

Alcohol trends in Wales

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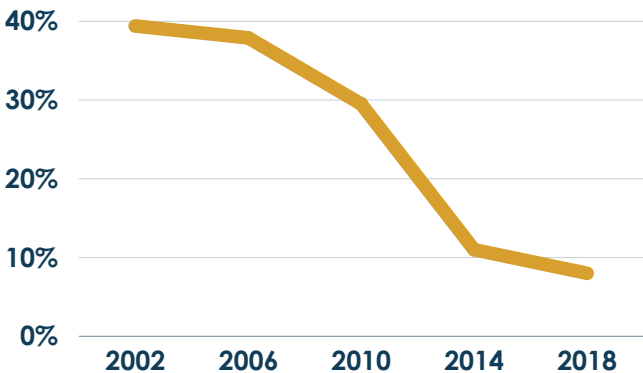
- Wales is a leader in the UK on responsible drinking, as the moderate majority of Welsh consumers drink within recommended guidelines
- There has been over a decade of falls in underage drinking, alcohol-related violent crime and alcohol-related hospital admissions.



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Fall in underage drinking between 2002 and 2018



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Of drinkers are drinking alcohol either once a week or less

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Decline in drinking above CMO guidelines between 2016/17 and 2024/25

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Decline in proportion of those saying that people being drunk or rowdy in public is a big problem in their area

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Alcohol-related violent crime fallen by 40% since 2014/15

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