

Alcohol-Related Health Impacts

Medina County Data Snapshot



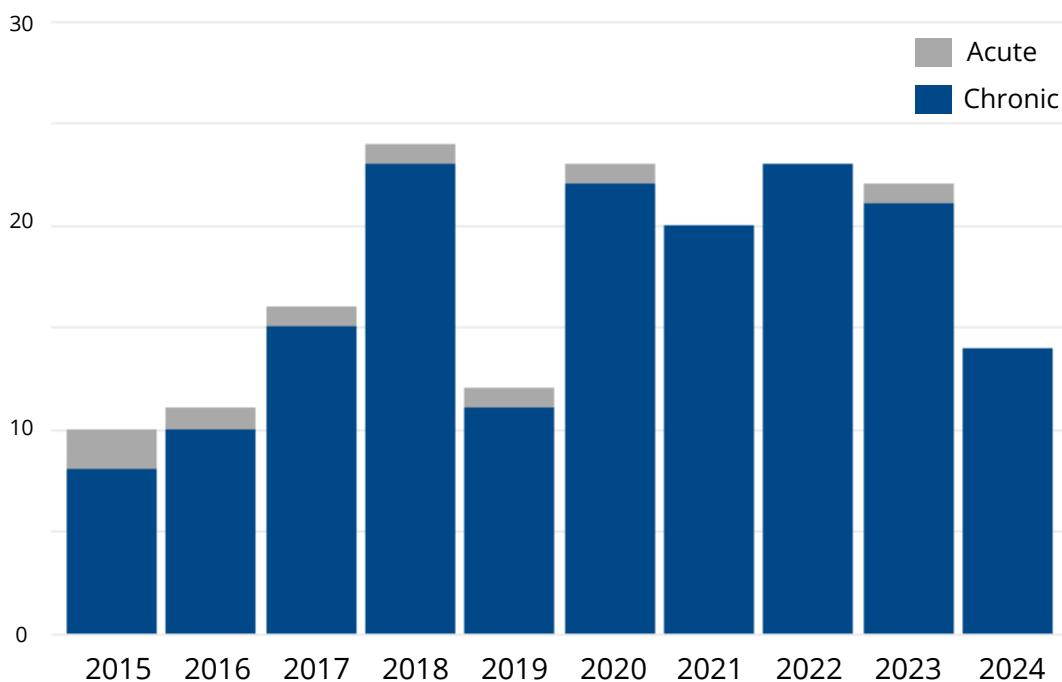
Medina County Key Findings

- Chronic alcohol-use caused the majority of alcohol-related fatalities among Medina County residents.
- Males had approximately twice as many alcohol-related fatalities compared to females.
- Adults 40-59 years of age had the highest number of alcohol-related fatalities.
- There were 638 alcohol-related car crashes from 2020 to 2024 in Medina County. The percentage of crashes that were alcohol-related in Medina County was higher than the Ohio percentage of crashes that were alcohol-related.
- The percentage of adults who binge drink has increased in Medina County since 2018. Medina County has the highest percentage of adults who binge drink in the Northeast Ohio region.
- The percentage of adults who drink excessively has increased in Medina County since 2018. Medina and Geauga counties have the highest percentage of adults who drink excessively in the Northeast Ohio region.

Deaths Related to Alcohol-Use among Medina County Residents

The majority of alcohol-related fatalities are due to **chronic** alcohol use.

Acute and **Chronic** Alcohol Fatalities by Year - Medina County, 2015-2024



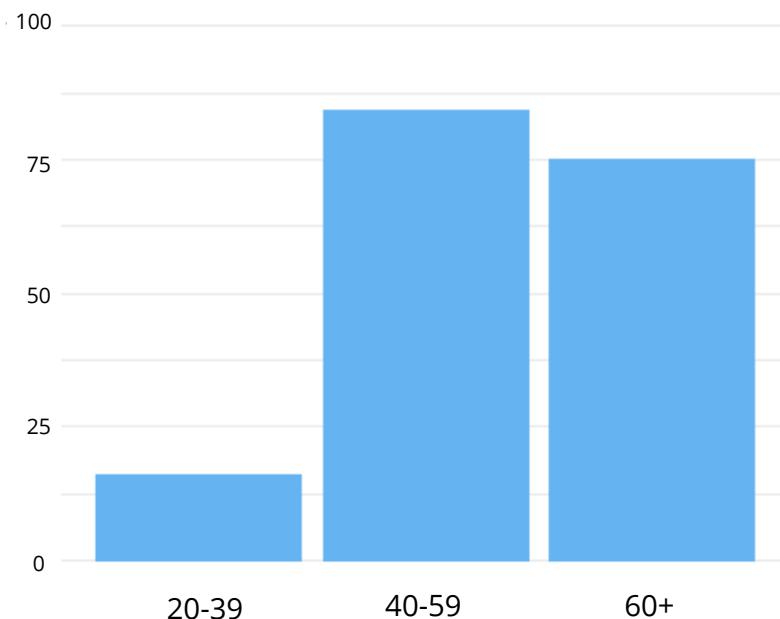
Chronic alcohol use includes causes of death from diseases such as alcoholic liver disease, alcohol dependence syndrome, and alcohol abuse. **Acute** alcohol deaths are from alcohol poisoning or suicide by exposure to alcohol.

