

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



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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 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:

