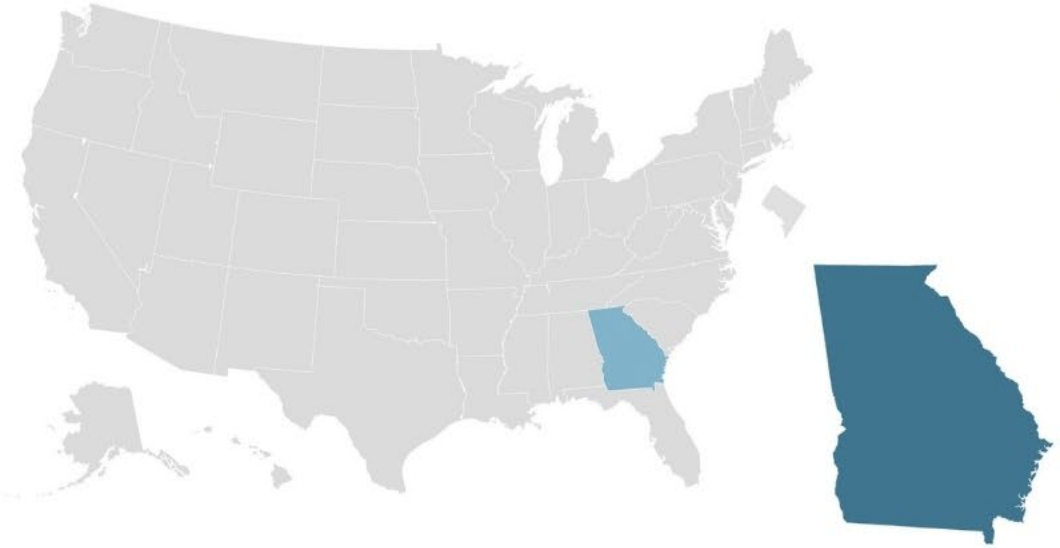
# Report to Congress on the Prevention and Reduction of Underage Drinking



ICCPUD

The Interagency Coordinating Committee on the Prevention of Underage Drinking (ICCPUD)

## Georgia

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This presentation draws on data contained in the 2021 *Report to Congress on the Prevention and Reduction of Underage Drinking,* the 2021 *State Reports*, and the 2021 *State Performance & Best Practices for the Prevention and Reduction of Underage Drinking Report.*

# The Sober Truth on Preventing Underage Drinking Act

In 2006, Congress enacted the Sober Truth on Preventing Underage Drinking (STOP) Act (Public Law 109-422) to acknowledge that:

*"A multi-faceted effort is needed to more successfully address the problem of underage drinking in the United States.*

*A coordinated approach to prevention, intervention, treatment, enforcement, and research is key to making progress."*

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# The Sober Truth on Preventing Underage Drinking Act, continued

## Three Pillars of the STOP Act:

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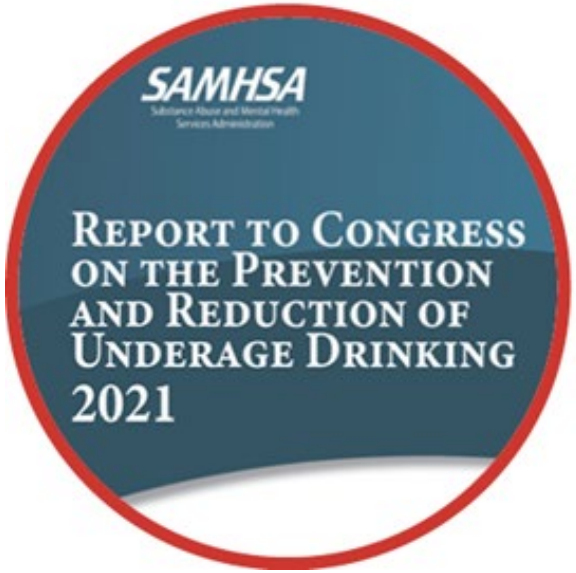


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**PILLAR III:**

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# Coordinated Federal Approach

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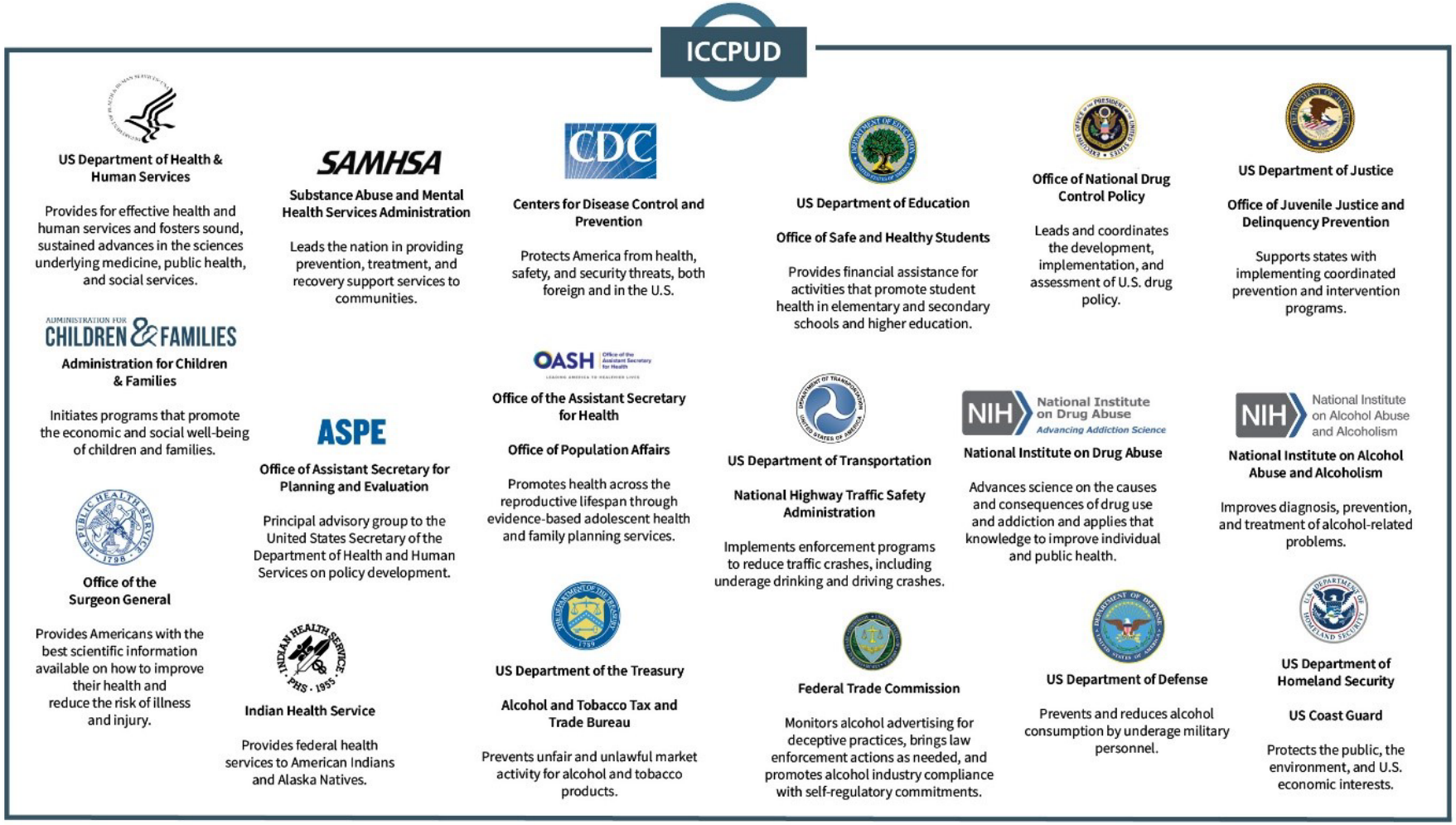

