
Blair	434	352	370	241	335	1,732	1.73%
Bradford	69	108	55	60	89	381	0.38%
Bucks	1,034	735	646	491	367	3,273	3.28%
Butler	391	341	370	361	370	1,833	1.83%
Cambria	223	255	169	150	81	878	0.88%
Cameron	3	6	2	1	4	16	0.02%
Carbon	84	54	102	33	35	308	0.31%
Centre	1,597	1,388	1,502	1,285	1,305	7,077	7.08%
Chester	1,425	1,271	1,365	1,025	934	6,020	6.03%
Clarion	198	111	116	111	83	619	0.62%
Clearfield	86	77	58	66	65	352	0.35%
Clinton	185	124	97	124	101	631	0.63%
Columbia	718	561	465	497	479	2,720	2.72%
Crawford	179	121	129	104	90	623	0.62%
Cumberland	778	800	533	480	479	3,070	3.07%
Dauphin	541	496	354	338	347	2,076	2.08%

Delaware	1,601	1,338	1,185	856	654	5,634	5.64%
Elk	89	44	39	22	26	220	0.22%
Erie	748	626	462	336	314	2,486	2.49%
Fayette	126	118	129	108	78	559	0.56%
Forest	8	5	4	3	3	23	0.02%
Franklin	190	154	126	116	91	677	0.68%
Fulton	14	10	10	11	15	60	0.06%
Greene	50	22	25	25	19	141	0.14%
Huntingdon	63	63	38	29	32	225	0.23%
Indiana	729	602	648	433	444	2,856	2.86%
Jefferson	82	89	90	39	27	327	0.33%
Juniata	22	20	20	5	11	78	0.08%
Lackawanna	539	310	351	317	266	1,783	1.78%
Lancaster	723	563	442	400	365	2,493	2.50%
Lawrence	153	94	68	69	61	445	0.45%
Lebanon	262	116	120	114	114	726	0.73%
Lehigh	500	347	288	215	193	1,543	1.54%
Luzerne	687	518	470	364	238	2,277	2.28%
Lycoming	315	236	220	172	139	1,082	1.08%
McKean	97	83	80	83	40	383	0.38%
Mercer	205	145	157	80	68	655	0.66%
Mifflin	56	67	55	40	51	269	0.27%
Monroe	414	318	269	248	166	1,415	1.42%
Montgomery	1,573	1,427	1,300	1,023	854	6,177	6.18%
Montour	7	9	22	17	6	61	0.06%
Northampton	767	558	498	353	387	2,563	2.57%
Northumberland	193	128	97	111	71	600	0.60%
Perry	81	47	18	12	9	167	0.17%
Philadelphia	758	1,322	988	674	533	4,275	4.28%
Pike	98	35	96	67	17	313	0.31%
Potter	26	13	20	29	28	116	0.12%
Schuylkill	281	236	169	82	67	835	0.84%
Snyder	73	61	47	23	38	242	0.24%
Somerset	92	78	25	30	17	242	0.24%
Sullivan	9	5	0	1	1	16	0.02%
Susquehanna	53	40	32	14	8	147	0.15%
Tioga	81	102	87	85	45	400	0.40%
Union	192	173	131	162	159	817	0.82%
Venango	86	56	30	34	25	231	0.23%
Warren	40	48	48	57	28	221	0.22%
Washington	815	686	779	770	587	3,637	3.64%
Wayne	44	34	43	45	7	173	0.17%

Westmoreland	355	312	355	238	250	1,510	1.51%
Wyoming	25	24	17	33	16	115	0.12%
York	902	758	638	646	406	3,350	3.35%
Grand Total	26,201	22,466	20,253	16,524	14,473	99,917	100.00%