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CAPE 3.0: *Results from Nova Scotia*

The Canadian Alcohol Policy Evaluation (CAPE) provides rigorous assessments of how well each level of government in Canada is implementing policies proven to reduce harm from alcohol use. This is the third edition of the CAPE project; a project which has a track record of strengthening Canada s response to alcohol harm. Policy data for CAPE 3.0 were collected between June 1 and December 1, 2022.

WHY IT MATTERS: ANNUAL ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION, HARMS AND COSTS IN NS

NS 481 standard drinks per person aged 15+

CANharm standard drinks per person aged 15+

(2020/21[1])

44,172 ER & hospital visits

571 deaths

(2020[2])

Alcohol Deficit

= -$219M total alcohol deficit costs

which equates to -$0.54 per standard drink sold

(2020/21[1,2,3])

WHAT CAN BE DONE: AN ALCOHOL POLICY APPROACH

NS's CAPE Scores: What's Possible?

If Nova Scotia implemented all the best existing policies across Canada's provinces and territories, their score could change from 38% (F) to 80% (A-).

If we graded NS against best existing policies across provinces and territories, their score would still only be 47% (F).

Notes: 1. Statistics Canada. Table 10-10-0010-01 Sales of alcoholic beverages types by liquor authorities and other retail outlets, by value, volume, and absolute volume.
2. Canadian Substance Use Costs and Harms.
3. Statistics Canada. Table 10-10-0012-01 Net income of liquor authorities and government revenue from sale of alcoholic beverages (x 1,000).
4. Grade ranges: A+ = 90-100%; A = 85-89%; A- = 80-84%; B+ = 77-79%; B = 73-76%; B- = 70-72%; C+ = 67-69%; C = 63-66%; C- = 60-62%; D+ = 57-59%; D = 53-56%; D- = 50-52%; F = 0-49%.

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