# Data on Prevalence & Patterns of Underage Drinking

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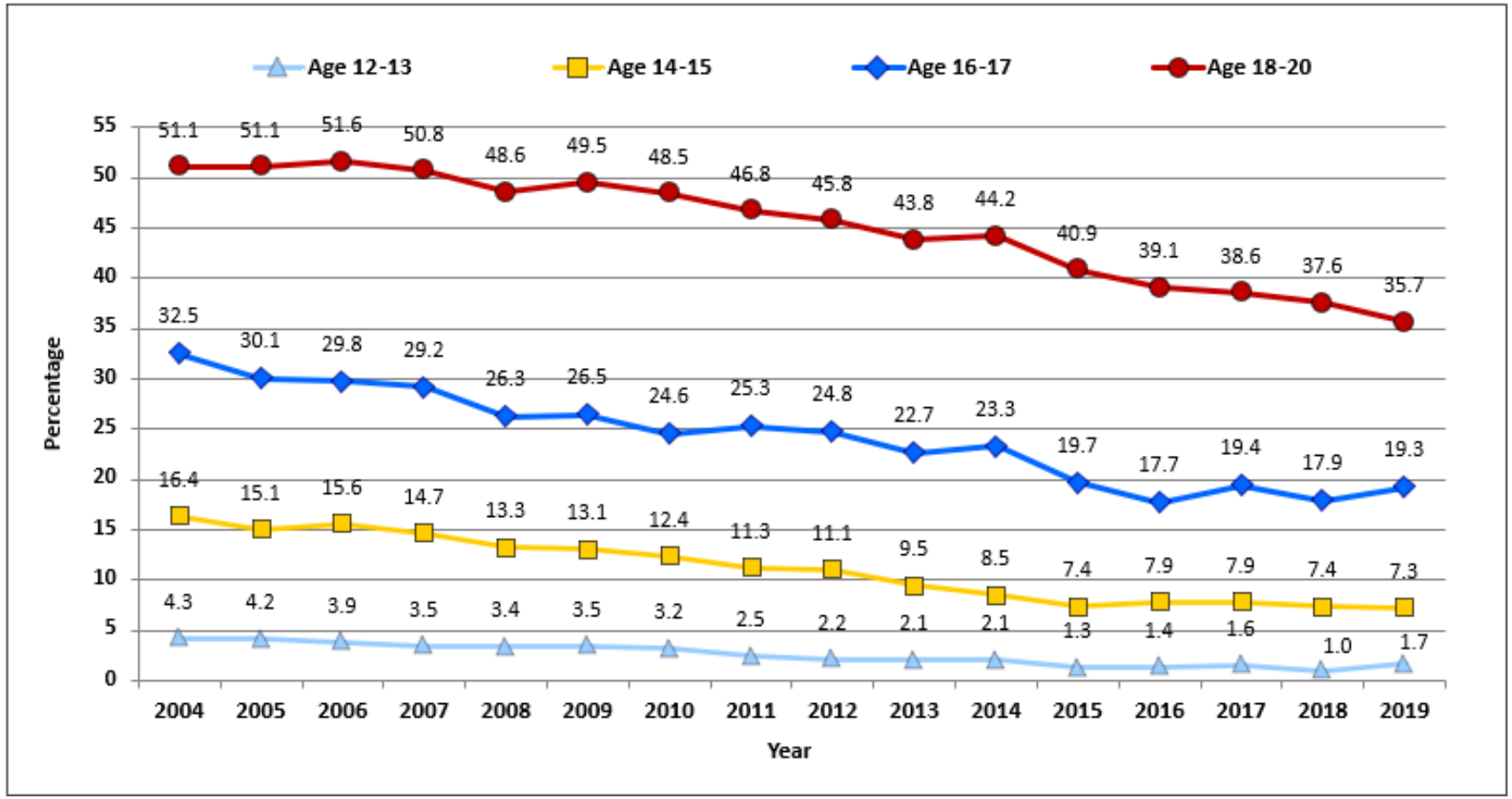


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# STOP Act Annual Report to Congress

National data on underage drinking patterns

Federally coordinated approach on underage drinking

National Media Campaign – "Talk. They Hear You."

Available at: https://www.stopalcoholabuse.gov

# STOP Act State Reports

Underage drinking data

Prevention and treatment system

Laws, programs, and practices

Enforcement & prevention data

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# STOP Act State Performance & Best Practices

Evidence-based and promising policies and practices

Analysis of state survey data on prevention & enforcement activities and expenditures

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# State Reports – Overview

## Georgia

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**Population Ages 12–20: 1,288,000**

| | |
|---|---|
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| **Alcohol-Related Deaths** | |
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| Number of Fatalities Involving 15- to 20-Year-Old Driver with BAC > 0.01% | 27 |
| Percentage of All Fatal Crashes Involving a 15- to 20-Year-Old Driver | (15%) |

Population data

Adult and underage drinking rates

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# State Reports – Policies, Programs, and Practices

## Underage Possession or Purchase of Alcohol

| Underage Possession | |
|---|---|
| Is underage possession of alcoholic beverages prohibited? | Yes |
| Are there exceptions based on family relationships?<br>• Is possession allowed if parent or guardian is present or consents?<br>• Is possession allowed if spouse is present or consents? | Yes, in specified locations – see below<br>No |
| Is there an exception based on location? | Yes, in parent's/guardian's home if parent/guardian is present or consents |

| Underage Consumption | |
|---|---|
| Is underage consumption of alcoholic beverages prohibited? | No law |
| Are there exceptions based on family relationships?<br>• Is consumption allowed if parent or guardian is present or consents?<br>• Is consumption allowed if spouse is present or consents? | N/A<br>N/A |
| Is there an exception based on location? | N/A |

| Underage Internal Possession | |
|---|---|
| Is underage internal possession of alcoholic beverages prohibited? | No law |
| Are there exceptions based on family relationships?<br>• Is internal possession allowed if parent or guardian is present or consents?<br>• Is internal possession allowed if spouse is present or consents? | N/A<br>N/A |
| Is there an exception based on location? | N/A |

| Underage Purchase and Attempted Purchase | |
|---|---|
| Is the purchase of alcoholic beverages prohibited? | Yes |
| May youth purchase for law enforcement purposes? | No |

Includes data on 26 underage drinking prevention policies, programs, and practices

