

# Alcohol in Nova Scotia



**230**

Number of ALCOHOL  
RELATED DEATHS each year  
in Nova Scotia<sup>1</sup>



**\$224** MILLION

ANNUAL PROVINCIAL  
REVENUE from the sale  
of alcohol<sup>5</sup>



**1 in 5**

Number of Nova Scotians  
who reported BINGE DRINKING  
AT LEAST ONCE A MONTH<sup>2</sup>



**\$242.9** MILLION

ANNUAL PROVINCIAL COSTS  
associated with misuse of  
alcohol<sup>6</sup>



**13.4**

AVERAGE AGE at the  
time of FIRST ALCOHOL  
CONSUMPTION in Nova Scotia<sup>3</sup>



**3,100**

Average number of  
ALCOHOL-RELATED HOSPITAL  
ADMISSIONS per year in  
Nova Scotia<sup>7</sup>



**600**

Number of ARRESTS each year  
in Halifax Regional Municipality  
for IMPAIRED DRIVING<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup> Changing the culture of alcohol use in Nova Scotia: an alcohol strategy to prevent and reduce the burden of alcohol-related harm in Nova Scotia, 2007 ([http://www.gov.ns.ca/ohp/publications/alcohol\\_strategy.pdf](http://www.gov.ns.ca/ohp/publications/alcohol_strategy.pdf))

<sup>2</sup> Statistics Canada, 2012. Statistics Canada defines binge drinking as having more than five drinks on one occasion. (<http://www.statcan.gc.ca/tables-tableaux/sum-som/l01/cst01/health80b-eng.htm>)

<sup>3</sup> Nova Scotia Student Drug Use Survey 2012: Technical Report. (<http://novascotia.ca/dhw/publications/Student-Drug-Use-Survey-Report.pdf>)

<sup>4</sup> Based on Halifax Regional Police Crime Stats, 2012 (<http://www.halifax.ca/police/CrimeStats/CrimeStats.html#Stats2012>)

<sup>5</sup> Dr. Robert Strang, Chief Public Health Officer, Nova Scotia, 2011

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