The year 2018 had the highest number of fatalities related to alcohol-use.

Chronic alcohol-use causes the majority of alcohol-related deaths among Medina County residents.

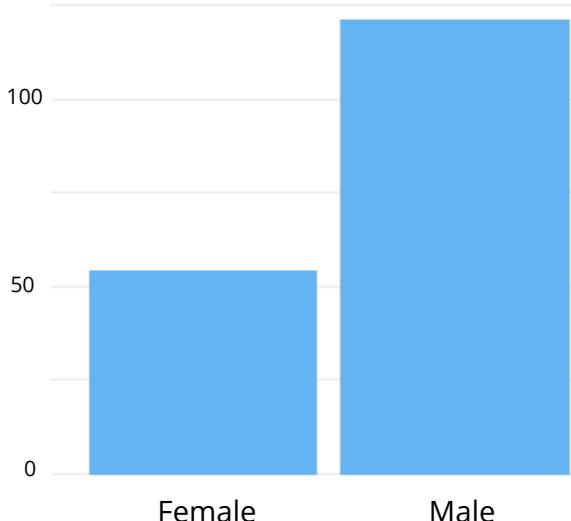
Adults **40-59 years of age** have the highest number of alcohol-related fatalities.

Alcohol Fatalities by Age Group - Medina County, 2015-2024



The majority of alcohol-related fatalities were **male**.

Alcohol Fatalities by Sex - Medina County, 2015-2024



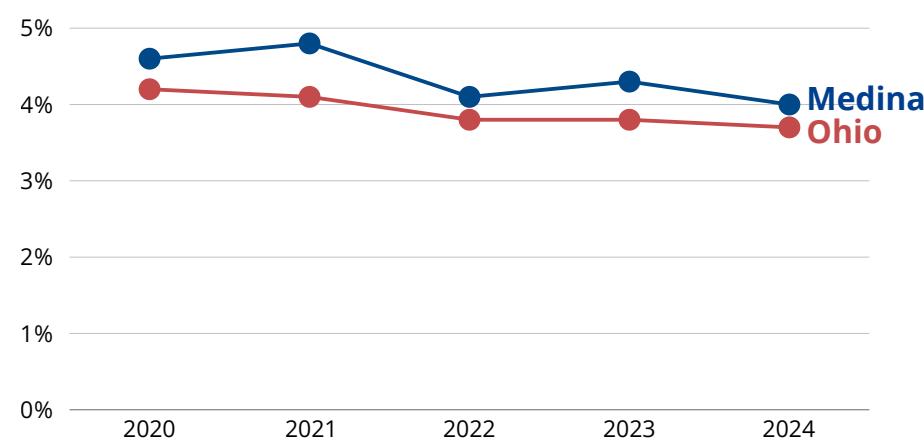
Source: Ohio Department of Health, DataOhio Portal

Alcohol-Related Traffic Incidents, Medina County

Source: OSTATS - Crash Dashboard

638
alcohol-related crashes
in Medina County from 2020 to 2024

Percent of Car Crashes that were Alcohol-Related Medina County & Ohio, 2020-2024

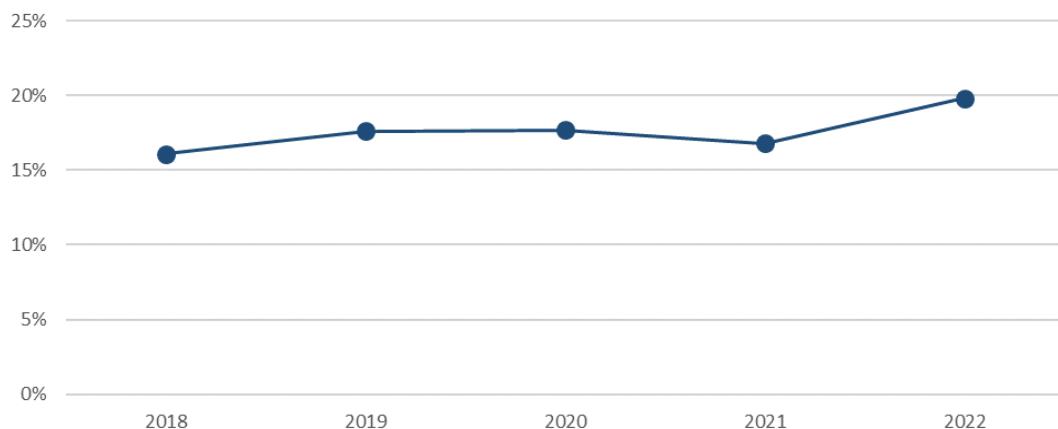


On average, 4.4% of crashes in Medina County were alcohol-related from 2020 to 2024 which is higher than the state average of 3.9%. This totaled 638 alcohol-related crashes in Medina County, 16 involving fatalities, from 2020 to 2024. The percent of alcohol-related crashes in Medina County declined slightly with a peak in 2021 of 4.8% of crashes and a low of 4.0% of crashes in 2024.