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# State Reports – State Survey

## Georgia State Survey Responses

| | |
|---|---|
| **State Agency Information** | |
| *Agency with primary responsibility for enforcing underage drinking laws:* | |
| Georgia Department of Revenue - Alcohol & Tobacco Division | |
| **Enforcement Strategies** | |
| *State law enforcement agencies use:* | |
| Cops in Shops | No |
| Shoulder Tap Operations | No |
| Party Patrol Operations or Programs | No |
| Underage Alcohol-Related Fatality Investigations | No |
| *Local law enforcement agencies use:* | |
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| Shoulder Tap Operations | Yes |
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| *State has a program to investigate and enforce direct sales/shipment laws* | Don't know |
| Primary state agency responsible for enforcing laws addressing direct sales/shipments of alcohol to minors | Not applicable |
| Such laws are also enforced by local law enforcement agencies | Not applicable |
| **Enforcement Statistics** | |
| *State collects data on the number of minors found in possession* | Yes |
| Number of minors found in possession[1] by state law enforcement agencies | 5 |
| Number pertains to the 12 months ending | 06/30/2020 |
| Data include arrests/citations issued by local law enforcement agencies | No |
| *State conducts underage compliance checks/decoy operations[2] to determine whether alcohol retailers are complying with laws prohibiting sales to minors* | Yes |
| Data are collected on these activities | Yes |
| Number of retail licensees in state[3] | 20,654 |
| Number of licensees checked for compliance by state agencies **(including random checks)** | 3,150 |
| Number of licensees that failed state compliance checks | 174 |
| Numbers pertain to the 12 months ending | 06/20/2020 |
| Compliance checks/decoy operations conducted at on-sale, off-sale, or both retail establishments | Both on- and off-sale establishments |
| *State conducts **random** underage compliance checks/decoy operations* | Yes |
| Number of licensees subject to **random** state compliance checks/decoy operations | 3,150 |
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| *Local agencies conduct underage compliance checks/decoy operations to determine whether alcohol retailers are complying with laws prohibiting sales to minors* | Yes |
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Includes data on:

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- State expenditures

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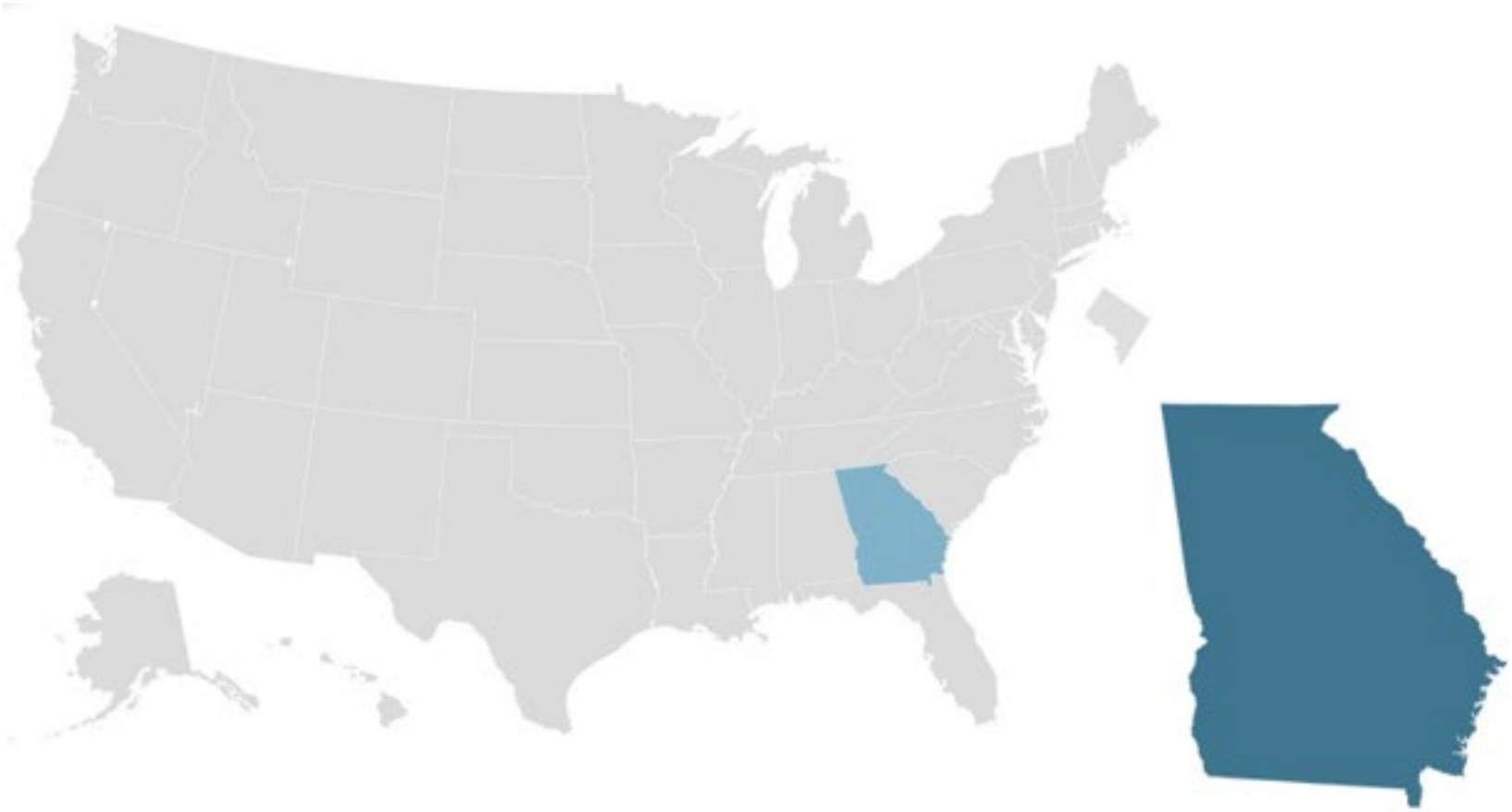
# Georgia State Report



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# Georgia and U.S. - Past Month Underage Alcohol Use

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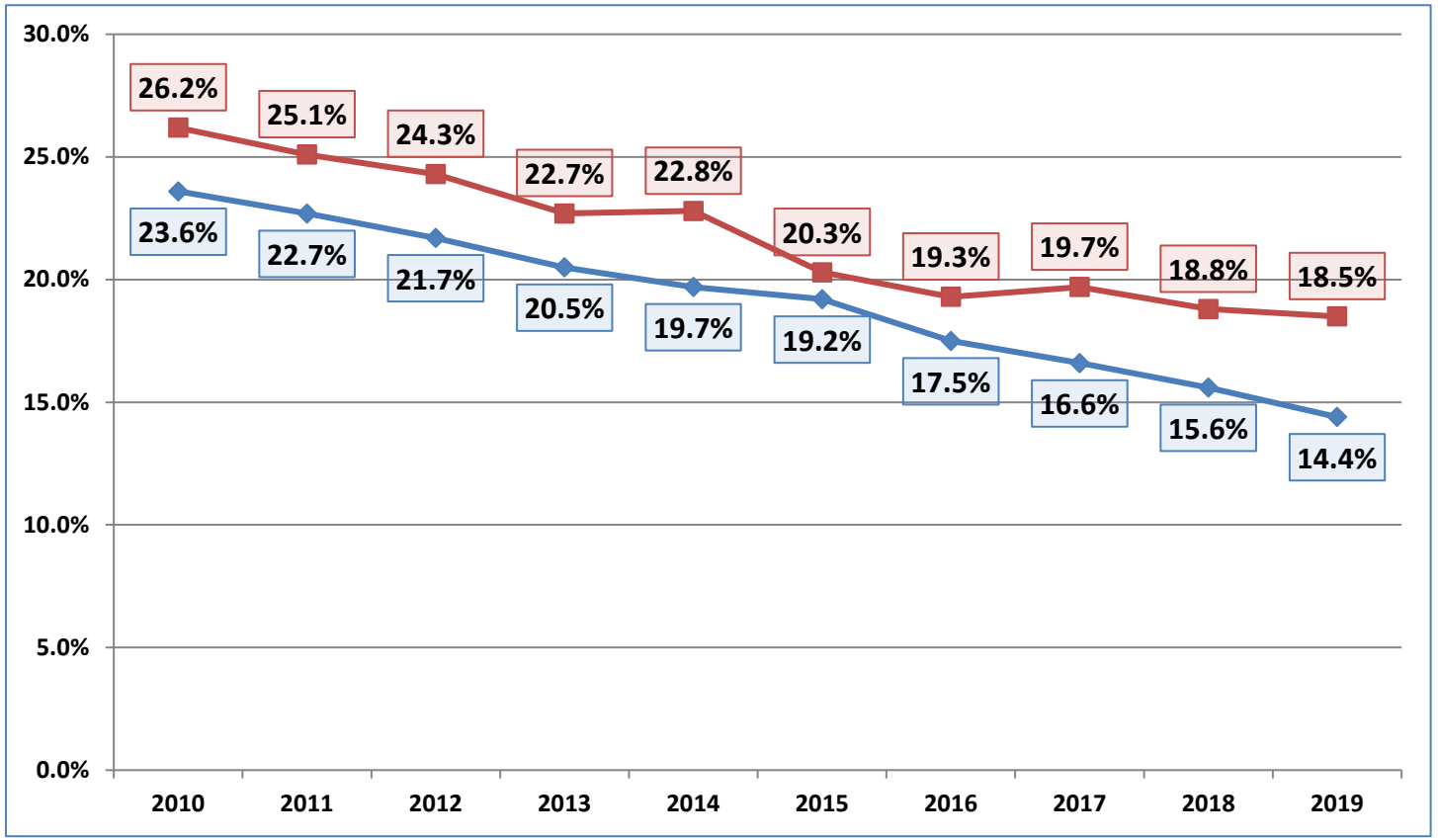


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# Georgia Underage False IDs Policy

## POLICY EXAMPLE 1: Underage False IDs

In Georgia:

- Use of false ID is prohibited
- Use does not result in suspension of driver's license
- Retailer may not detain youth if they use false ID

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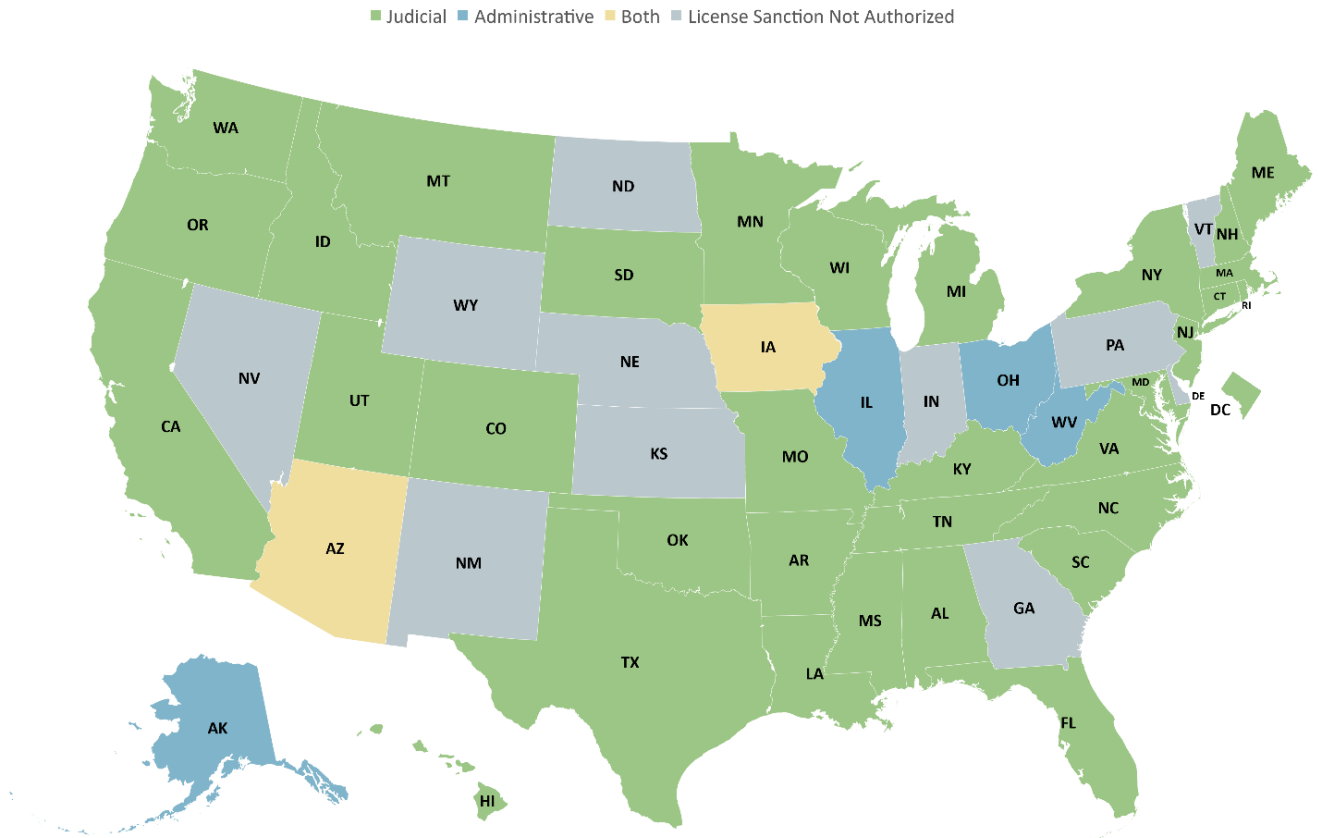
# All States - Underage False IDs Policy

## POLICY EXAMPLE 1: Underage False IDs

**Procedure for Imposing License Sanction for Use of False ID as of January 1, 2020**

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# Georgia “Use/Lose” Policy

## POLICY EXAMPLE 2: “Use/Lose”

In Georgia:

- There is no use/lose that suspends or revokes a minor’s driving privileges for alcohol violations

