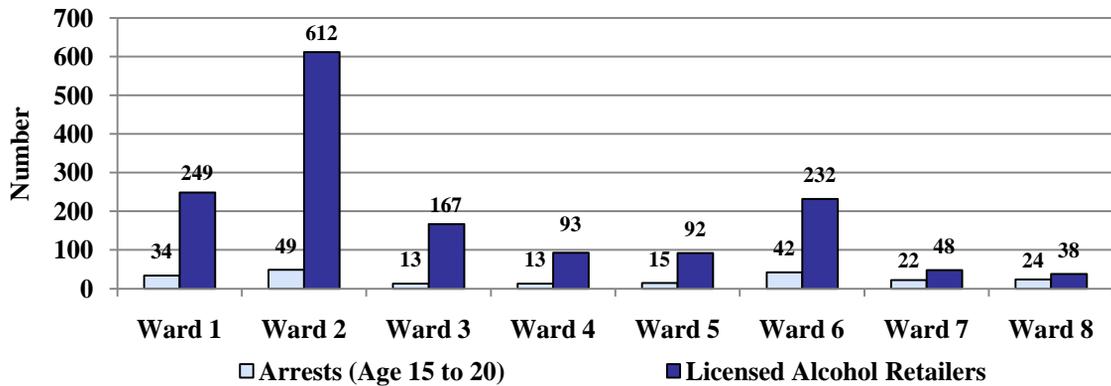


## Where Were Underage Youth (Age 15 to 20) Arrested for Alcohol-Related Crimes in 2009?<sup>1</sup>



- Underage youth were arrested more often for an alcohol-related crime in Wards 1, 2, & 6, the three wards with the greatest number of licensed alcohol retailers (and the greatest density of licensed alcohol retailers as shown in box below). However, the proportion of underage arrests to licensed alcohol retailers was greatest in Wards 7 and 8 (22/48 and 24/38) and least in Wards 2 and 3 (49/612 and 13/167).
- The number of licensed alcohol retailers in each ward appears to have little effect on the number of underage alcohol-related arrests in that ward across the District. Underage alcohol-related arrests by ward may be influenced by specific law enforcement initiatives of the various police districts and police service areas in DC. Consequently, underage alcohol-related arrests may not be the best indicator of underage drinking in the District.

### Alcohol-Related Arrest Characteristics<sup>1</sup>

- Of the 60 underage drunk driving arrests in 2009, youth age 15 to 20 were most likely to be arrested for drinking and driving in Wards 1, 2, & 6 (14, 13, and 11 arrests respectively).
- There were no alcohol-related arrests for youth age 10 to 14 in 2009.
- Underage alcohol-related arrests were more likely to occur on the weekends, with the most occurring on Saturdays.
- Underage males were 2 to 24 times more likely than underage females to be arrested for alcohol-related crimes across the wards. The difference was greatest between the sexes in Wards 5 & 8 (15 to 0 and 24 to 0 males to females age 15 to 20 respectively), while the difference was least in Ward 4 (9 males to 4 females age 15 to 20).

### Licensed Alcohol Retailers<sup>2</sup>

#### Rate (per square mile) of Licensed Alcohol Retailers

Ward 1 – 89.4	Ward 5 – 8.9
Ward 2 – 66.2	Ward 6 – 38.7
Ward 3 – 15.6	Ward 7 – 5.6
Ward 4 – 10.3	Ward 8 – 3.2

- DC is 68.5 miles<sup>2</sup> in area (including all bodies of water). Ward 1 is the smallest ward by area (2.8 miles<sup>2</sup>). All other wards range from 6.0 to 11.8 miles<sup>2</sup> in area.
- The greatest density of licensed alcohol retailers is in Wards 1, 2, & 6.

<sup>1</sup>Data reported in this briefing were adapted by CESAR from 2009 arrest data from the DC Metropolitan Police Department. Alcohol-related crimes include possession of open alcohol, keeping liquor for sale without a license, other ABC violation, selling liquor without a license, drinking in public, DUI (alcohol or drugs), DUI (refusing a test), and DWI. <sup>2</sup>Licensed retailer data adapted by CESAR from the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration as of July 7, 2010. Rates per square mile based on the DCGIS.Ward02Ply metadata file, compiled by the DC Office of the Chief Technology Officer.