

List of alcohol laws of the United States

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The following table of **alcohol laws of the United States** provides an overview of <u>alcohol-related laws</u> by first level jurisdictions throughout the US. This list is **not** intended to provide a breakdown of such laws by local jurisdiction within a state; see that state's alcohol laws page for more detailed information.

On July 17, 1984, Congress passed the National Minimum Drinking Age Act. The bill would force all states to raise their drinking age from 18, 19, or 20 to 21. States that did not choose to raise their drinking age to 21 would risk losing 8% (10% before 2012) of federal highway funding as a penalty. As of July 1988, all 50 states and the District of Columbia had a minimum purchase age of 21, with some grandfather clauses, and with the exception of Louisiana's complicated legal situation that was not resolved until July 2, 1996. [1][2] Prior to 1988, the minimum purchase age varied by jurisdiction. After Congress passed the National Minimum Drinking Age Act in July 1984, states not in compliance had a portion of their federal highway budget withheld. South Dakota and Wyoming were the final two states to comply, in mid-1988. However, most states continue to allow those under 21 to drink in certain circumstances. Examples are some states like Tennessee and Washington, which allow those under 21 to drink for religious purposes. States including Oregon and New York allow those under 21 to drink on private non-alcohol selling premises.

Unlike on the mainland, the U.S. territories of Puerto Rico and the U.S. Virgin Islands have a minimum purchase and drinking age of 18. The minimum purchase age is 21 in the Northern Mariana Islands, Guam, American Samoa, and US Minor Outlying Islands.



Beer at a <u>Walmart</u> in <u>Kissimmee</u>, <u>Florida</u>. Some states permit alcoholic beverages to be sold at all stores selling groceries while others have more restrictive laws, with laws of many states specifying different restrictions for different categories of alcoholic beverages.

U.S. military reservations are exempt under federal law from state, county, and locally enacted alcohol beverage laws. Class Six stores in a base exchange facility, officers' or NCO clubs, as well as other military commissaries which are located on a military reservation, may sell and serve alcohol beverages at any time during their prescribed hours of operation to authorized patrons. [i]

Individual states remain free to restrict or prohibit the manufacture of beer, mead, hard cider, wine, and other fermented alcoholic beverages at home. [3] Homebrewing beer became legal in all 50 states in 2013 as the governor of Mississippi signed a bill legalizing homebrewing on March 19, 2013 and as the governor of Alabama signed a bill legalizing homebrewing of beer and wine which came into effect on May 9, 2013. [4] The Mississippi bill went into effect July 1, 2013. [5] Most states allow brewing 100 US gallons (380 L) of beer per adult per year and up to a maximum of 200 US gallons (760 L) per household annually when there are two or more adults residing in the household. [6] Because alcohol is taxed by the federal government via excise taxes, homebrewers are prohibited from selling any beer they brew. This similarly applies in most Western countries. In 1979, President Jimmy Carter signed into law a bill allowing home beers, which was at the time not permitted without paying the excise taxes as a holdover from the prohibition of alcoholic beverages (repealed in 1933). [3][7] This change also exempted home brewers from posting a "penal bond" (which is currently \$1000.00).

Production of <u>distilled alcohols</u> is regulated at the National level under USC Title 26 subtitle E Ch51. Numerous requirements must be met to do so and production carries an excise tax. [8] Owning or operating a distillation apparatus without filing the proper paperwork and paying the taxes carries federal criminal penalties.^[9]

In land or property that is being <u>rented or owned</u> by the federal government, state, territory, and federal district alcohol laws do not apply. Instead, only laws made by the federal government apply.

Alabama-Hawaii

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State	Beer	Wine	Distilled spirits	On-premises	Off-premises	Beer	Wine	Distilled spirits	Purchasing	Consumption	Notes
Alabama	Yes			Prohibited between midnight some counties. Private clubs membership fee and a mem time restrictions.		Yes		No	21	21 No exceptions to the law	13.9% ABV cap or Beer containers mexceed 25.4 ounce I) ABV > 14.9% wine state stores Alcohol may be se hours a day unless restricted by local ordinances. Twent Alabama's 67 cournot allow the sale alcohol. However, possession and consumption remains within those 26 co Of the 26 "dry" co. 23 have at least or city; these are con "moist" dry countie Within those 23 co there are 43 wet of State law allows ai with a population of than 1,000 located dry county to "go v referendum is pass 50% of voters. Staretains monopoly of wholesaling of dist spirits only. Distilled spirits are purchasa either state retail liquor known as ABC or privately-owned liquor stores to be open on St. public (feder state) holidays later hours than owned liquor stores than owned liquor stores than owned liquor stores and state of the state of
Alaska	No			8 a.m. – 5 a.m., ^[10] except el may not open until polls clos	ection days (liquor stores e)	grocer separa all forr bevera bars s	though n y stores ate areas of alc ages anc ell packa as well)	have s that sell oholic I many	21	21 Exception: Underage drinking allowed for medical purposes, and on private non- alcohol selling premises with parental consent	Most communities more restrictive law ranging from restri on operating hours on sale and possession. [12] Sellers/servers ma for any reason, giv person alcohol for sell it for less than Sellers/servers ma while on duty, but i intoxicated person remain on the prer so an impaired ser could be arrested.
Arizona	No			6 a.m. – 2 a.m. seven days a holiday restrictions [13]	a week—no election day nor	Yes			21	21 Exception: Underage drinking allowed for religious ^[14] and medical purposes ^[15]	Sales of any type of alcohol are legal a store that has an opermises liquor licincluding but not linconvenience store grocery stores. Basell closed contain alcohol for consum the premises. Drivithrough liquor storallowed. Everclear Alcohol Proof 190 alcohol) is legal. A percentage of the area of Arizona is in

