

Rates of alcohol-induced deaths increased from 2006 to 2018

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(HealthDay)—The rates of alcohol-induced deaths increased from 2006

to 2018 for adults aged ≥ 25 years, with a greater rate of increase in rural versus urban areas, according to an October data brief published by the U.S. Centers for Disease Control and Prevention National Center for Health Statistics.

Merianne Rose Spencer, M.P.H., from the National Center for Health Statistics in Hyattsville, Maryland, and colleagues used data from the National Vital Statistics System to examine alcohol-induced deaths among adults aged 25 years and older in the United States.

The researchers found that the age-adjusted rates of alcohol-induced deaths were stable from 2000 to 2006, then increased from 10.7 to 15.3 per 100,000 in 2006 to 2018, respectively (43 percent increase). Between 2000 and 2018, alcohol-induced [death rates](#) increased at a greater rate for both men and women in rural versus [urban areas](#). Among men, in 2000, the rate of alcohol-induced deaths was highest in large central metro areas (21.3); rates were highest in medium and small metro, micropolitan, and noncore areas by 2018 (25.1, 25.9, 26.7, and 25.3, respectively). Among women, in 2000, the rate of alcohol-induced deaths in noncore areas was among the lowest (4.4); rates in noncore areas had more than doubled by 2018 (9.9).

"While rates were higher for males than females for each year, the rate of change was greater for females, resulting in a narrowing of the differences between male and female rates," the authors write.

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