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# All States - “Use/Lose” Policy

## POLICY EXAMPLE 2: “Use/Lose”

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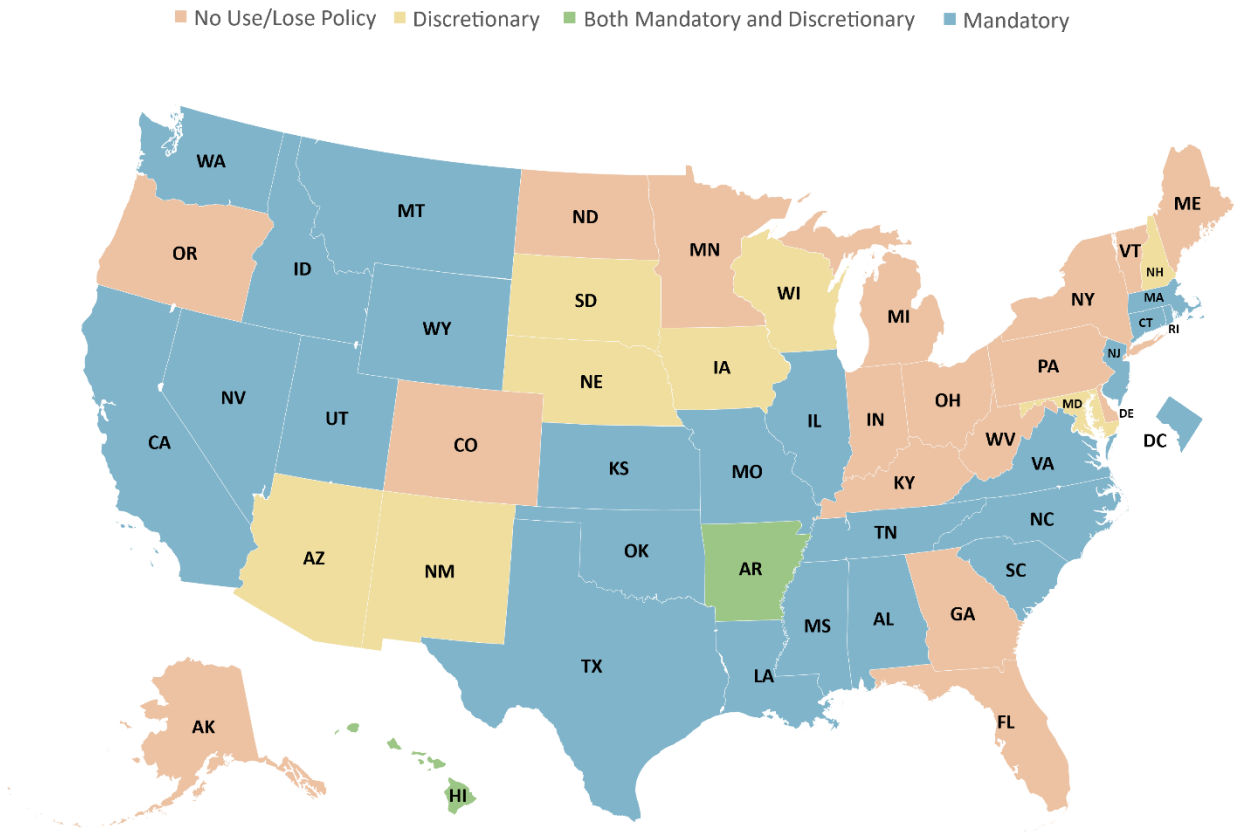


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# Georgia Minimum Age for Alcohol Servers Policy

## POLICY EXAMPLE 3: Minimum Age for Alcohol Servers

In Georgia:

- Servers must be at least **18** to serve alcohol in on-premise establishments.

- Bartenders must be at least **18** to serve alcohol in on-premise establishments. A manager/ supervisor does **NOT** need to be present.

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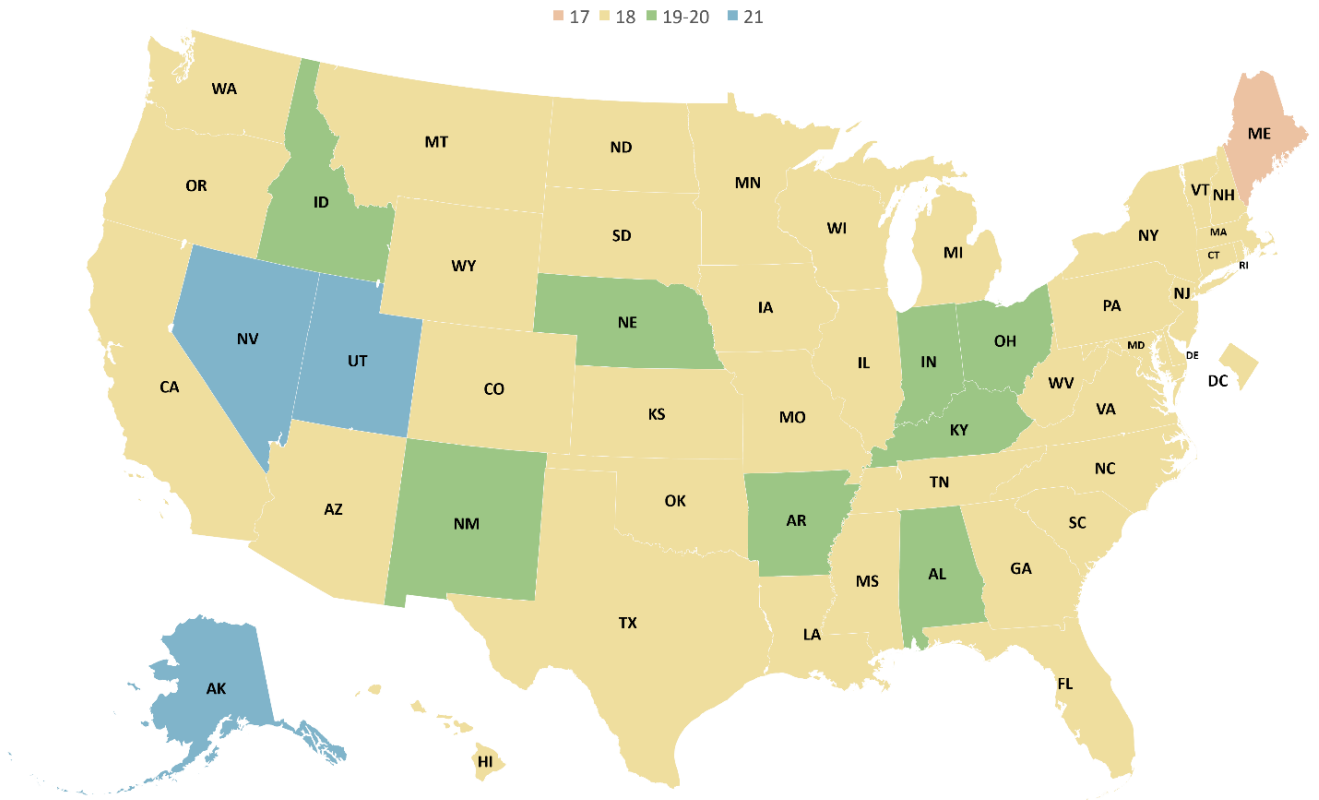
# POLICY EXAMPLE 3: Minimum Age for Alcohol Servers