									reservations, many which have liquor I considerably more restrictive than sta up to and including prohibition. "Beer I (all the beer/liquor drink for a set price bars are illegal. Pe 19 years of age or may work in bars a liquor stores servir selling alcohol. Par may not purchase premises consum; more than 40 ounc beer, 1 liter of wine ounces of distilled one time. [16] DUI pare some of the m severe in the natio person convicted c (even first offense) have an interlock i in his car for one y Arizona has an 'Im to the Slightest De law that can convic person even if his less than .08%.
4	Arkansas	No	Sale prohibited Sundays, Mo and 1:00 a.m., or on any oth of 1:00 a.m. and 7:00 a.m. T city or town may fix later clos premises of a hotel or restat be later than two (2) hours a night. [17]	er days between the hours he governing body of any sing hours for the permitted urant which in no event shall	Yes	No	21	21 No exceptions to the law	Has numerous dry counties and other areas, but private a can serve even in areas. Alcohol sales are a prohibited on Sunce exceptions can be through local optio (usually for restaur and private clubs). No sales on Christ Day.
	California	No	6 a.m. – 2 a.m.		Yes		21	21 Exception: A minor will not be penalized for consuming alcohol if discovered or reported through a medical emergency. [18]	Relatively unrestrict beer, wine and liquavailable at grocer convenience store stations, and ware clubs. No statewid holiday restrictions Motor vehicles ent from Mexico may climport 1 liter of alc (duty-free). Sale or distribution of alco beverages higher 1 60% ABV is illegal 23403). [19] You may serve alc you are at least 21 of age. City and county governments can stifferent sale hours 18-, 19- and 20-ye wine and beer prostudents can taste not consume—whare making and studying. [20]
	Colorado	No	7 a.m. – 2 a.m.	Beer, wine, and liquor: 8 a.m. – midnight 3.2 beer: 5 a.m midnight	3.2 Nonly*	o*	21	21 Exception: Underage consumption allowed on private non- alcohol selling premises with parental consent, for religious, medical, and educational purposes. [21]	Spirituous, vinous liquor available in I stores and liquor-li drug stores only. Liquor stores close Christmas Day. Su sales restriction liff July 1, 2008. Liquo and liquor-licensec stores may have o location, while 3.2' may be sold in gas stations, supermar and convenience s Appropriately licen businesses may al 3.2% beer for both off-premises const. A small number of stores are licensec drug stores and se strength beer, wine spirits. As an exarr chain grocery store has pharmacy sen

									most or all location elect a single locat the chain as the lic establishment to so wine, and spirits.
Connecticut	No	9 a.m. – 1 a.m. (Mon.– Thurs.) 9 a.m. – 2 a.m. (Fri.–Sat.) 11 a.m. – 1 a.m. (Sun.)	8 a.m. – 10 p.m. (Mon.– Sat.) 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. (Sun.)	Yes	No		21 Exception: No explicit age if a present legal guardian is 21 or older[22]	21 Exception: Underage consumption is allowed on private non alcohol selling premises with parental consent, for medical and religious puroposes, and on alcohol selling premises with parental consent.[22]	Sunday off-premis allowed as of May 2012. [23] [24] Sunda premises sales sul local ordinances. Beer can purchased grocery/conven stores. Spirits wine can purchased or liquor stores. No off-pralcohol sale: Thanksgiving, Christmas Day New Year's Day Open contains applies only to not passengers
<u>Delaware</u>	No	9 a.m. – 1 a.m.	9 a.m. – 1 a.m. (Mon.– Sat.) noon–8 p.m. (Sun.) Municipalities with a population over 50,000 persons may impose stricter hours of sale by local ordinance.	No			21	21 Exception: A minor will not be penalized for if discovered consuming alcohol through a medical emergency. Underage drinking allowed on private non-alcohol selling premises with parental consent, for religious purposes. [25][26]	For off-premises consumption, alco be purchased only liquor store, taproc brew pub that has premises license. I accompanied by a or guardian over 2 person under 21 rr enter a liquor store taproom for any re even for the intent purchasing only to lottery tickets. No s alcohol by liquor si taprooms are perm during designated including Thanksgi Easter or Christms
District of Columbia	No	8 a.m. – 2 a.m. Sun.–Thu., 8 a.m. – 3 a.m. Fri.– Sat. [28]	Liquor Stores: 9 a.m. – midnight daily* Grocery Stores: 9 a.m12 a.m. daily [28]	Yes		No	21	21 Exception: A minor will not be penalized for if discovered consuming alcohol through a medical emergency. [29][30]	*Liquor stores can applying for licensiopen on Sunday a January 16, 2013. No singles so stores in some may apply fexemption. [32] Certain wards I made dry be decision of the ANC, but as conne are The day be federal or holiday, on-proventialers sell/serve from a.m3 a.m. O Yer's Eve, premises really serve a.m. on January
Florida	No	State law prohibits selling of and 7 a.m., unless the count operating hours later (FS 56 Sunday morning; Ormond B. on Sundays. Miami-Dade Co operate 24 hours a day.	y chooses to change the 2.14(1)) ; such as for each stays open until 7pm	Yes		No	21	21 Exception: 18 for educational purposes ^[33]	Sale, processing, consumption of an or spirit of greater 153 proof is illegal 565.07) No retail sale cin containers than 1 gallo 564.05 Superr