Alcohol-Related Behaviors of Medina County Residents

The percentage of **adults who binge drink** has **increased** in Medina County.

Percentage of Adults Who Binge Drink by Year - Medina County, 2018-2022



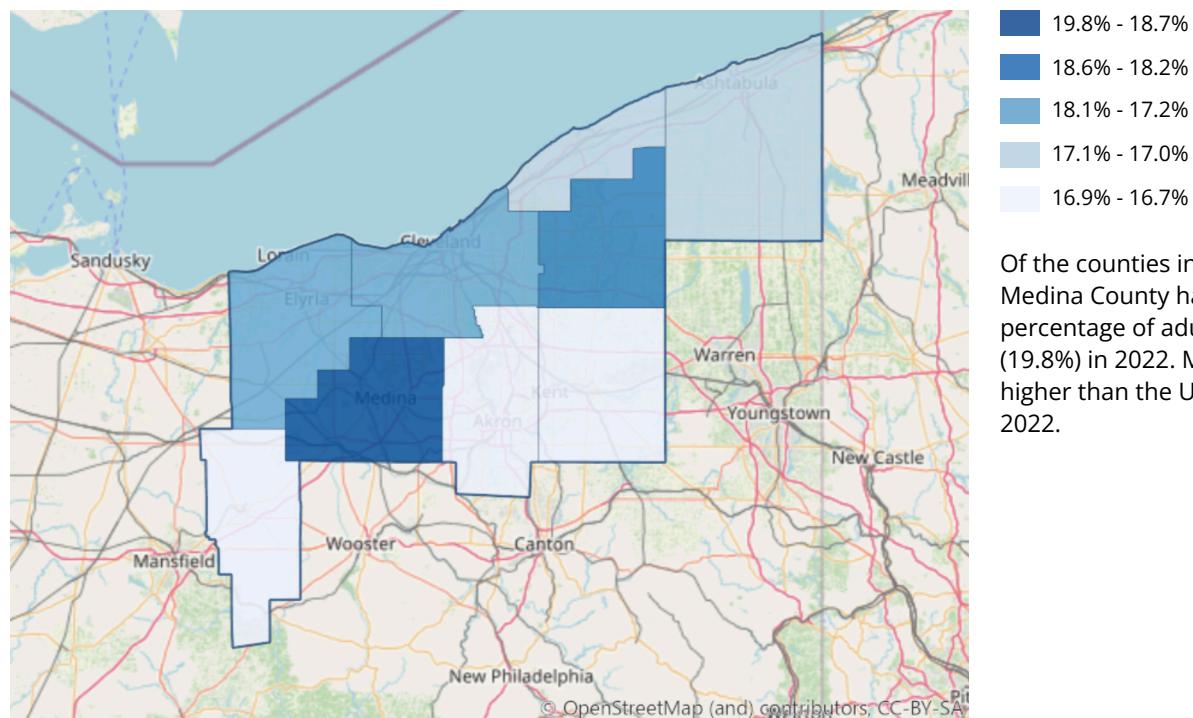
Source: Healthy NEO

Binge drinking is defined as consuming five or more drinks in one occasion for males and four or more drinks for females in the 30 days prior to the survey.

The percentage of adults in Medina County who binge drink increased from 16.1% in 2018 to 19.8% in 2022.

Medina County has the highest percentage of adult residents who **binge drink**.

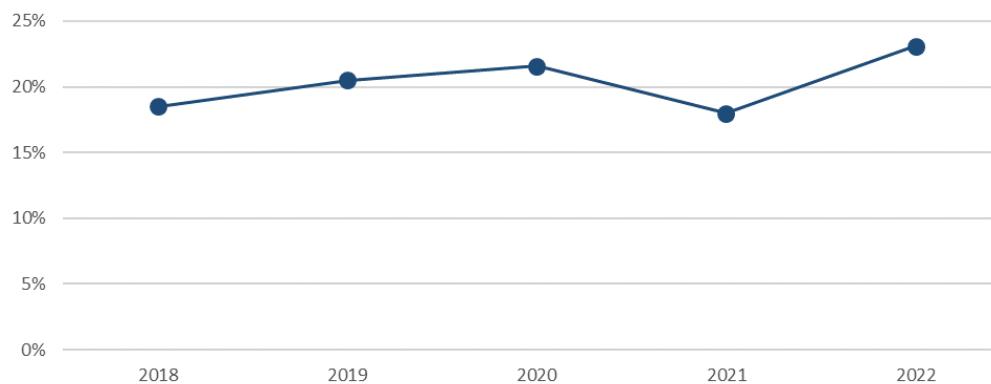
Percentage of Adults Who Binge Drink by County in Northeast Ohio, 2022



Source: Healthy NEO

The percentage of adults who drink excessively has increased in Medina County.

