

Summary:

In Michigan, a business that sells alcohol for onsite consumption (on-premise) is allowed to sell alcohol until 2 a.m. New rules may allow businesses in a city with a population of 600,000 or more to extend the hours of sale. With local legislative approval, an on-premise licensee would be allowed to sell alcohol between:

- 2 a.m. and 4 a.m. on Saturday and Sunday
- 2 a.m. and 4 a.m. on a National or State holiday

An extended hour's permit will not be granted unless the applicant has already been approved by the local legislative body in which the applicant's place of business is located.

Public Health Impact:

According to research compiled by The Community Guide¹, extending the hours of sale by 2 to 4 hours was associated with:

- An increase in alcohol consumption
- A relative increase in motor vehicle crash injuries ranging from 4 percent to 11 percent
- A shift in timing of motor vehicle crashes corresponding to the change in closing time of the alcohol outlet

Additional studies found an increase in emergency room admissions, injuries, fighting, and suspected driving while intoxicated, as well as an increase in alcohol-related assault and injury¹.

Current Michigan Environment:

In 2016, there were over 9,600 motor vehicle crashes that involved drinking in Michigan². On average, that's 26 motor vehicle crashes per day that involved drinking. Of the 1,064 motor vehicle crash deaths, 26 percent involved at least one drinking operator, bicyclist, or pedestrian². More specifically:

- There were 1,355 drinking driver motor vehicle crashes in Wayne County, or nearly 1 crash every 6.5 hours
- Nearly one third (32 percent) of all had-been-drinking (HBD) deaths occurred in Wayne County
- More than a quarter (27 percent) of HBD fatal motor vehicle crashes occurred between 12 a.m. and 3 a.m., and an additional 14 percent occurred between 3 a.m. and 6 a.m.
- Nearly half (46 percent) of HBD fatal motor vehicle crashes occurred on the weekend
- An average of 1.1 alcohol-related crash deaths occurred per day during the entire 2016 holiday season

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¹ The Community Guide. Excessive alcohol consumption. Retrieved from: <https://www.thecommunityguide.org/findings/alcohol-excessive-consumption-maintaining-limits-hours-sale>

² Michigan Traffic Crash Facts. 2018. Retrieved from: <http://publications.michigantrafficcrashfacts.org/2016/MTCFVol1.pdf>