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Definitions:

For purposes of this publication, the term “wet county” refers to any county in the United States which has at least one municipality within its borders that has any kind of alcohol sales. Some counties describe themselves as dry unless the entire county is wet, but this is not the definition for this document. Additionally, counties described as “moist” are also considered wet. “Moist counties” generally refers to counties where there is some amount of alcohol sales but not completely. For example: off-premise sales are allowed but not liquor by the drink or a jurisdiction where beer and wine may be sold but not spirits.

The term “dry county” in this publication refers only to those counties in the United States with absolutely no alcohol sales of any kind within their borders.

While this document is as accurate and up-to-date as possible, the issue is not static as local elections on this subject occur regularly. Please consult with local jurisdictions for additional information.

State	Does your state allow counties, cities, and/or other local jurisdictions to choose to be a wet or dry jurisdiction?	Wet (or "moist") Counties	Dry Counties	Additional Information
Alabama	State law allows local jurisdictions to hold a vote on being wet or dry and to what extent alcoholic beverages may be sold. See Alabama Code 28-3-1-(28) and Alabama Code 28-3-1-(9).	All counties	None	The following cities are wet in counties otherwise dry: Albertville, Aliceville, Arab, Athens, Blountsville, Boaz, Brent, Bridgeport, Carbon Hill, Cedar Bluff, Centre, Centreville, Chatom, Clanton, Cleveland, Collinsville, Cordova, Cullman, Decatur, Dora, Elba, Enterprise, Fayette, Florence, Ft. Payne, Frisco City, Geneva, Good Hope, Grove Hill, Guin, Guntersville, Haleyville, Hamilton, Hollywood, Jackson, Jasper, Jemison, Monroeville, Moulton, New Brockton, Oneonta, Priceville, Reform, Rogersville, Russellville, St Florian, Samson, Scottsboro, Slocomb, Stevenson, Sulligent, Thomasville, Thorsby, Town Creek, Winfield
Alaska	State law allows local jurisdictions to hold public referendums and/or approve local laws or regulations on alcohol sales.	Alaska does not have counties, the state has boroughs. All boroughs are wet	None	There are several cities and villages in the state that remain dry.
Arizona	State law prohibits dry localities.	All counties	None	

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Arkansas	State law allows local jurisdictions to hold public referendums and/or approve local laws or regulations on alcohol sales.	Arkansas, Baxter, Benton, Boone, Carroll, Chicot, Clark, Cleveland, Columbia, Conway, Crittenden, Cross, Desha, Dallas, Drew, Franklin, Garland, Greene, Jackson, Jefferson, northern Logan, Marion, Miller, Mississippi, Monroe, Ouachita, Phillips, Poinsett, Prairie, Pulaske, Saline, St. Francis, Sebastian, Sharp, Union, Washington, Woodruff	Ashley, Bradley, Clay, Cleburne, Craighead, Crawford, Faulkner, Fulton, Grant, Hempstead, Hot Spring, Howard, Independence, Izard, Johnson, Lafayette, Lawrence, Lincoln, Little River, Southern Logan, Lonoke, Madison, Montgomery, Newton, Perry, Pike, Polk, Pope, Randolph, Scott, Searcy, Southern Sebastian, Sevier, Stone, Van Buren, White, Yell	
California	State law allows local jurisdictions to hold public referendums and/or approve local laws or regulations on alcohol sales.	All counties	None	
Colorado	State law allows local jurisdictions to hold public referendums and/or approve local laws or regulations on alcohol sales.	All counties	None	
Connecticut	State law allows local jurisdictions to hold public referendums and/or approve local laws or regulations on alcohol sales. See Conn. Gen. Stat. Section 545-30-9.	All counties	None	
Delaware	State law allows local jurisdictions to hold public referendums and/or approve local laws or regulations on alcohol sales.	All counties	None	

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District of Columbia	Not applicable	All counties	None	
Florida	State law allows local jurisdictions to hold public referendums and/or approve local laws or regulations on alcohol sales. See Fla. Stat. Chapter 567.	All counties except three	Lafayette, Liberty, Washington	
Georgia	State law allows local jurisdictions to hold public referendums and/or approve local laws or regulations on alcohol sales.	All counties except five	Coweta, Decatur, Dodge, Franklin, Murray	
Hawaii	State law prohibits dry localities.	All counties	None	
Idaho	State law allows local jurisdictions to hold a vote on being wet or dry and to what extent alcoholic beverages may be sold. See Idaho Code 23-917.	All counties	None	Franklin and Madison counties prohibit liquor by the drink.
Illinois	State law prohibits dry localities.	All counties	None	
Indiana	State law prohibits dry localities.	All counties	None	
Iowa	State law prohibits dry localities.. See Iowa Code Section 123.32.	All counties	None	

