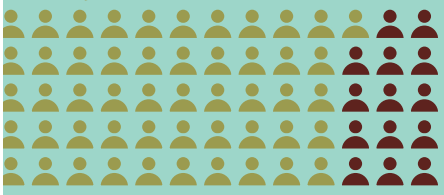
A DIME SAVES LIVES

The Annual Costs of Alcohol Abuse & Misuse

10,627 Texans die each year from excessive alcohol use.

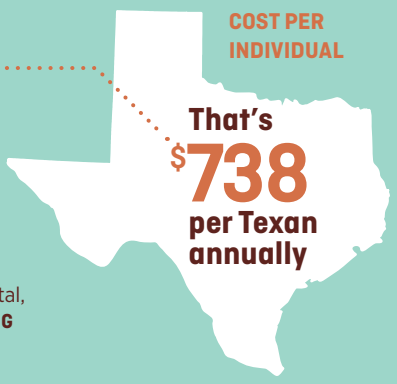


1495 Texans die in alcohol-related crashes.



Financial Cost

EXCESSIVE DRINKING costs Texas $22 billion per year, primarily in law enforcement and health-related impacts. Of that total, **UNDERAGE DRINKING** costs Texas $2.5 billion per year.



Current Funding

Current revenue from alcohol excise taxes brings in only

$258 million

for Texas per year. That's **less than 2%** of the $22 billion our state pays for alcohol-related problems every year.



Opportunity

Increasing alcohol excise taxes by a dime a drink raises

$1.022 billion

for Texas per year.

$229 million of this would go to public education.

Here is what a dime a drink can do per year:

40,000 fewer underage drinkers **per year**

706 lives saved **per year**

INCLUDING **131** FEWER TRAFFIC DEATHS

364 fewer teen pregnancies **per year**

5,347 fewer sexual assault cases **per year** in cases when alcohol was used by the perpetrator

65% of Texans support increasing the alcohol excise tax by a dime a drink to improve public education and safety in Texas.*

*Survey by Baselice and Associates

The alcohol excise tax in Texas has not been raised since 1984

IT'S TIME FOR CHANGE

Join Texans for Safe & Drug-Free Youth in our efforts to increase the alcohol excise tax and create healthier, safer communities for all Texans. Visit us online at TxSDY.org or contact us at 512.442.7501

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