**Minimum Ages for On-Premise Servers (Beer)**
**as of January 1, 2020**

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# Georgia Enforcement – State Compliance Checks

## ENFORCEMENT EXAMPLE 1:
## Percentage of Licenses Checked

- Georgia conducts underage compliance checks/ decoy operations to determine if alcohol retailers are complying with laws prohibiting sales to minors
- Georgia checked:
  - 3,150 retail licenses (out of 20,654 total), or

    15 percent of all licenses

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# All States Enforcement – State Compliance Checks

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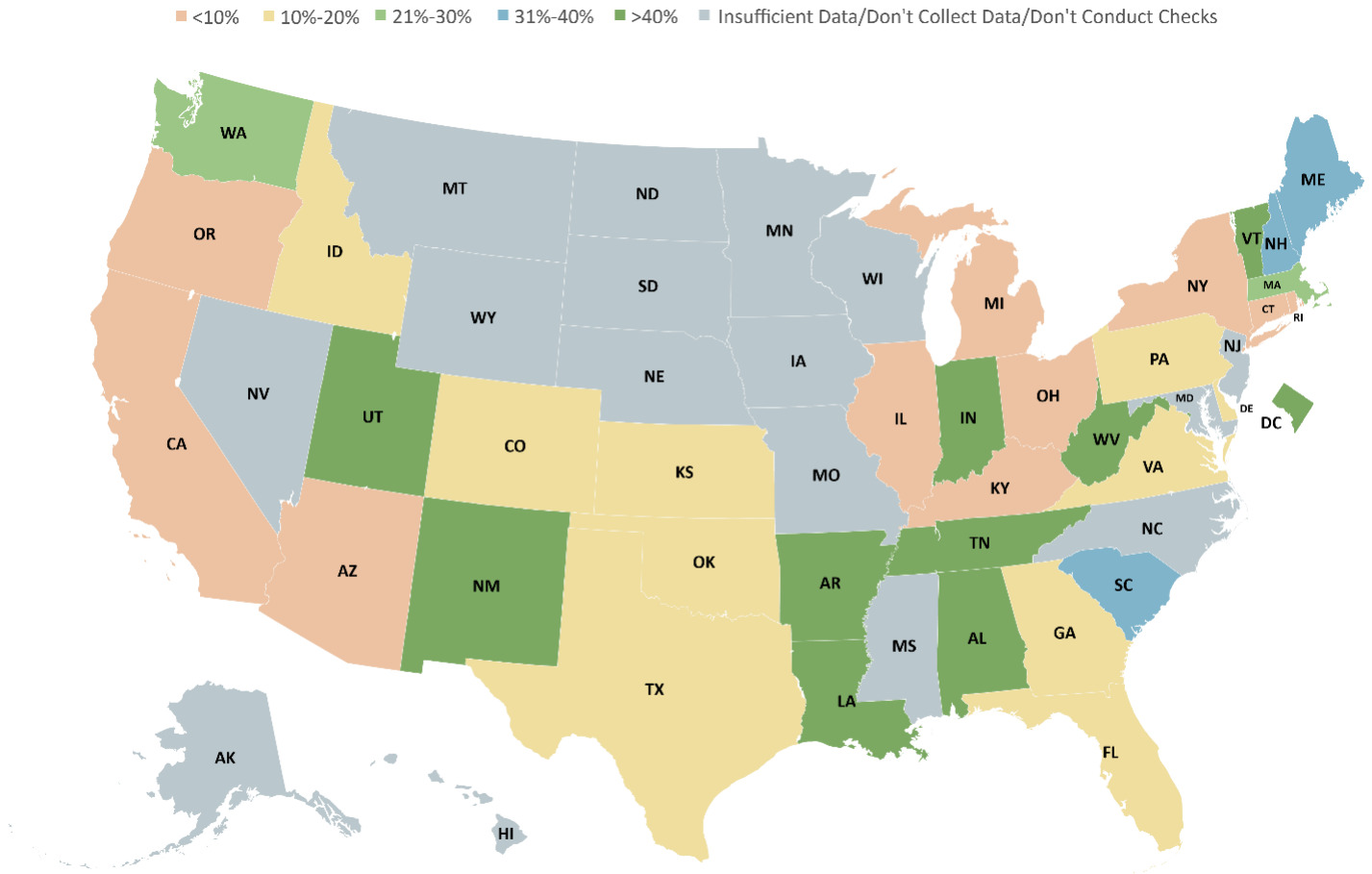


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# Georgia Enforcement – Compliance Check Failure Rates

## ENFORCEMENT EXAMPLE 2:
## Compliance Check Failure Rates

- Of the 3,150 retail licenses checked by Georgia in 2019, 174 (or 6 percent) failed

- Compliance checks were conducted at both on- and off-sale establishments

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# All States Enforcement – Compliance Check Failure Rates

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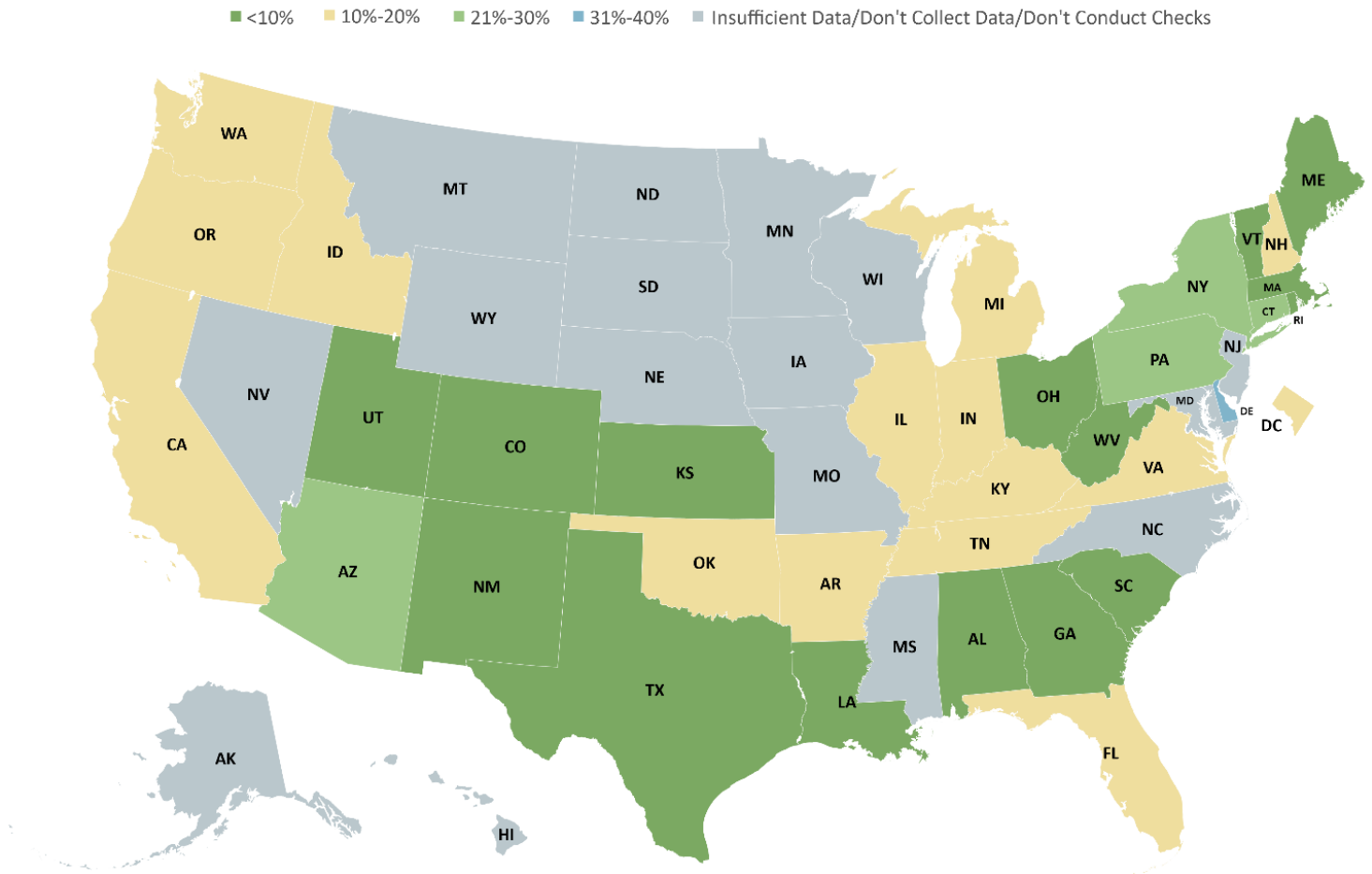


