We led an international team of scientists to estimate the public health impacts of deregulating the Swedish alcohol system under two hypothetical privatization scenarios:

### Scenario 1: Private liquor stores
- **1,200 stores**
- **6,900 stores**

### Scenario 2: Alcohol in grocery stores
- **13,206 additional hospital stays/year**
- **19,860 additional hospital stays/year**
- **795 additional deaths/year (cancers, digestive conditions, injuries, suicides)**

Sweden has a government-run alcohol retail monopoly, called “Systembolaget,” which controls the sale of all alcohol greater than 3.5% strength through its 456 stores. Systembolaget operates within a public health and safety mandate to minimize possible harms from alcohol consumption. It does not have a profit incentive.