								and other li business establishments sell beer, low-liquors, and Liquor must be dedicated stores which r in a separate p grocery or a store. As of 2015, the res on 64 ounce recontainers, growlers, has lifted and beer sold in quantitic ounces, in add the previously li and 128 ounce
Georgia	No	Hours of sale determined by sales on Christmas Day.	v local jurisdiction. No alcohol	Yes	No	21	21 Exception: Underage drinking allowed on non-alcoholic premises with parental consent, and for religious and medical purposes. [34]	14% ABV cap on the Sunday off-propersales from 12:3 to 11:30 p.m. and only by referendum. [35] In general, on the drunk in Though therestate law prodrinking in most mucorporations political subdolimit the posses open contained alcohol to property, with exceptions Savannah Roswell. A chapublic drunkend only warranted one is drunk ir and his acts are loud or disorder
Hawaii	No	Bars and restaurants stop serving alcohol at 2 a.m., but some hold a special 'cabaret license' that allows them to continue serving alcohol until 4 a.m. ^[36]	6 a.m. to 12 a.m. Within Honolulu County 6 a.m. to 11 p.m. Within Kauai, Maui, and Hawaii counties	Yes		21	21 Exception: Underage consumption allowed for religious purposes ^[37]	

Idaho-Massachusetts

24.4		oholic b	everage state	Alcohol sale hours		Grocery Store Sales		Age			
State	Beer	Wine	Distilled spirits	On-premises	Off- premises	Beer	Wine	Distilled Spirits	Purchasing	Consumption	Notes
Idaho	No		Yes	6:00 a.m. to 2:00 a.m., 7:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. in some counties		Yes		No			Alcoholic beverages exceeding 16% ABV can only be sold in Idaho State Liquor Dispensary stores, or contracted stores.
Illinois	No		,	Depending on local government; 24-hour bars are permitted in Cicero; a handful of 21- to 22-hour bars exist in Cook County, and the Metro		Yes					Opening/closing hours are up to the decision of counties or municipalities.

Indiana	No		Island County, many establishments sell alcohol 24 hours a day.	7 a.m. – 3 a.m. No sale on Sunday, except at local wineries, breweries, and distilleries.	Yes			Sales limited to on-premises in restaurants, wineries, breweries, distilleries on Sundays. However, carryout wine, beer and spirits may purchased on Sundays from the address for which a winery, brewed distillery's permit is issued. (IC 7. 1-14) No sales on Christmas Day 7.1-5-10-1). Minors, inclubabies, are not allowed to a liquor store. Indiana prohibits the sale cold beer by grocery store gas stations, but allows beer to be sold from listores (IC 7.1-5-10-11). In 2010, Indiana enacte stringent photo identificar requirement for all off-prem transactions that inirequired stores to verify the of anyone purchasing alcohyrequiring him or he produce a government-is: photo ID. The law applie liquor stores, convenistores, pharmacies supermarkets in Indiana but to restaurants, bars and cobusinesses where pat consume alcohol or However, due to signifi backlash, the law
								subsequently amended in next legislative ses (effective July 1, 2011) pertain to anyone who i reasonably appears to be than forty (40) years of (See IC 7.1-5-10-23). Public intoxication is a cla misdemeanor. (IC 7.1-5-1-3
lowa	No	Yes	6 a.m. – 2 a.m. Mo 8 a.m. – 2 a.m. Su		Yes			If a controlled substance is detect a person's system at or near the they were operating a motor vehithey can be charged and potentic convicted of operating while intoxicated (OWI) (https://hanna-om/scott-county-iowa-owi/) even they were not "impaired" by that substance.
Kansas	Yes		9 a.m 2 a.m. (in counties which allow on- premises sales)	9 a.m 11 p.m. (Mon– Sat) (in counties which allow off-premises sales) noon - 7 p.m. or 8 p.m. (Sun) (in communities which allow Sunday off- premises sales)	3.2 only	No		Kansas's alcohol laws are amony strictest in the United States. Kan prohibited all alcohol from 1881 t 1948, and continued to prohibit opremises sales of alcohol from 1 to 1987. Sunday sales only have allowed since 2005. Today, 29 counties still do not permit the or premises sale of alcohol. 59 courequire a business to receive at 1 30% of revenue from food sales allow on-premises sale of alcohol. Only 17 counties allow general opremises sales. Not all communi which allow off-premises sales al sales on Sunday. Sales are proh on Christmas and Easter. The or alcoholic beverage which grocer stores and gas stations may sell beer with no more than 3.2% alcohy weight. Other liquor sales only allowed at state-licensed retail lic

