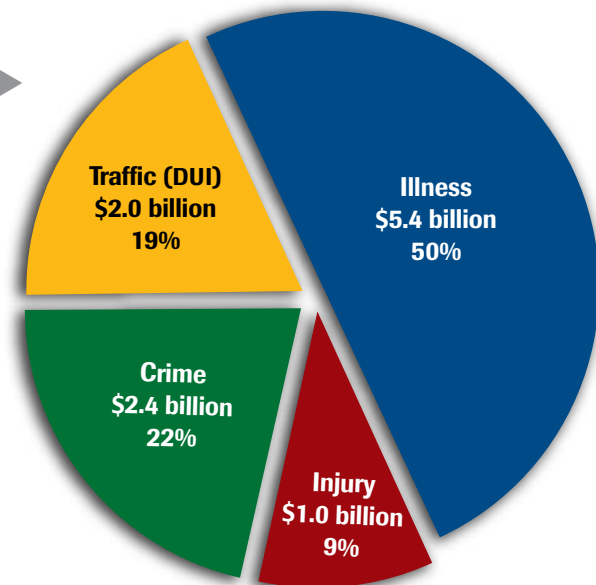


The Annual Catastrophe of Alcohol in California – Los Angeles County –

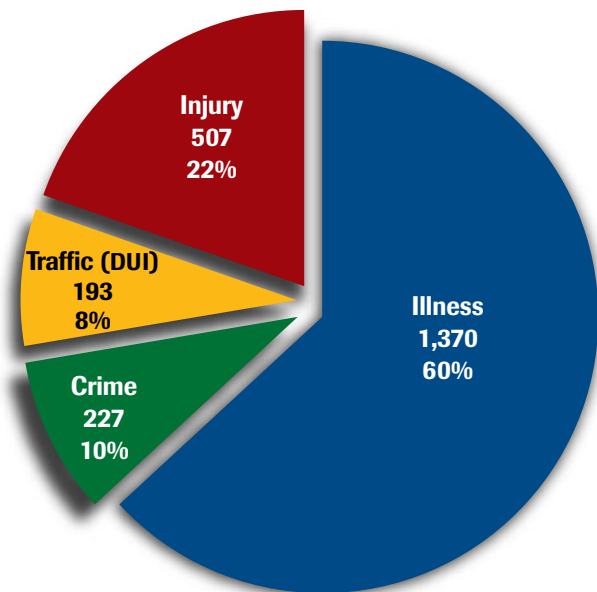
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The price tag for alcohol in LA County

- The total economic cost of alcohol use is \$10.8 billion annually
- This translates to roughly \$1000 per LA County resident or \$3,100 per family each year



Total: \$10.8 billion



Total: 2,297

How alcohol causes death in LA County

- Total number of lives lost each year to alcohol use is 2,297
- Six people die each day due to alcohol use
- The total number of incidents related to alcohol use is over 240,000
- There are 28 incidents (injuries, crimes, high-risk sex, etc.) every hour due to alcohol use



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Lives lost and financial burden due to alcohol use in Los Angeles County

Problem	Deaths	Incidents	Total costs	Government costs*
Illness	1,370	13,558	\$5.4 billion	\$200 million
Traffic (DUI)	193	51,665	\$2.0 billion	\$200 million
Other Injury	507	10,924	\$1.0 billion	\$100 million
Crime	227	166,118	\$2.4 billion	\$1.7 billion
Total	2,297	242,265	\$10.8 billion	\$2.2 billion

*Government agencies (state, county, and city) are burdened with \$2.2 billion or 20 percent of the total \$10.8 billion price tag.

How alcohol destroys health

Type of illness	Deaths	Hospitalizations
Digestive Diseases	949	6,640
Neuro-Psychiatric Conditions	172	5,209
Cardio-Vascular Diseases	166	1,455
Malignant Neoplasms	78	156
Pregnancy-Related Conditions	5	98
Fetal Alcohol Syndrome	0	303*
High Risk Sex	0	13,564*
Total	1,370	27,424

*Numbers are new incidents, not the number of hospitalizations.

Alcohol-caused injury and traffic collisions are responsible for roughly 700 deaths and a staggering 27,530 non-fatal injuries each year. Tragically, alcohol results in 158 suicides each year, while 26 percent of all traffic deaths in Los Angeles County are caused by alcohol. The annual economic cost of traffic collisions and other injuries totals about \$3 billion.

Alcohol use causes a disturbing array of health problems, from liver disease to cancer to sexually-transmitted diseases, all of which cost Los Angeles County \$5.4 billion annually. These figures are conservative estimates because not all alcohol-related illnesses were included in the analysis.

How alcohol causes bodily harm

Cause	Deaths	Injuries
Traffic (DUI)	193	16,606
Falls	117	6,502
Suicide	158	673
Poisonings (Non-Alcohol)	160	449
Alcohol Poisoning	15	127
Occupational	2	86
Other	55	3,087
Total	700	27,530

How alcohol contributes to crime

Crime	Incidents	Proportion
<i>Property Crime</i>	51,671	6.8%
<i>Violent Crime</i>		
Assault	97,209	21%
Rape	6,834	20%
Robbery	7,267	17%
Child Physical Abuse	2,586	4.5%
Child Sexual Abuse	327	8.5%
Homicide	224	21%
Total	166,118	

An alarming 92 percent of alcohol-related crime costs are due to violent offenses. The total economic cost due to crime is roughly \$2.4 billion annually. Fully 20 percent of all homicides, rapes, and assaults can be attributed to alcohol use.

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