

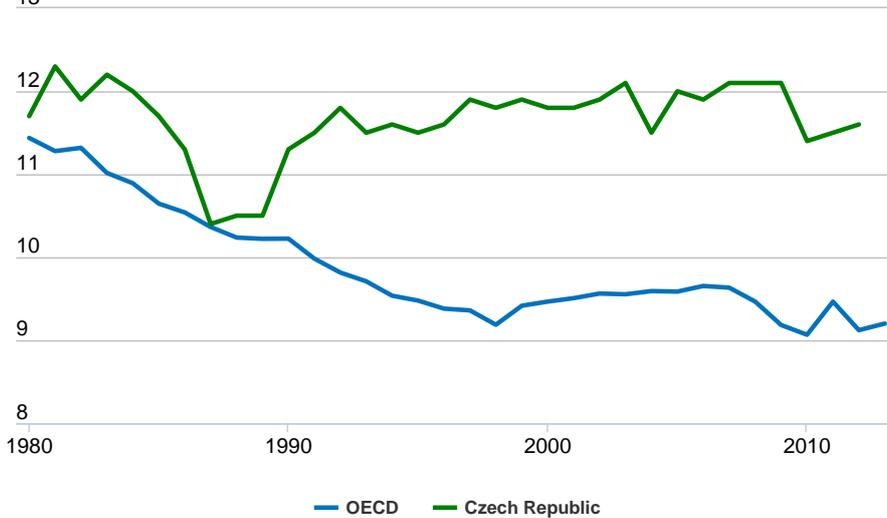
Tackling Harmful Alcohol Use

Country note - Czech Republic

Consumption Trends

Levels of alcohol consumption in the Czech Republic are above the OECD average and have remained relatively stable in the last 30 years. In 2012, an average of 11.6 litres of pure alcohol per capita was consumed in the Czech Republic, compared with an estimate of 9.1 litres in the OECD.

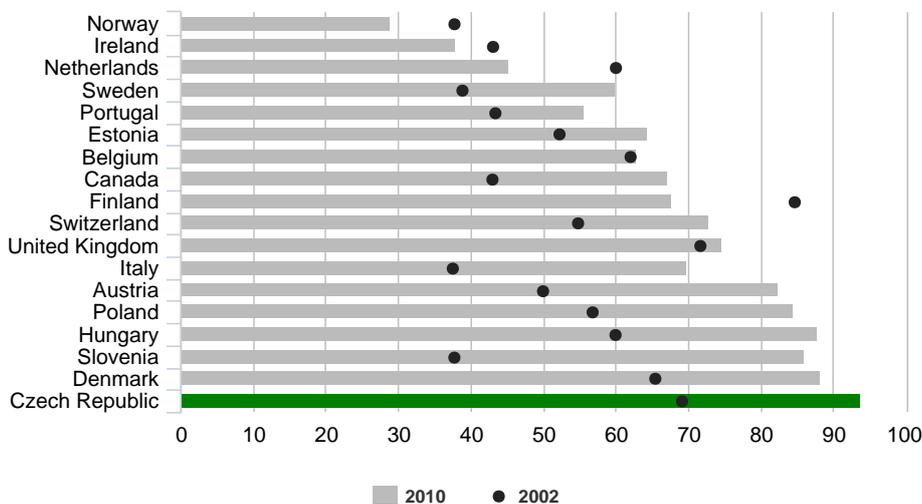
Annual alcohol consumption per capita
liters of pure alcohol component, 15-year-olds and older



Youth Drinking

Initiation into alcohol drinking happens at increasingly early ages. In the Czech Republic, the proportion of 15 year olds who have experienced alcohol increased from almost 70% in 2002 to 94% in 2010 and it is the highest among the countries studied by the OECD.

Share of 15-year-olds who have drunk alcohol
boys and girls, 2002 vs 2010



Taxes & Legal Framework

Compared with other countries in the OECD area, the Czech Republic has somewhat milder levels of taxation of alcohol, particularly for beer and spirits. The blood alcohol concentration (BAC) limit for the general population is 0%, which only 4 other OECD countries and Key Partners (i.e. Brazil, China, India, Indonesia, Russian Federation and South Africa) apply (the majority of countries enforces a maximum BAC level of 0.05%). The Czech Republic enforces a wide-range of policies to restrict promotion of alcohol beverages but regulation of on- and off-premise sales of alcoholic beverages (e.g. time restrictions and sales in petrol stations) is limited.

| | Czech Republic | [Country 2] |
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| National legal minimum age for off-premise sales | | |
| beer | 18 | |
| wine | 18 | |
| spirits | 18 | |
| National legal minimum age for on-premise sales | | |
| beer | 18 | |
| wine | 18 | |
| spirits | 18 | |
| Restrictions for on-/off-premise sales of alcoholic beverages | | |
| time (hours/day) | N/N | |
| location (place/density) | Y/N | |
| specific events | Y | |
| intoxicated persons | Y | |
| petrol stations | N | |
| National maximum legal blood alcohol concentration (%) | | |
| all drivers | 0 | |
| young drivers | 0 | |
| professional drivers | 0 | |
| Legally binding regulations of | | |
| advertisement | Y | |
| product placement | Y | |
| sponsorship | Y | |
| sales promotion | N | |
| health warnings (advert/containers) | N/N | |

Related Publication

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<http://www.oecd.org/health/tackling-harmful-alcohol-use-9789264181069-en.htm>



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