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# Georgia and All States Enforcement – Sanctions/Fines

**ENFORCEMENT EXAMPLE 3:**
**Sanctions/Fines for Furnishing Alcohol to People <21**

- **Georgia** imposed 174 fines
  - Smallest fine: $0
  - Largest fine: $1,900

- **All states** imposed a median of 159 fines
  - Smallest fine: $0
  - Largest fine: $80,000

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# Georgia Prevention and Treatment System

## The Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities

Created by the Governor and General Assembly in 2009, the Georgia Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD) and its network of community providers offer treatment and support services to help people with behavioral health challenges achieve recovery by focusing on their strengths. Through uniquely tailored supports and services, the department also helps people with intellectual and developmental disabilities attain independence and lead meaningful and fulfilling lives. DBHDD's vision is "easy access to high-quality care that leads to a life of recovery and independence for the people we serve". The mission is "to lead an accountable and effective continuum of care to support people with behavioral health challenges, and intellectual and developmental disabilities in a dynamic health care environment."

As a Cabinet-level department, DBHDD is the state agency responsible for administration, coordination, planning, regulation, and monitoring of all components of the state public behavioral health and intellectual and developmental disability systems. DBHDD operates state hospitals and provides for community-based services across the state through contracted providers. As Georgia's public safety net, the department's primary responsibility is to serve people who are uninsured. Individuals on Medicaid and others with few resources or options are also served.

# Georgia Best Practice Standards

## Georgia has adopted or developed best practice standards for underage drinking prevention programs

| | |
|---|---|
| *State has adopted or developed best practice standards for underage drinking prevention programs* | Yes |
| Agencies/organizations that established best practices standards: | |
| Federal agency(ies): HHS, SAMHSA | Yes |
| Agency(ies) within your state: DBHDD | Yes |
| Nongovernmental agency(ies): | No |
| Other: | No |

Best practice standards description: The SPF has been incorporated into almost every aspect of prevention in Georgia. This has allowed the OBHPFG to be strategic about the provision of prevention services and programs in Georgia and to increase utilization of evidence-based programs, practices, and policies. As a result, OBHPFG is able to target our services, show outcomes in our communities, and ensure long-term sustainability of evidence-based substance abuse/use prevention efforts. This model requires target communities to develop and implement strategies aimed at population-level change using the public health model approach, and to use a comprehensive approach to develop and implement sustainable outcome-based prevention strategies. OBHPFG also used the Surgeon General's Call to Action to Prevent and Reduce Underage Drinking to assist in continuing to develop best practice standards.

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## ***Underage Drinking Prevention Programs Operated or Funded by <u>Georgia:</u>***

- *Alcohol & Substance Abuse Prevention Project*
- *Georgia Red Ribbon Campaign*

# Georgia Prevention Program Example

***Georgia Red Ribbon Campaign***

| | |
|---|---|
| Number of youth served | No data |
| Number of parents served | No data |
| Number of caregivers served | No data |
| Program has been evaluated | No |
| Evaluation report is available | Not applicable |
| URL for evaluation report | Not applicable |
| URL for more program information | https://dbhdd.georgia.gov/red-ribbon-campaign |

**Program Description:** Each year, the Governor's Office and the Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities (DBHDD), Office of Behavioral Health Prevention and Federal Grants (OBHPFG), along with the Georgia Red Ribbon Committee recognizes groups and communities that have done an exemplary job in promoting and educating others about drug awareness, drug-free living, and healthy lifestyle choices during the Georgia Red Ribbon Campaign. The Red Ribbon Campaign is a media and activity-driven strategy aimed at building universal awareness of the importance of a drug-free lifestyle. Each year, schools and communities are encouraged to develop messages and activities to demonstrate their commitment to living drug-free lifestyles. Red Ribbon events target schools and colleges, community-based organizations, corporations, media, coalitions, parents/parent groups, health professionals, legislators/policy makers, government employees, and the public.

