

## What Types of Establishments Are Licensed to Sell Alcohol in DC?

### Liquor Stores

Liquor stores are licensed to sell beer, wine, & spirits for off-premise consumption with a Class A license. There are 211 licensed liquor stores in DC.

### Grocery Stores

Grocery stores are licensed to sell beer and wine only for off-premise consumption with a Class B license. There are 267 licensed grocery stores in DC.

### Restaurants

Restaurants are licensed to sell beer, wine, and spirits for on-premise consumption with a Class C license or beer and wine only with a Class D license. There are 670 licensed restaurants in DC.

### Taverns

Taverns are licensed to sell beer, wine, and spirits for on-premise consumption with a Class C license or beer and wine only with a Class D license. There are 186 licensed taverns in DC.

### Nightclubs

Nightclubs are licensed to sell beer, wine, and spirits for on-premise consumption with a Class C license or beer and wine only with a Class D license. There are 49 licensed nightclubs in DC.

### Hotels

Hotels are licensed to sell beer, wine, and spirits for on-premise consumption with a Class C license or beer and wine only with a Class D license. There are 79 licensed hotels in DC.

### Other

Includes multipurpose facilities (such as arenas), marine vessels, and railroad dining cars. Licensed to sell beer, wine, and spirits for on-premise consumption with a Class C license or beer and wine only with a Class D license. There are 69 other license types in DC.

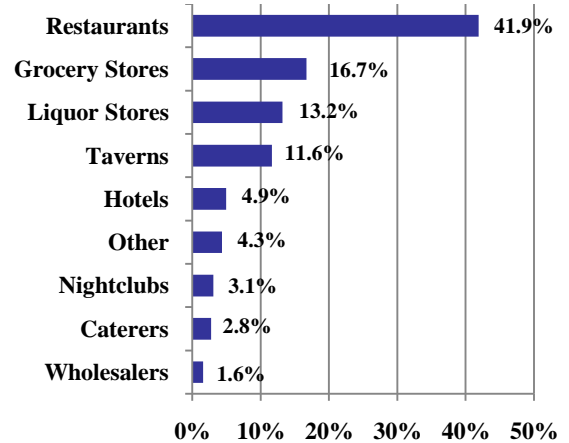
### Caterers

Sell and serve alcohol at catered events as part of the licensee's preparation and service of food products. There are 44 licensed caterers in DC.

### Wholesalers

Sell alcoholic beverages to other DC licensees for resale. Licensed to sell beer, wine, and spirits with a Class A license or beer and wine only with a Class B license. There are 25 licensed wholesalers in DC.

### Percent of Licensed Establishments in DC by Establishment Type



- Nearly three in four licensed alcohol establishments in DC are licensed restaurants, grocery stores, or liquor stores.
- The majority of licensed establishments for on-premise consumption have Class C licenses (licensed to sell beer, wine and spirits). Of the 1,053 licensed restaurants, taverns, nightclubs, hotels, and other establishments, 1,003 were Class C and 50 were Class D licensees.
- Licensed restaurants differ from licensed taverns in that they must have a menu in use, be ready, willing, and able to prepare and serve food from a kitchen that is regularly open at least 2 hours before closing, are not able to advertise alcoholic beverages or entertainment, and have annual gross food sales accounting for 45% of the establishment's gross annual receipts. Taverns must offer food and beverages, may offer entertainment (except nude performances), are able to display interior advertisements for alcoholic beverages, and have no annual gross food sales requirement.

Notes: Data reported in this briefing were adapted by CESAR from data from the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA). Data are of 1,600 licensed alcohol establishments (non-temporary licenses) as of July 6, 2010. ABRA also issues temporary Class F and G licenses authorizing non-licensees to temporarily sell/serve alcoholic beverages for up to four consecutive days, but number was unknown as of date of publication.