							and vehicles, public intoxication laws, and requirements for prospective on- premises or off-premises licensees.
Kentucky	No	6 a.m. to 4 a.m. on Monday through Saturday	1 p.m. to 4 a.m. on Sundays	Yes	No		Local ordinance may vote to permit Sunday sales at restaurants. Sales 2–4 a.m. only in Louisville. As of 2005 Sunday sales were allowed per state law, but may still be prohibited in some areas by local ordinance (as of early 2006, such a situation existed with smaller cities within Louisville Metro, though these cities have since changed local ordinances). Alcohol sale restriction and wet/dry (both by drink and package) allowed by both county and city local option. Approximately 39 counties in the state (mostly eastern and southern counties) are dry, all alcohol sale and possession prohibited; 22 "moist" counties (with "wet" cities allowing package liquor sales in counties otherwise dry); 29 counties that are otherwise dry but have communities with local option that allow sales of liquor by the drink or under special exemptions allowing sales at wineries. Majority of wet counties are around major metropolitan areas (Louisville, Lexington, Covington, Bowling Green). Note: Beginning in 2013 Liquor by the drink and beer by the drink are available on Sundays in Louisville, KY beginning at 10:00 am. Bowling Green, KY recently began allowing Sunday sales in December 2013 for carry-out beer, wine, and liquor. Prohibition on liquor sales on Election Day was repealed effective June 24, 2013. Kentucky was one of only two states to still have Election Day prohibition, the other being South Carolina.
Louisiana	No	No state imposed restrictions on on-premises hours. "24 hour" bars are common in New Orleans and in Jefferson Parish. Some municipalities and parishes (including Baton Rouge and East Baton Rouge Parish) require on-premises service to stop at 2:00 am.	No statewide restrictions on hours of package sales.	Yes			Packaged alcoholic beverages of any strength may be sold in supermarkets, drug stores, gas stations, and convenience stores. Local municipalities may not restrict this. As a result, dedicated "liquor stores" are mostly specialty stores in larger cities, and some supermarkets have large selections of liquors and wines, and compete on the basis of liquor prices and selection. Alcohol can be consumed in the streets of New Orleans as long as it is in an "unbreakable container" (no glass) and may be taken from club to club if both establishments allow it. Otherwise, it depends on the locality. Most parishes other than Orleans Parish do not permit alcoholic beverages served on premises to be carried out. However, many parishes and municipalities permit consumption of packaged beverages (for

								street. Glass bottles of streets are prohibited. Or enter most bars at 18 yeage but must be 21 years purchase or consume a Also, it is legal in the st Louisiana for a legal par guardian to purchase alcoheverages for their under child. Drive-thru frozen daiquiri are legal and common, be police can arrest you for with an open container, have put the straw in the straw
<u>Maine</u>	No	Yes	6 a.m. to 1 a.m. (Mon–Sun)		Yes [40]	21	21	ABV > Alcohol may not be pure after 1 a.m. any day of the wee not be purchased prior to 6 a.n Monday through Saturday, and prior to 9 a.m. on Sunday. Bars restaurants may serve until 1:1 On New Year's Day alcohol may sold one hour later in all establishments. When St. Patri Day falls on a Sunday, bars an restaurants may serve alcohol at 6 a.m that day. [41] Wholesali through state-licensed monopod Municipalities may prohibit the alcohol by referendum; 56 town done so. [43][44]
Maryland	Variable by loo	cality	Variable by locality	Variable by locality	Variable by locality			Baltimore County prohibits the Sunday in some areas. In the counties of Montgomery, Somerset, Wicomico, and Worr sale of alcoholic beverages are controlled directly by the county Liquor Control Boards, there are exceptions in Montgomery whe some liquors are still sold in grastore due to being grandfathere before the change of the law. Garrett County prohibits the sal Sunday except in some areas. The sale of alcohol at grocery a convenience stores varies by convenience stores varies by the counties, but individual voting districts within counties restrict or prohibit alcoal olcal-option basis.
Massachusetts	No		8:00 a.m. – 2:00 a.m. by state law, although individual cities and towns may prohibit sales before 11:00 a.m. and after 11:00 p.m. [45] Not before 11:00 a.m. on Sunday. [46]	8:00 a.m. – 11:00 p.m., or 8:00 a.m. – 11:30 p.m. on the day before a holiday. [47] Not before 10:00 am on Sunday.	Yes.[48][49]	21	21	As of January 2016, no individu partnership, or corporation may more than seven off-premises licences in the state, nor more to two in any city, nor more than o any town. No individual, partner or corporation not resident or headquartered in Massachuset apply for a license, although on devolve thereupon. [47] As of 2012-10-29, a Massachus driver's license, Massachusetts ID card, RMV-issued Massachu non-driver ID card, passport (is by the US or a US-recognized fentity), US-issued Passport Car military identification card are thacceptable proofs of age under law. Out of state or Canadian dicenses/ ID's and other forms of identification do not grant the establishment legal protection in accepted as proof of age (and restablishments will not accept of state licenses for this reason). [5] On-premises regulations: No discounts at specific times (i.e. "Happy Hour" discounts) or for specific individuals, no fixed-priopen bar or all-you-can-drink (eat private functions), no more the drinks per individual at any one no pitchers for fewer than two pno drinking contests, no drinks prizes, no free drinks. [51]

