Excessive Alcohol Consumption; Economic Costs, Michigan 2010

What is excessive alcohol consumption?

**Binge Drinking:**
- 4 or more drinks consumed on one occasion for women
- 5 or more drinks consumed on one occasion for men

**Heavy Drinking:**
- 8 or more drinks per week for women
- 15 or more drinks per week for men

**Other:**
- Any alcohol use by pregnant women
- Any alcohol use by those under the age of 21 years

How much does excessive alcohol consumption cost?

Binge drinking and underage drinking cause the majority of economic costs.

- **Lost productivity** costs include: impaired productivity at work and home, death, and absenteeism.
- **Healthcare** costs include: specialty care for dependence, hospitalizations, and fetal alcohol syndrome.
- **Other** costs include: violent and property crimes, motor vehicle crashes, and corrections.

- **Total costs for Michigan:** $8.16 billion.

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**Michigan**

- Cost Per Drink: $2.10
- Cost Per Person: $826
- Total Cost: $8.16 billion

**U.S.**

- Cost Per Drink: $2.05
- Cost Per Person: $807
- Total Cost: $249 billion

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