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Kansas	State law requires localities "opt in" for the sale of alcoholic beverages.	Allen, Anderson, Atchison, Barber, Barton, Bourbon, Brown, Butler, Chase, Chautauqua, Cheyenne, Clay, Cloud, Coffey, Comanche, Cowley, Crawford, Decatur, Dickinson, Doniphan, Douglas, Edwards, Ellis, Ellsworth, Finney, Ford, Franklin, Geary, Gove, Graham, Grant, Greeley, Greenwood, Hamilton, Harper, Harvey, Hodgeman, Jackson, Jefferson, Johnson, Kearny, Kingman, Kiowa, Labette, Leavenworth, Lincoln, Linn, Logan, Lyon, Marion, Marshall, McPherson, Miami, Mitchell, Montgomery, Morris, Nemaha, Neosho, Ness, Norton, Osage, Osborne, Ottawa, Pawnee, Phillips, Pottawatomie, Pratt, Rawlins, Reno, Republic, Riley, Rooks, Rush, Russell, Saline, Scott, Sedgwick, Seward, Shawnee, Sherman, Smith, Stafford, Sumner, Thomas, Trego, Wabaunsee, Washington	Jewell, Sheridan, Doniphan, Clay, Elk, Rice, Stafford, Gove, Wallace, Wichita, Lane, Gray, Haskell, Meade, Clark, Stevens, Morton, Stanton, Cherokee	Some wet counties have a liquor-by-the-drink requirement that the licensed venue gets at least 30% of its gross revenue from food sales.

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Kentucky	State law allows local jurisdictions to hold public referendums and/or approve local laws or regulations on alcohol sales. See KRD 242.125.	Anderson, Barren, Bell, Boone, Bourbon, Boyd, Boyle, Bracken, Breckinridge, Bullitt, Caldwell, Calloway, Campbell, Carroll, Carter, Christian, Clark, Clay, Daviess, Edmondson, Fayette, Floyd, Franklin, Fulton, Gallatin, Garrard, Brant, Braves, Grayson, Green, Greenup, Hardin, Harlan, Harrison, Henderson, Henry, Hopkins, Jefferson, Jessamine, Johnson, Kenton, Laurel, Letcher, Lewis, Livingston, Logan, Lyon, McCracken, Madison, Magoffin, Marion, Marshall, Mason, Meade, Mercer, Montgomery, Muhlenberg, Nelson, Nicholas, Oldham, Owen, Pendleton, Perry, Pike, Pulaski, Rowan, Scott, Shelby, Simpson, Spencer, Taylor, Todd, Trigg, Trimble, Union, Warren, Washington, Wayne, Whitley, Wolfe, Woodford	Adair, Allen, Ballard, Bath, Breathitt, Butler, Carlisle, Casey, Clinton, Crittenden, Cumberland, Elliott, Estill, Fleming, Hancock, Hart, Hickman, Jackson, Knott, Knox, Larue, Lawrence, Lee, Leslie, Lincoln, McCreary, McLean, Martin, Menifee, Metcalfe, Monroe, Morgan, Ohio, Owsley, Powell, Robertson, Rockcastle, Russell, Webster	"State law divides counties with varying degrees of alcohol sales into the following categories: Dry Wet Moist Limited Golf Course Winery Qualified Historic Site (QHS)"

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Louisiana	State law allows local jurisdictions to hold public referendums and/or approve local laws or regulations on alcohol sales. See La. R.S. Section 26:147.	Louisiana does not have counties, the state has parishes. All parishes are wet	None	
Maine	State law allows local jurisdictions to control alcohol availability. See Maine R.S. Title 28-A Chapter 5.	All counties	None	
Maryland	State law prohibits dry localities.	All counties	None	
Massachusetts	State law allows local jurisdictions to hold public referendums and/or approve local laws or regulations on alcohol sales.	All counties	None	There are cities and towns in the state that remain dry.
Michigan	State law allows local jurisdictions to control alcohol availability. See Michigan Compiled Laws Section 436.2109.	All counties	None	There are several townships and communities in the state (localities smaller than counties and cities) that remain dry.
Minnesota	State law allows localities to enact laws more strict than state alcohol laws.	All counties	None	Alcohol sales are prohibited on the Red Lake Indian Reservation.

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Mississippi	State law requires localities "opt in" for the sale of alcoholic beverages.	Desoto, Marshall, Tunica, Panola, Lee, Clay, Lowndes, Coahoma, Quitman, Tallahatchie, Yalobusha, Grenada, Bolivar, Sunflower, Leflore, Carroll, Montgomery, Washington, Humpherys, Holmes, Attala, Winston, Noxubee, Issaquena, Sharkey, Yazoo, Madison, Kemper, Lauderdale, Warren, Hinds, Rankin, Jasper, Clairborne, Jefferson, Adams, Lawrence, Jefferson Davis, Marion, Forrest, Perry, Wilkinson, Amite, Pike, Hancock, Harrison, Jackson, Chickasaw, Simpson, Lamar, Stone, Pearl River, Lincoln, Covington, Jones, Wayne, Alcorn, Union, Lafayette, Monroe, Copiah, Newton, Oktibbeha, Leake, Neshoba, Scott	Tate, Benton, Tippah, Tishomingo, Prentiss, Pontotoc, Itawamba, Calhoun, Webster, Choctaw, Smith, Clarke, Franklin, Walthall, Greene, George	
Missouri	State law prohibits dry localities.	All counties	None	
Montana	State law prohibits dry localities.	All counties	None	
Nebraska	State law prohibits dry localities.	All counties	None	