Percentage of Adults Who Drink Excessively by Year - Medina County, 2018-2022



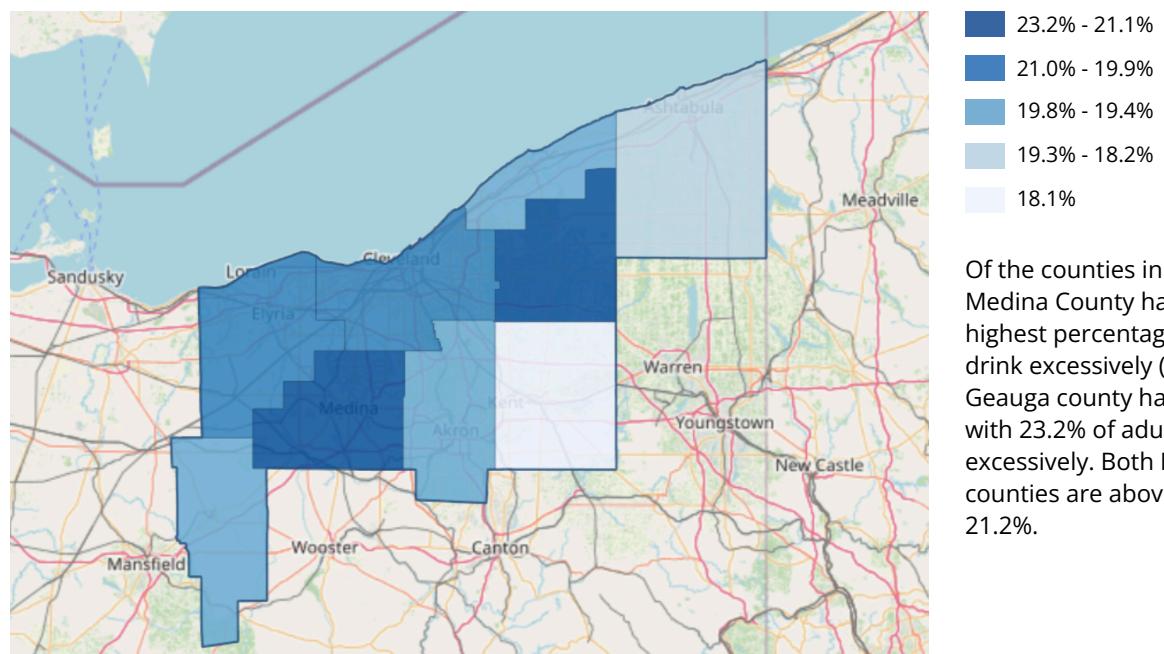
Source: Healthy NEO

Drinking excessively is defined as heavy drinking or binge drinking in the 30 days prior to the survey. Heavy drinking is defined as a woman drinking more than one drink on average per day or a man drinking more than two drinks on average per day.

The percentage of adults in Medina County who drink excessively increased from 18.5% in 2018 to 23.1% in 2022.

Medina and Geauga counties have the highest percentage of adult residents who drink excessively.

Percentage of Adults Who Drink Excessively by County in Northeast Ohio, 2022



Source: Healthy NEO

Of the counties in Northeast Ohio, Medina County had the second highest percentage of adults who drink excessively (23.1%) in 2022. Geauga county had the highest rate with 23.2% of adults drinking excessively. Both Medina and Geauga counties are above the state rate of 21.2%.

Data Notes & Sources



1. Alcohol-related fatality data were provided by the Ohio Department of Health, through the DataOhio Portal. The Department disclaims responsibility for any analyses, interpretations, or conclusions from these data. Alcohol-related fatality deaths were identified by having a primary cause of death ICD-10 code consistent with the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention's list of 100% alcohol-attributable cause of death. <https://www.cdc.gov/alcohol/ardi/alcohol-related-icd-codes.html>
2. Alcohol-related traffic incidents obtained from the Ohio State Highway Patrol. OSTATS - Crash Dashboard. <https://statepatrol.ohio.gov/dashboards-statistics/ostats-dashboards/crash-dashboard>
3. Binge drinking and drinking excessively data obtained from Healthy NEO. <https://www.healthyneo.org/>