

## Age limits for the sale of alcohol in EU Member States - July 2015

	Country	Off premise purchase (mildly alcoholic beverages)	Off premise purchase (mildly alcoholic beverages)	On premise purchase (strong alcoholic beverages)	On premise purchase (strong alcoholic beverages)
1	Belgium	16	18	16	18
2	Bulgaria	18	18	18	18
3	Cyprus	17	17	17	17
4	Denmark	16	18	18	18
5	Germany	16	18	16	18
6	Estonia	18	18	18	18
7	Finland	18	20	18	18
8	France	18	18	18	18
9	Greece	18	18	18	18
10	Hungary	18	18	18	18
11	Ireland	18	18	18	18
12	Italy	18	18	18	18
13	Croatia	18	18	18	18
14	Latvia	18	18	18	18
15	Lithuania	18	18	18	18
16	Luxemburg	16	16	16	16
17	Malta	17	17	17	17
18	Netherlands	18	18	18	18
19	Austria	16	16*	16	16*
20	Poland	18	18	18	18
21	Portugal	18	18	18	18
22	Romania	18	18	18	18
23	Slovenia	18	18	18	18
24	Slovakia	18	18	18	18
25	Spain**	18	18	18	18
26	Czech Republic	18	18	18	18
27	United Kingdom	18	18	16+	18
28	Sweden	18	20	18	18
Total of EU Member States with an age limit of 18 or higher		21	24	21	24

### Sources:

Status Report Alcohol and Health in 35 European Countries 2013. Copenhagen, WHO Europe, 2013; Eyes on Ages. Luxemburg, European Commission, 2013; [www.bag.admin.ch](http://www.bag.admin.ch) (Alcohol Policy Regulation in Europe).

- \* in six out of nine provinces 18 years
- \*\* Asturias was an exception for a long time, but since March 2015 not anymore
- + only in case of consuming during a meal and accompanied by an adult, otherwise the age limit is 18