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Nevada	State law prohibits dry localities.	All counties	None	
New Hampshire	State law allows local jurisdictions to hold public referendums and/or approve local laws or regulations on alcohol sales. See N.H. Stat. Section 663:5.	All counties	None	The town of Ellsworth remains dry.
New Jersey	State law allows local jurisdictions to hold public referendums and/or approve local laws or regulations on alcohol sales. See N.J. Stat. Section 40	All counties	None	There are cities and towns in the state that remain dry.
New Mexico	State law allows local jurisdictions to hold public referendums and/or approve local laws or regulations on alcohol sales.	All counties	None	
New York	State law allows local jurisdictions (not counties) to hold public referendums and/or approve local laws or regulations on alcohol sales. See New York Alcoholic Beverage Control Code, Article 9	All counties	None	The following towns are dry: Caneadea, Clymer, Lapeer, Orwell, Fremont, Jasper, Neversink, Berkshire, Argyle
North Carolina	State law allows local jurisdictions to hold public referendums and/or approve local laws or regulations on alcohol sales.	All counties	None	There are cities and towns in the state that remain dry.

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North Dakota	State law prohibits dry localities.	All counties	None	
Ohio	State law allows local jurisdictions to hold public referendums and/or approve local laws or regulations on alcohol sales.	All counties	None	There are towns and city precincts in the state that remain dry.
Oklahoma	State law prohibits dry localities.	All counties	None	
Oregon	State law prohibits dry localities. See Ore. Rev. Stat. Section 471.045.	All counties	None	
Pennsylvania	State law includes a local option for municipalities, not counties.	All counties	None	There are several municipalities in the state that remain dry.
Rhode Island	State law allows local jurisdictions to hold public referendums and/or approve local laws or regulations on alcohol sales.	All counties	None	
South Carolina	State law prohibits dry localities.	All counties	None	
South Dakota	State law allows local jurisdictions to hold public referendums and/or approve local laws or regulations on alcohol sales. See S.D.C. Chapter 35-3.	All counties except one	Oglala Lakota County (formerly Shannon County)	

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Tennessee	State law allows local jurisdictions to hold public referendums and/or approve local laws or regulations on alcohol sales.	Cumberland, Davidson, Hamilton, Knox, Loudon, Perry, Rutherford, Shelby, Williamson, Anderson, Bedford, Blount, Bradley, Campbell, Carroll, Carter, Cheatham, Chester, Clay, Cocke, Coffee, Cumberland, Davidson, Dickson, Decatur, Dyer, Fayette, Franklin, Gibson, Giles, Greene, Grundy, Hamblen, Hamilton, Hardeman, Hardin, Haywood, Henderson, Henry, Humphreys, Jackson, Knox, Lauderdale, Lawrence, Lewis, Lincoln, Loudon, Madison, Marion, Marshall, Maury, McMinn, Montgomery, Monroe, Moore, Obion, Overton, Perry, Putnam, Roane, Robertson, Rutherford, Sequatchie, Sevier, Shelby, Smith, Sullivan, Sumner, Tipton, Trousdale, Unicoi, Van Buren, Warren, Washington, Wayne, Weakley, White, Williamson, Wilson	Benton, Bledsoe, Cannon, Claiborne, Crockett, Dekalb, Fentress, Grainger, Hancock, Hawkins, Hickman, Houston, Jefferson, Johnson, Lake, Macon, McNairy, Meigs, Morgan, Pickett, Rhea, Scott, Stewart, Union	

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Texas	State law allows local jurisdictions to hold public referendums and/or approve local laws or regulations on alcohol sales.	All counties except seven	Borden, Collingsworth, Hemphill, Kent, Martin, Roberts, Throckmorton	
Utah	State law prohibits dry localities.	All counties	None	
Vermont	State law allows local jurisdictions to hold public referendums and/or approve local laws or regulations on alcohol sales.	All counties	None	
Virginia	State law allows local jurisdictions to hold public referendums and/or approve local laws or regulations on alcohol sales.	All counties	None	
Washington	State law allows local jurisdictions to hold public referendums and/or approve local laws or regulations on alcohol sales.	All counties	None	Alcohol sales are prohibited on the Yakama Indian Reservation.
West Virginia	State law allows local jurisdictions to hold public referendums and/or approve local laws or regulations on alcohol sales.	All counties	None	There are several municipalities in the state that remain dry.
Wisconsin	State law does not address local alcohol sales.	All counties	None	The village of Ephraim is the only dry jurisdiction in the state.
Wyoming	State law prohibits dry localities.. See Stat. Section 12-4-101.	All counties	None	



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