

The number of defendants proceeded against at magistrates' courts for offences related to sale of alcohol to a person under 18 years in England and Wales, by region for the years 2005 and 2006^{(1) (2) (3) (4)}

Region	2005	2006
North East	95	52
North West	238	233
Yorkshire and Humberside	38	101
East Midlands	73	113
West Midlands	122	109
East of England	36	111
London	253	236
South East	57	91
South West	85	38
Wales	87	115
England and Wales	1,084	1,199

(1) These data are on the principal offence basis.

(2) Data includes the following offence descriptions and corresponding statutes:

Holder of occasional permission or his agent knowingly selling to, knowingly allow consumption by or allowing any person to sell, intoxicating liquor to a person under 18. Selling etc intoxicating liquor to person under 18 for consumption on the premises. Licensing (Occasional Permissions) Act 1983 Schedule (Sec 3) para 4(1). Licensing Act 1964 Sec 169(1).

Sale of alcohol to a person under 18
Licensing Act 2003 S.146(1)

Wholesaler selling intoxicating liquor to a person under 18.
Licensing Act 1964 Sec 181A(1) as added by Licensing Act 1988 Sec 17.

Allow sale of alcohol to an individual under 18.
Licensing Act 2003 Sec 147(1) & (5)

(3) Every effort is made to ensure that the figures presented are accurate and complete.

However, it is important to note that these data have been extracted from large administrative data systems generated by the courts, other agencies, and police forces.

As a consequence, care should be taken to ensure data collection processes and their inevitable limitations are taken into account when those data are used.

(4) The Licensing Act 2003 came into force on 24 November 2005.

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