

## AGENCY

The mission of the **Idaho State Liquor Division (ISLD)** is to provide control over the importation, distribution, sale, and consumption of distilled spirits; curtail intemperate use of beverage alcohol; and responsibly optimize the net revenues to the citizens of Idaho. The Idaho Constitution authorizes the ISLD to regulate the manufacture, transportation, storage, sale, and delivery of distilled spirits. It also authorizes the Division to operate retail liquor stores.

## WET and DRY COUNTIES

State law allows local jurisdictions to hold a vote on being wet or dry and to what extent alcoholic beverages may be sold.

All counties are wet.

Franklin and Madison Counties prohibit liquor by the drink.

## HISTORY

The Idaho State Liquor Division was established in 1935, following the repeal of Prohibition. The ISLD has been organized in the Executive Office of the Governor since 1974.



## ENFORCEMENT

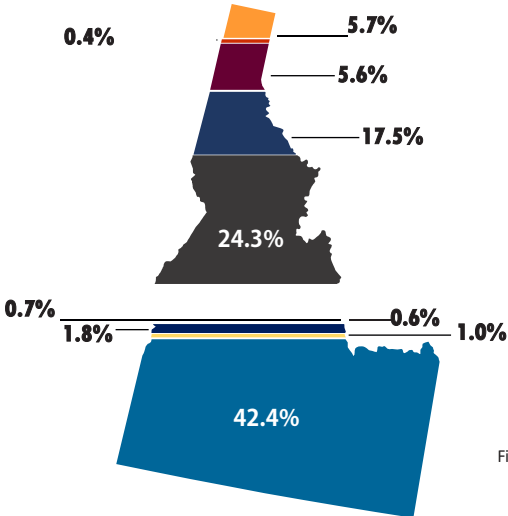
The Idaho State Police's Alcohol Beverage Control (ABC) Bureau is responsible for licensing on-premise and off-premise beer and wine outlets, and enforcing state alcohol laws. Idaho ABC is a separate agency from the Liquor Division.

Idaho ABC ensures all establishments selling or producing alcoholic beverages, including liquor, beer, and wine are properly licensed and conform to the law. Idaho ABC is active in providing Seller and Server training to licensees and retail establishments across the state.

Over 21+ Population -- July 2021 (Census.gov) **1,358,288**

## NET REVENUE

- General Fund (42.4%)
- Public Schools (1.0%)
- Substance Abuse Treatment (1.8%)
- Cooperative Welfare Fund (0.6%)
- Community Colleges (0.7%)
- Cities (24.3%)
- Counties (17.5%)
- Court Services (5.6%)
- Court Supervision Fund (0.4%)
- Magistrate Courts (5.7%)



**\$115,600,000**  
FY 2022 Net Revenue

The ISLD distributed \$820 million to its beneficiaries in the last decade, and expects to distribute \$1.5 billion in the coming decade.

Figures are from 2022

## DISTRIBUTION

Distilled spirits are only sold in state-operated liquor stores and contract retail stores that are authorized by the ISLD. The ISLD ships to all retail stores (state-run and contractors) via a third-party contract carrier. Bars and restaurants purchase distilled spirits from the State's retail stores. Generally, they pick up their orders, but delivery by ISLD is not prohibited. The ISLD does not have oversight of beer and wine. Beer and wine are handled through private distributors who generally deliver products to the retailers.

The Division operates a central warehouse in Boise from where all liquor products are distributed. The warehouse capacity is 325,000 cases of distilled spirits.

Does jurisdiction allow direct shipping of wine?



Tax per standard drink:

**SPIRITS: \$0.091**

**WINE: \$0.018**

**BEER: \$0.014**

## OUTLETS AND GROCERY STORES

The Idaho State Liquor Division has complete oversight of all wholesale and retail aspects of distilled spirits in the state. The ISLD operates 67 state-run retail stores and 105 contract-operated retail stores. There are 1,150 off premise beer and wine outlets in Idaho operated by independent retailers.

The Idaho Liquor Division operates or contracts with private businesses for all off-premise locations selling distilled spirits. ISLD has restrictions on locating near schools.

- Idaho has policies that regulate the density of off-premise outlets in a neighborhood/precinct/condensed area
- Jurisdiction does allow the sale of spirits in convenience stores if the store is a contractor of the ISLD
- Servers must be at least 19 years old to serve alcohol at on- and off-premise outlets
- The sale of beer, low proof spirits up to 14% alcohol, wine up to 16% alcohol, and ports, sheries and madeiras up to 24% are permitted in grocery stores
- Sunday sales are allowed by county option, and are approved in 32 of Idaho's 44 counties
- Keg registration is required
- For every 100,000 residents ages 21 and older, there are 14 retail spirits outlets
- Beverage service training is not required by law

## IDAHO STATE LIQUOR DIVISION IN ACTION



The ISLD recognizes a strong need for resources from agencies and coalitions throughout the state that are implementing various educational programs in our communities. To help with this need, a NABCA Education Award has been granted the past seven years to the Idaho State Liquor Division to develop and implement an Alcohol Education Mini-Grant Program. Agencies and coalitions in the state of Idaho are eligible to apply for a resource request that does not exceed \$10,000.

The ISLD also continues to partner by volunteering and providing financial support to the Northwest Alcohol Conference, the Idaho Department of Education Prevention Conference, and to various programs with the Alcohol Beverage Control Bureau within the Idaho State Police.

## DEFINITIONS

Control systems -- jurisdictions that directly control the distribution and sale of beverage alcohol in their borders.

Three-tier system -- the method of alcohol distribution developed after Prohibition in the United States. Producers/manufacturers (first tier) can sell products only to wholesalers/distributors (second tier) who then sell to retailers (third tier).

Revenue Per Capita -- revenue per person.

Wet and dry counties -- Wet jurisdictions are those that permit the sale of spirits, wine, or beer for on-premise and off-premise consumption. Dry jurisdictions prohibit some or all alcohol sales, whether on- or off-premise.

Sources: 2018 Survey Database, Alcohol Beverages Revenues & Taxes 2020 Report (June 2022), Idaho State Liquor Division, Alcohol Policy Information System (APIS), Census.gov.