# Georgia Interagency Governmental Committee

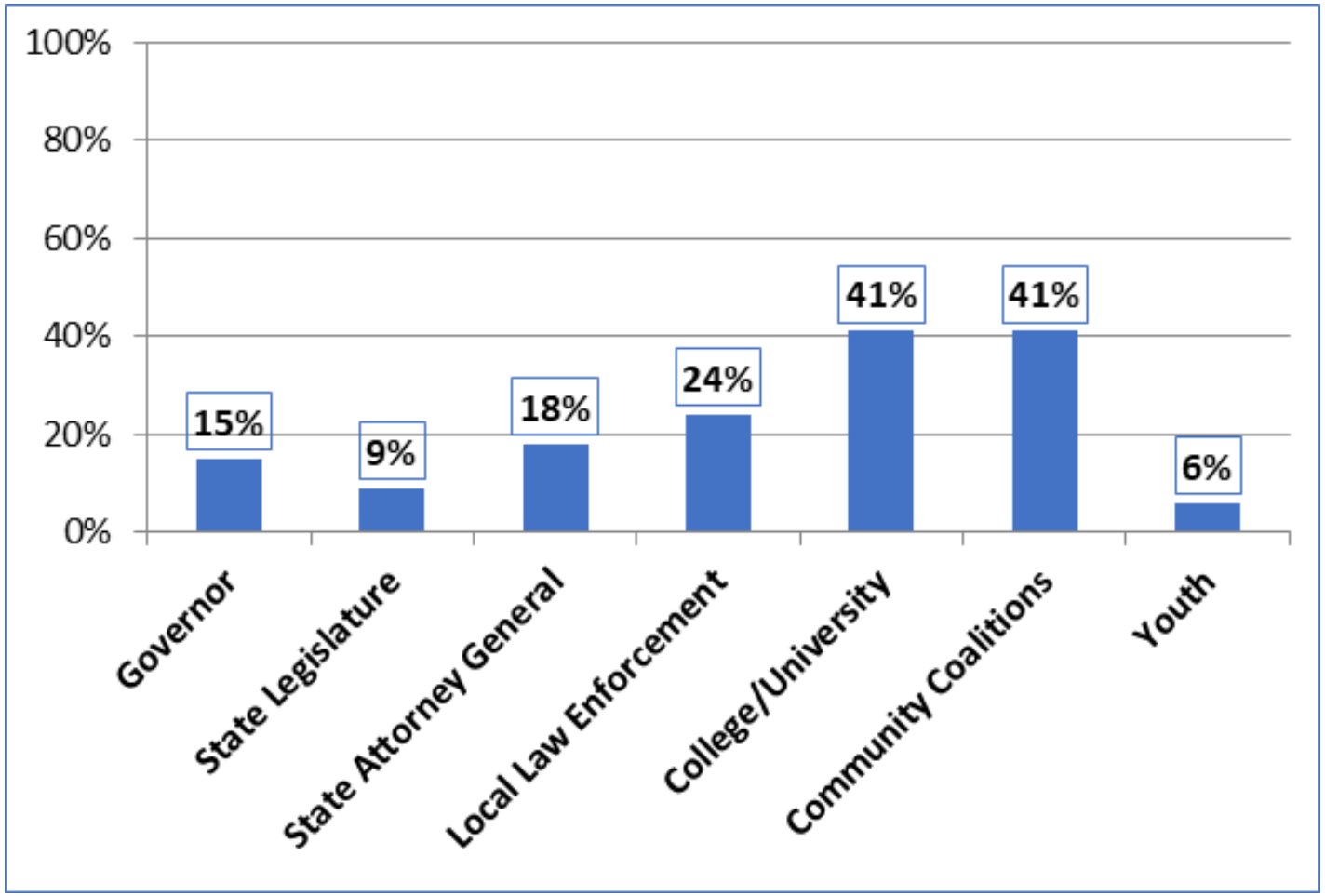
Georgia has a state-level interagency governmental committee to coordinate underage drinking prevention activities

Agencies/organizations represented on Georgia's committee:

- *Department of Behavioral Health and Developmental Disabilities*
- *Georgia Department of Revenue, Alcohol and Tobacco Division*
- *Georgia Department of Public Health*
- *Georgia Poison Center*
- *Georgia Criminal Justice Coordinating Council*
- *Georgia Department of Juvenile Justice*
- *Georgia Department of Education*
- *Georgia Bureau of Investigations*
- *Atlanta-Carolinas High Intensity Drug Trafficking Area*

# All States: Interagency Governmental Committee

## Composition of the State Interagency Group: Percentage of States with Representatives from Government or Other Entities

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# Georgia: Expenditures for Prevention of Underage Drinking

- **Georgia** reported on state expenditures for:

| | |
|---|---|
| *Compliance checks in retail outlets:* | Data not available |
| *Checkpoints and saturation patrols:* | Data not available |
| *Community-based programs*: | $0 |
| *K–12 school-based programs*: | Data not available |
| *Institutes of higher learning programs:* | Data not available |
| *Juvenile justice system programs:* | Data not available |
| *Child welfare system programs*: | Data not available |
| *Other underage drinking programs:* | Data not available |

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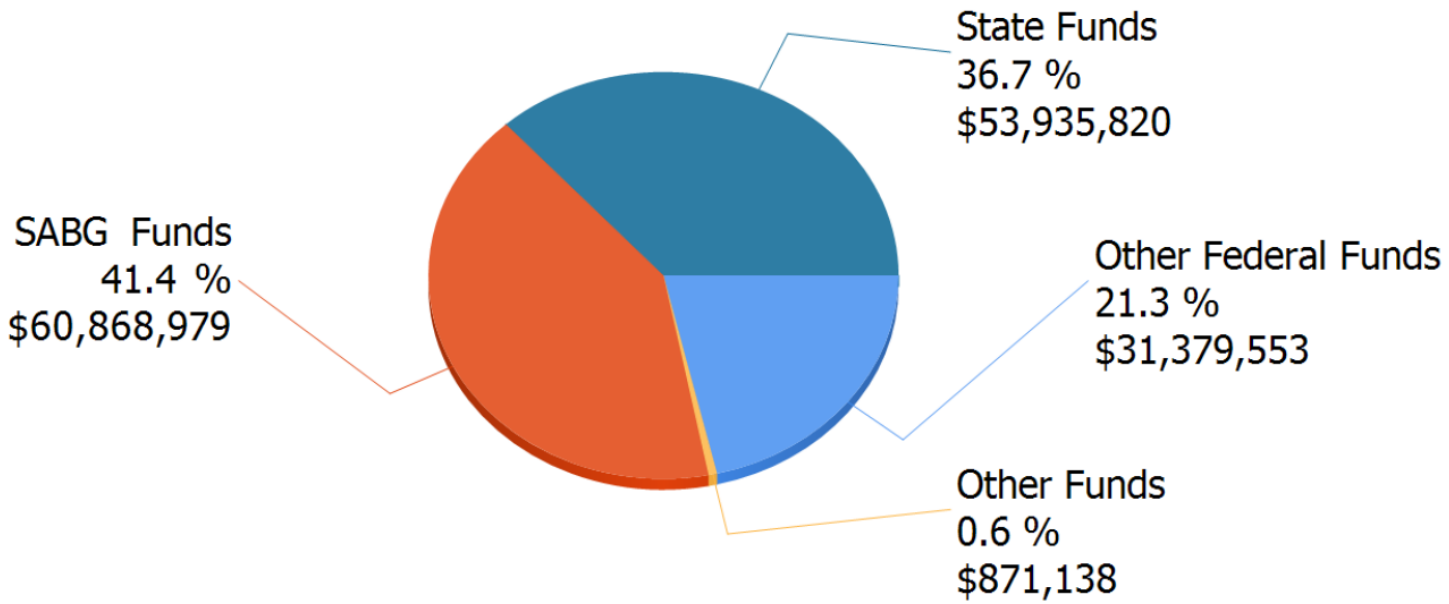
# Georgia: Prevention and Treatment Funding and Priorities

**Georgia's #7 priority for use of SABG funds, FY 2020-2021:**

*Reducing alcohol access and use to alcohol among 9- to 25-year-olds*

***Source of 2020 Expenditures for Substance Abuse Prevention and Treatment***

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# For Further Information:

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- For questions about this presentation or for further information about your state's underage drinking prevention efforts, contact:
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