

Increased Violence & Murder with Alcohol Use

Studies show:

Alcohol is linked to criminal behavior more in the United States than anywhere else in the world.

(Source: R.N. Parker. *Alcohol and Homicide: A Deadly Combination of Two American Traditions*. Albany, New York: State University of New York Press, 1995.

There is a statistically significant relationship between alcohol serving establishments and violence.

(Sources: D.W. Roncek and R. Bell. "Bars, Blocks and Crimes." *Journal of Environmental Systems* 11:35-47, 1981. D.W. Roncek and M.A. Pravatiner. (1989). "Additional Evidence that Taverns Enhance Nearby Crime." *Sociology and Social Research* 73:185-188, 1989. T. Norstrom. "Effects on criminal violence of different beverage types and private and public drinking." *Addiction* 93, 5:689-699, 1998.)

Counties considered "wet" garner, on average, 30 additional violent crimes and 14 additional aggravated assaults.

(Source: Sean Maddan, Gwen Ervin-McLarty, Jeffery T. Walker, & Richard D. Hartley. *An Examination of the Link Between Alcohol Availability and Violent Crime in Arkansas* – Arkansas Crime Information Center – page 24, 2006.)

The presence of alcohol (in homes), in bars & restaurants, and other businesses selling alcohol can accelerate crimes (from a simple assault to a murder!).

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Counties with limited or no legal manner of distribution of alcohol recorded 29 less overall violent crimes.

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Counties that had no availability or limited availability of alcohol, on average, were likely to report two fewer murders than in those counties where alcohol was readily available at on-site establishments as well as liquor stores. Being a dry county situationally reduces murder by more than half.

(Source: Sean Maddan, Gwen Ervin-McLarty, Jeffery T. Walker, & Richard D. Hartley. *An Examination of the Link Between Alcohol Availability and Violent Crime in Arkansas* – Arkansas Crime Information Center – pg. 22, 2006.)

Examine the Facts

And

Vote **NO** to Alcohol in Randolph County