			Off-premises sale of alcohol is prohibited on the last Monday in May (Memorial Day), Thanksgiving Day, Christmas Day, and the day after Christmas if Christmas falls on a Sunday. [46] Sale of alcohol is prohibited during polling hours on election days (subject to local exceptions). [46] "Malt beverages" defined as having not more than 12% alcohol by weight. [52]
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Michigan-New Mexico

04		oholic b	everage state	Alcohol s	sale hours	Gro	ery Sto	re Sales	,	Age	
State	Beer	Wine	Distilled spirits	On-premises	Off-premises	Beer	Wine	Distilled Spirits	Purchasing	Consumption	Notes
Michigan	No		Yes	7 a.m. – 2 a.m. (Mon.– Sat.) noon-2 a.m. (Sunday)*sales may begin at 7 a.m. with special license extension	7 a.m2 a.m. (Mon-Sat) noon-2 a.m. (Sunday)*sales may begin at 7 a.m. with special license extension, [53]	Yes					The Michigan Liquor Commission allows the alcoholic beverages to 11:59 p.m. on Decem after 12:00 p.m. on D25. On-premises sale permitted on January 4:00 a.m. Local or coordinance may restric or Sunday morning sidoes not operate retamaintains a monopoly wholesaling of distilled only. [54]
Minnesota	No (bu	ut see no	ote)	8 a.m. – 2 a.m. seven days	8:00 a.m10:00 p.m. (Mon–Sat); 11:00 a.m6:00 p.m. (Sun) ^[55]	3.2% Only	No				Local or County ordin prevails for hours of c for off-sale licenses. I sales allowed until 10 days a week. Certain municipalities may es municipal liquor store permitted, but not recyclude privately owr stores. [56] Off-premis Sundays became leg 1, 2017. [55]
											ABW > 5% wine and wine sold in state-cor stores which are opei 10:00 am until 10:00 (Closed Sundays) sta Beer and light wine (ABV < ~6.3%) sold in convenience stores/supermarkets. light wine (ABW < 5% consumed by person 20 with parental supe Governor Phil Bryant bill permitting beer wi ABW/10% ABV on At The bill went into effe 1, 2012. [57]
Mississippi	No		Yes	Local authorities fix hours of alcohol sale		Yes	No				No sales on O Day. No state container Complimentary a day and night in casinos. In most counties cannot be soundays. There a dry counties in willegal to possess beverages, thougaities within dry have voted in beet
<u>Missouri</u>	No		1	Most establishments: (Mon–Sat) 6:00am– 1:30am	(Mon–Sat) 6:00am– 1:30am (Sunday) 9:00am– 12:00am	Yes	I				One of the most alcol permissive states, pe behind Nevada and L No open containe

									public intoxicat and explicitly prolocal or state making it offence. [79] purchase is only in Panaca. [80]
New Hampshire	No	Yes	6 a.m. – 1 a.m.	6 a.m. – 11:45 p.m.	Yes	No			Liquor sold in state- many found at high areas. 14% ABV cap on be wholesaler of wine. beer \$0.30/gal at th level.
New Jersey	No		Each municipality can control hours by local ordinance. Most municipalities have a last call of 2 or 3 a.m. Atlantic City, Brigantine, Absecon, Elwood, Pomona, Smithville, Galloway, and Mullica (All in Atlantic County) serve 24 hours. There are some dry towns in the southern part of the state, including Ocean City.	9 a.m10 p.m. for liquor. Beer and wine can be sold at any time on-premise sales are permitted in that municipality. This causes most liquor stores to close at 10 PM, however some will stay open an hour later selling only beer and wine. Cities of the first class (e.g. Jersey City and Newark) are exempt from this law and may set their own hours for liquor sales. [81]	Rarely		21	21 (unless provided by parent or guardian in private)	Some dry communi historically Methodic Quaker communities southern part of the Though there is on selling beverages at stores, New Je each chain to two so with only exceptions, supermarkets/costores/gas stations/pharmar sell alcoholic land In addition, liquo only permitted separate depa attached sisters Bars are allow sale packaged gwith the exceptions all municipalities allow off-sales owine at any time are permitted. Since alcoholic are generally on package stores, is rarely exercised Alcoholic beverad rink as well and permitted 24 hours in Atlantic Brigantine.
New Mexico	No		7 a.m. – 2 a.m., except Sundays, for establishments with full dispenser license. [82] 7 a.m. – 11 p.m., except Sundays, for restaurants with beer and wine license.	7 a.m. – midnight except Sundays ^{[83}]	Yes				New Mexico issues license for consumpremises: a full displicense allowing sal of alcohol, or a rest license permitting sand wine only. An a Sunday permit is a which allows sale (premises) on Sunday noon until midnight are the prohibition osale on Christmas, the day it falls on, Sunday permit allow (on or off premises) 2:00 a.m. January December 31 falls of Sunday. [85] Sunday only available where by voters within a lodistrict. [86] Selling, giving alcohol to a class 4 felony punis to 18 months in pris except when "a par guardian or adult syminor serves alcoher serves all serves serves alcoher serves

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property, other than lic
premises, under the co
the parent, legal guard
adult spouse",[88] or fo
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New York-South Dakota

State	Alcoholic beverage control state		Alc	cohol sale hours	Groo	ery Sto	re Sales	,	∖ ge	Notes	
State	Beer	Wine	Distilled spirits	On- premises	Off-premises	Beer	Wine	Distilled Spirits	Purchasing	Consumption	Notes
											Off-premises sale of wine and spirits is only at liquor stores, and beer is not sold at liquor stores; it must be sold at supermarkets and convenience stores. Exchanges for returned items are permitted (at store owners' discretion). [89]
New York	No			8 a.m. – 4 a.m. (Mon – Sat) Noon – 4 a.m. (Sun) Some counties have more restrictive hours.	Beer: 24 hours Wine & spirits: 8 a.m. – midnight (Mon–Sat) Noon – 9 p.m. (Sun).	Yes	No		21		Some counties may retain the Sunday morning beer prohibition which the state discontinued as of July 30, 2006. Twelve dry towns, mostly in western region of state. Many counties have more restrictive off-premises hours, such as bans on beer sales overnight (hours vary). All liquor stores must be owned by a single owner, who owns that store and lives within a certain distance of it—effectively banning chain liquor stores from the state. New York City law does not allow open containers of alcohol in public.
North Carolina	No		Yes	7 a.m. – 2 a.m. (Mon – Sat) 10 a.m. – 2 a.m. (Sun)	Beer and wine: 7 a.m. – 2 a.m. (Mon – Sat) 10 a.m. – 2 a.m. (Sun) Liquor: 9 a.m. – 9 p.m. (Mon – Sat)	Yes No		No	21		15% ABV cap on beer, 16% cap on unfortified wine, 24% cap on fortified wine. [90] No "happy hour," "buy one get one free," or "ladies night" style specials allowed. [91]
North Dakota	No	No Sat		8 a.m. – 2 a.m. (Mon – Sat) Noon – 2 a.m. (Sun)	8 a.m. – 2 a.m. (Mon – Sat) Noon – 2 a.m. (Sun)	No			21		No off-sale on Thanksgiving Day. No Christmas Day on- sale, nor sales on Christmas Eve after 6 p.m.
Ohio	No		Yes	5:30 a.m. – 2:30 a.m.	5:30 a.m. – 1 a.m.	Yes, under 21% ABV		21	21 or older, unrestricted under supervision of individual's parent or legal guardian or legal age spouse ^[92]	12% ABV cap on beer was removed on May 31, 2016. [93] 21% ABV cap on wine. Some counties have more restrictive off-premises hours. The Division of Liquor Control does not operate retail outlets; it appoints private businesses to act as its agents and sell its products in exchange for a commission. Normal proof spirits (>21% ABV) are sold only in a limited number of agent stores. Many retail outlets sell diluted spirits (diluted by water to 21% ABV) under a more readily obtained permit. No intoxicating liquor shall be handled by any person under twenty-one years of age, except that a person eighteen years of age or older employed by a permit holder may handle or sell beer or intoxicating liquor in sealed	

