In 2014 Irish people drank 11 litres of pure alcohol. This equals:

- 29 litres of vodka
- 116 bottles of wine
- 445 pints of beer

Per capita consumption: 21% higher than the Dept of Health Steering Group’s target of 9.1 litres of pure alcohol. Ireland had 4th highest level of alcohol consumption out of 36 OECD countries in 2012.
## Harm to health

### In 2013:
- **Deaths per day** were alcohol related: 3
- **7,549 cases** treated for problem alcohol use
- **167,170 people** suffered an alcohol-related assault

### In 2014:
- **1 in 3 self-harm cases** were alcohol-related

### 1995 – 2013:
- Rate of alcohol-related liver disease **trebled** between 1995 and 2013

### 2001 – 2010:
- More than **1 in 10 breast cancer cases** attributed to alcohol

## Cost to economy and tax payer

€1.5 billion spent on alcohol-related hospital discharges. That’s €1 for every €10 spent in public health in 2012*

*This excludes emergency care, general practice, psychiatric care and alcohol treatment services

### In 2012:
- **160,221 hospital bed days** used for alcohol-related illness (3.6% of total bed days)

### 2013 survey:
- **€41 million**: The estimated cost of alcohol-related absenteeism in 2013

### 2013 survey:
- An estimated **5,315 people** lost their job as a result of alcohol in 2013