

Canadian Alcohol Policy Evaluation (CAPE) 3.0

Results from Saskatchewan

The Canadian Alcohol Policy Evaluation (CAPE) provides rigorous assessments of how well each level of government in Canada is implementing policies proven to reduce harmful 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 SK

Alcohol consumption 2020/2021

SK 463 standard drinks per person aged 15+

Canada

Source: Statistics Canada. Table 10-0010-01 Sales of alcoholic beverages types by liquor authorities and other retail outlets, by value, volume, and absolute volume.

Alcohol health harms 2020

34,648 ER & hospital visits SK

636 deaths in SK

Source Canadian Substance Use Costs and Harms. www.csuch.ca

Alcohol deficit 2020/2021

+ \$454M alcohol revenues

- \$766M alcohol harm costs

= -\$312M total alcohol deficit

Which is equal to \$0.71 per standard drink sold

Sources:

- x Statistics Canada. Table-10-0010-01 Sales of alcoholic beverages types by liquor authorities and other retail outlets, by value, volume, and absolute volume.
- x Canadian Substance Use Costs and Harms.
- x Statistics Canada. Table-10-0012-01 Net income of liquor authorities and government revenue from sale of alcoholic beverages (x 1,000).

What can be done: an alcohol policy approach

CAPE 3.0 results: how does SK compare?

- x BC: 36%
- x AB: 34%
- x SK: 36%
- x MB: 44%
- x ON: 40%
- x QC: 42%
- x NB: 35%
- x NS: 38%
- x PE: 37%
- x NL: 41%
- x YT: 33%
- x NT: 32%
- x NU: 34%

SK's CAPE Scores: What's Possible?

If Saskatchewan implemented all the best existing policies across Canada's provinces and territories, their score could change from 36% (F) to 80%

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- x Require proof of age identification for anyone purchasing alcohol ~~and~~ age verification (i.e.

Policy domain 10: Alcohol Strategy

Score 38% (F)

Recommendations

All recommended policies should be developed and implemented without alcohol industry involvement, without incorporating exceptions, and enacted in legislation or regulation where possible.

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