										any person nineteen years o age or older employed by a permit holder may handle intoxicating liquor in open containers when acting in the capacity of a server in a hote restaurant, club, or night club [94] Beverages with less tha 0.5% ABV can be sold/given to people under the age of eighteen if given by physician in the regulatine of his practice of given for establisher religious purposes, the underage person accompanied by parent, spouse who not an underage person or legal guardian. [95]
<u>Oklahoma</u>	No			6 a.m. – 2 a.m.	10 a.m. – 9 p.m. (Mon – Sat)	3.2% only	No		21	4.0% ABV/3.2 ABW or highe only sold at room temperatur in liquor stores, Liquor Store closed on Sundays and som holidays. As of 2007, liquor stores are now open on election days. State law prohibits public intoxication, many counties and cities als prohibit public intoxication.
Oregon	No		Yes	7 a.m. – 2:30 a.m.	7 a.m. – 2:30 a.m. ^[96]	Yes		No	21	Liquor, all of which is state- owned prior to sale to consumers, is sold in private liquor stores. These stores are approved by Oregon's Liquor Commissioners to ac as sales agents on the state behalf. [97]
Pennsylvania	No	Yes		Restaurants, and bars: 7 a.m. – 2 a.m. (Mon – Sat) 11 a.m 2 a.m. (Sun) (Sun	Beverage Centers and State Run Stores: 9 a.m. – 10 p.m. (Mon – Sat) Noon – 5 p.m. (Sun)[100] Grocery Stores: 7 a.m 10 p.m. (Mon – Sat) 9 a.m 10pm (Sun)	Yes*		No	21	Spirits can only be sold at state-operated stores. All persons must be at least 21 years of age to enter a state operated liquor store alone. Beer is not sold at state-operated liquor stores. Beer (but not wine) to gan be purchased beverage outlets in an quantity. Prior to 20 beverage centers could only sell 24 pack cast or greater. The rule were relaxed to permisales of beer in an quantity in 2016. *Beer and wine to go cabe purchased restaurants and groce stores (at a separa point of purchase falcohol and prepare foods sales in groce stores) (six and packs/1920z mapurchase (two spacks)) with Liquic Control Board-issue licenses Sunday sales we prohibited in LCB store until 2003 (selected)

									locations) and beverage outlets (owner's option) until 2005. Special permits may be purchased for certain organizations for fundraisers once per calendar year, and are valid for a total of six days under the same rules governing restaurants. [101] Grain alcohol prohibited as a beverage.
Rhode Island	No		9 am – 1 a.m. (Mon – Sat) Noon – 1 a.m. (Sun)	9 a.m. – 10 p.m. (Mon – Sat) 10 a.m. – 6 p.m. (Sun) ^[102]	No		21	21	All alcohol may be sold only in liquor stores. Bars may stay open until 2 a.m. in Providence only on Friday and Saturday nights and nights before a staterecognized holiday.
South Carolina	No	Yes	Liquor: 10 AM - 2 AM. Beer and Wine: Local Option.	Beer and low-alcohol wine: 24 hours Liquor: 9 a.m. – 7 p.m. (Mon – Sat.)	Yes	No	21		14% ABW (17.5% ABV) cap on beer Wine > 16% ABV sold in liquor stores No hard liquor sales after 7 p.m. and none on Sundays. No off-premises alcohol sales after midnight Saturday until 7 a.m. Monday, except in Aiken, Greenville, Pendleton, Spartanburg, Horry County, Colleton County, Richland County, Charleston County/City, Beaufort County, York County, [103] and Newberry County, [104]
South Dakota	No				Yes		21		14% ABV cap on beer

Tennessee-Wyoming, Puerto Rico

	Alco	holic h	everage								
State	control state			Alcohol sale hours			rocery S	Stores	4	Age	Notes
State	Beer	Wine	Distilled spirits	On-premises	Off-premises	Wine	Beer	Distilled Spirits	Purchasing	Consumption	Notes
Tennessee	No			Mon-Sat: 8 a.m. to 3 a.m.; Sun: Noon to 3 a.m. Hours of alcohol sale can be modified by local jurisdictions if approved by the alcohol control commission.	Beer: By municipality. Wine & Spirits: 8 a.m. to 11 p.m. Mon–Sat ^[105]	Yes		No	21		Wine may be sold in grocery stores. Sales of wine and liquor are limited to onpremises in restaurants on Sundays. Retail stores must be closed for business on Christmas, Thanksgiving Day, Labor Day, New Year's Day, and the Fourth of July. Beer above 8% ABW /10.1% ABV must be sold in liquor stores. Open container law only applies to drivers, not passengers. [106]
Texas	No			Monday-Friday: 7am- midnight Saturday: 7am-1am Sunday: Noon to 12 midnight. Some cities/counties permit sale until 2am (with license).	Beer/Non-hard liquor: 7 a.m. to midnight (MonFri.) 7 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. (Sat.) Noon to midnight (Sun.) Hard Liquor: 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. (MonSat.)	Yes		No	21		No alcohol cap but ABV > 15.5% requires additional license, so many places are beer/wine only. Wet/dry issues determined by city/county election. Liquor stores statewide closed all day Sunday. An alcoholic beverage served (on-premises) to a customer between 10 a.m. and noon on Sunday may only be provided during the service of food to the customer. Eleven Texas counties are completely dry. [107] In many counties, public intoxication laws are vigorously upheld. [108] Texas law permits consumption by minors (any age under 21) if in the "visible presence" of a parent, guardian or adult spouse. (Section 106.04)

