The Public Health Benefits of Alcohol Regulation: The Case of Sweden

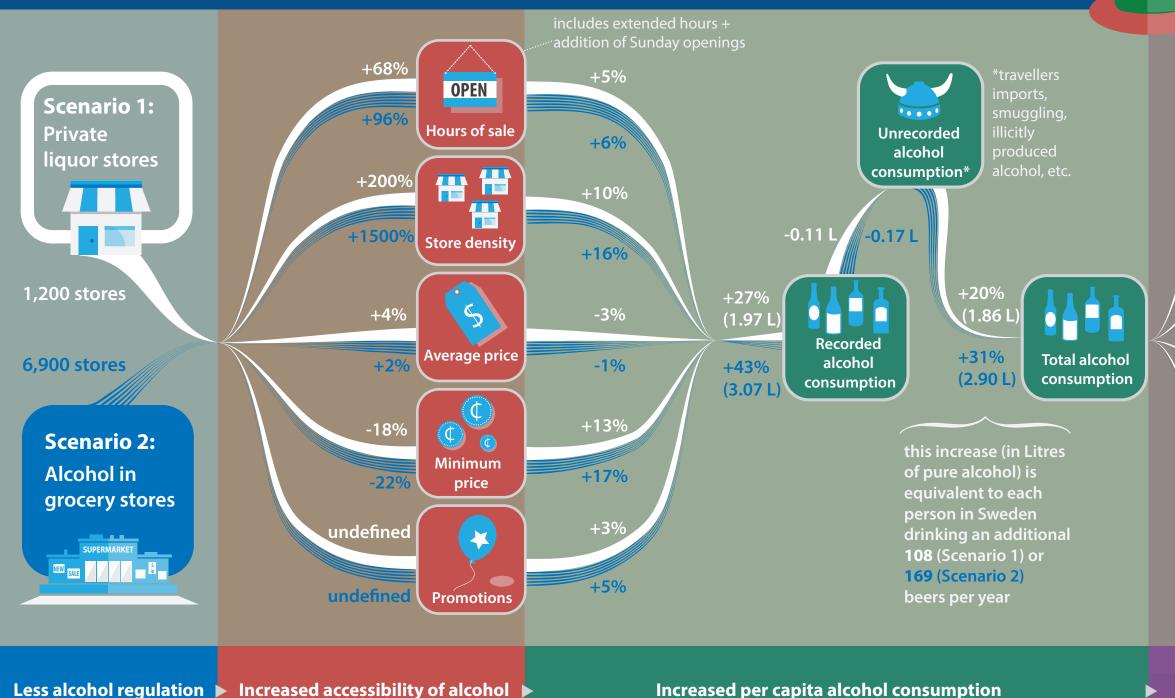
Sweden has a government-run alcohol retail monopoly, called "Systembolaget," which controls the sale of all alcohol greater than 3.5% strength through its 436 stores.

Systembolaget



Systembolaget operates within a public health and safety mandate to minimize possible harms from alcohol consumption. It does not have a profit incentive.

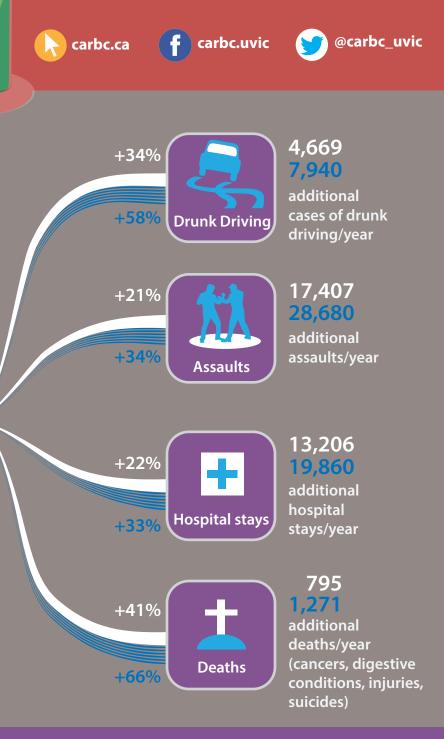
We led an international team of scientists to estimate the public health impacts of deregulating the Swedish alcohol system under two hypothetical privatization scenarios:





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Increased population-level harms