

What is it?

Alcohol and other drug use means any use of a substance that results in negative consequences. This encompasses a broad array of mood-altering substances that include, but are not limited to, alcohol, prescription medications, and illegal mood-altering substances.

Why should I care?

- Alcohol-related deaths are the fourth leading cause of death in Wisconsin.
- Consequences of alcohol or drug abuse include motor vehicle and other injuries; fetal alcohol spectrum disorder and other childhood disorders; alcohol- and drug-dependence; liver, brain, heart and other diseases; infections; family problems; and both nonviolent and violent crimes.

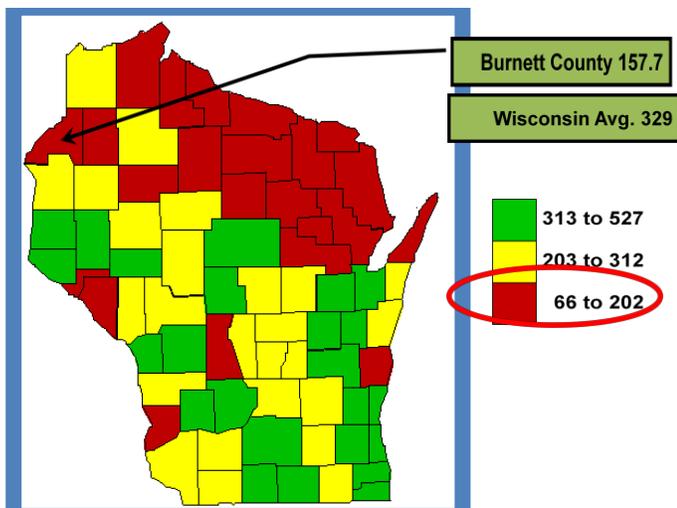
Alcohol and Drug Use in Burnett County

Excessive Drinking

21% of Burnett County adults report either binge drinking or heavy drinking; which is **lower** than WI (24%) and **much higher** than the US (7%) (Source: County Health Rankings, 2005-11).

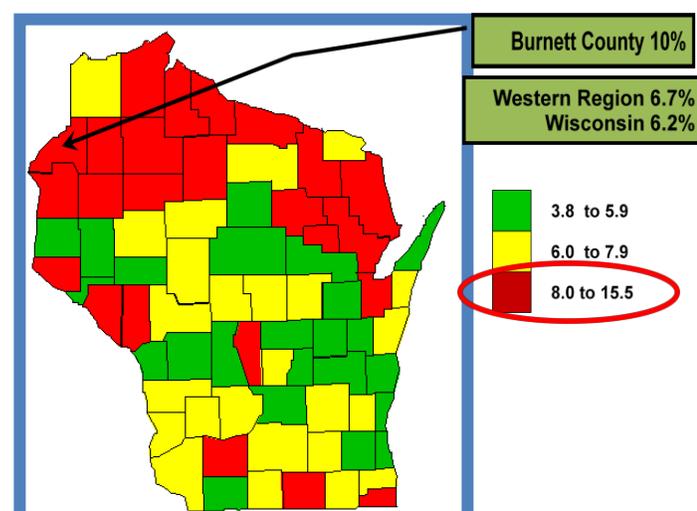
- **Binge**-consuming more than 4 alcoholic beverages on a single occasion in the past 30 days for women (more than 5 for men)
- **Heavy drinking**-consuming more than 1 drink per day on average for women (more than 2 for men).

Number of Residents per Liquor License



(Source: WI Dept of Revenue, 2010-11)

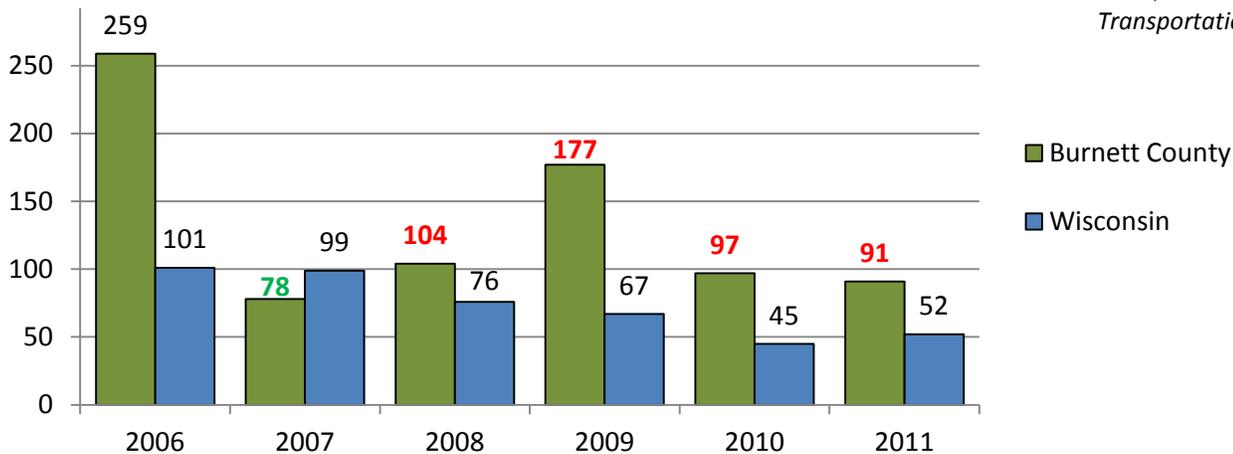
% Motor Vehicle Crashes Related to Alcohol



(Source: WI Dept of Transportation, 2006-10)

Number of Alcohol-Related Motor Vehicle Injuries
Rate per 100,000 population

(Source: WI Dept of Transportation, 2006-11)



Alcohol Use Among Youth

In the 2012 Youth Risk Behavior Survey distributed to high school students in Burnett County, the following statistics were reported:

- 36% had at least one drink of alcohol, which is lower than WI and the US (both 39%) for 2011.
- 22% had 5 or more drinks in a row, which is lower than WI (24%) and comparable to the US (22%) for 2011.
- 23% rode in a vehicle with a driver who was drinking, which is comparable to WI (23%) and lower than the US (24%) for 2011.
- 10% drove after drinking, which is higher than WI (9%) and the US (8%) for 2011.

Drug Use Among Youth

- 16.5% used marijuana, which is lower than WI (22%) and the US (23%) for 2011.
- 2.7% used methamphetamines, which is higher than WI (2.4%) and lower than the US (3.8%) for 2011.
- 9% were offered, sold or given an illegal drug on school property, which is lower than WI (21%) and the US (26%) for 2011.

Existing Assets and Resources in Burnett County Related to Alcohol and Drug Use

Burnett County Adolescent AODA Prevention Coalition

- Established in 2008 to address the issue of substance abuse among our youth. Working to increase community awareness of issues related to underage drinking and driving in Burnett County.

Drug and Alcohol Court

- Mission is to reduce substance abuse and criminal behavior in order to improve the lives for offenders, families, and the community by providing intensive court supervision, drug testing, and substance abuse treatment.

Intoxicated Driver Intervention Program

- Clients are given the opportunity to change their behavior, while gaining education related to impaired driving. Designed for clients with two or more OWI offenses. Overall goal is to reduce the likelihood of future offenses and to provide clients with an increased awareness of impaired driving.

Restorative Justice

- A community-based response to crime that invites those affected, the victim, the community, and the offender to address the full impact of the crime and ways to repair them.