									Possession by minors is permitted as part of employment or education, or in the visible presence of an adult parent, guardian or spouse, or supervision of a commissioned peace officer. (Section 106.05) There are also exemptions for minors requesting or receiving medical attention.
<u>Utah</u>	Yes		Restaurants: Noon to midnight for liquor, 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m. for beer. Bars may serve liquor from 10:00 a.m. to 1:00 a.m.	Varies by state liquor store hours		3.2 only	No	21	ABV > 4.0+% sold in state-controlled stores only. 3.2% ABW (4.0% ABV) beer may be sold at grocery stores and convenience stores. State-controlled stores close on Sundays and cease operations no later than 10 p.m. the rest of the week. Restaurants must buy from the state-controlled store (no delivery) at retail prices. No alcohol is served in restaurants without purchase of food. Sales of kegs prohibited. Importation of alcohol into the state by private individuals generally prohibited.
Vermont	No	Yes	8 a.m. – 2 a.m.	6 a.m. – midnight		Yes	No	21	ABV > 16% beer and ABV > 16% wine are only available through state liquor stores (most of which are integrated within grocery and beverage stores (109), A 2008 bill allows the sale of beer in grocery and convenience stores up to ABV 16%.
Virginia	No	Yes	6 a.m. – 2 a.m. No restrictions at any time for club licensees.	6 a.m. – 11:59 p.m. except local blue law.		Yes	No	21	Licensed supermarkets, convenience stores, and gas stations may sell beer and wine. Off-premises sales no later than 12 midnight. Liquor stores are owned and operated by the Commonwealth and are generally open 10am-9pm Monday-Saturday and from 12pm-6pm on Sunday.
Washington	n No		6 a.m. – 2 a.m. (A local government subdivision may establish later opening hours or earlier closing hours.)		Yes			21	Beer and wine are available in specialty stores, grocery stores, convenience stores, department stores, taverns, and other locations licensed by the Washington State Liquor and Cannabis Board. Spirits are available in stores greater than 10,000 sq ft (grocery stores, big box liquor chains). There are two exceptions to the 10,000-sq-ft rule: 1) Former State and Contract Liquor Stores that reopened under private ownership may also sell spirits provided they have been issued a new license from the state. 2) Cities, mostly in rural areas, that do not have a store that meets the minimum floor space may be allowed to sell spirits if the Liquor Control Board deems that there are no sufficient establishments within the trade area.
West Virginia	No	Yes	Beer/Wine: Mon-Sat:7 am- 2 am, Sun:1 pm-2 am Liquor: Mon-Sat:8 am- Midnight, Sun: Prohibited	Mon-Fri:7 am- 3:30 am, Sat: 7A-3:00A, Sun:1 pm-3 am		Yes		21	12% ABV Cap on Beer. 75% ABV spirits Permitted. Liquor, wine and beer products that are not already in closed packaging must be bagged before exiting retail locations. State no longer operates retail stores (formerly State ABC Stores); Number of privately owned stores restricted according to county or city population. All stores are state contracted; Bars and clubs must purchase liquor from state contracted private stores in person. State retains

							monopoly over wholesaling of distilled spirits only.
Wisconsin	No		6 a.m. – 2 a.m. Sunday– Thursday, 2:30 a.m. Friday–Saturday, no closing time on New Year's Day.	6 a.m. – midnight for beer (some counties and municipalities only allow sales until 9 p.m. for beer), 6 a.m. – 9 p.m. for liquor and wine	By local ordinance	21	Wisconsin permits the consumption of alcohol by minors, provided they are being supervised by parents/guardians/spouses. Most municipalities have a uniform 9 p.m. restriction on all alcohol sales. Notable exceptions: Kenosha, Green Bay, La Crosse, Maple Bluff (near Madison), Baraboo (near the Dells). Supermarkets, liquor stores, and gas stations may sell liquor, wine, and beer. Law changed effective 12/7/2011 to allow all liquor sales to begin at 6 a.m. Nonalcoholic beer is not regulated by state law.
Wyoming	No	Yes	6.00 a.m. – 2.00 a.m.		No	21	Clubs holding liquor licenses may be exempt from the hours of operation here specified by local ordinance or regulation of the appropriate licensing authority, but it does not seem to happen in practice
Puerto Rico	No		No territory-wide mandated last call	No territory-wide mandated hours of operation for liquor stores, but sales prohibited on Election Day and during hurricane emergencies; some municipalities prohibit sales after midnight weekdays or 2:00 weekends.	Beer, wine and spirits available for sale in supermarkets, convenience stores and drug stores as well as liquor stores.	18	Minimum drinking age is 18. Drinking on the street is illegal in San Juan (except in designated areas during selected street festivals) but not in all cities.

See also

- Alcohol consumption by youth in the United States
- Alcohol exclusion laws
- Blue laws in the United States
- Drunk driving in the United States
- Last call
- Liquor store
- List of dry communities by U.S. state
- Shoulder tap (alcohol)
- United States open container laws
- Wine shipping laws in the United States

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