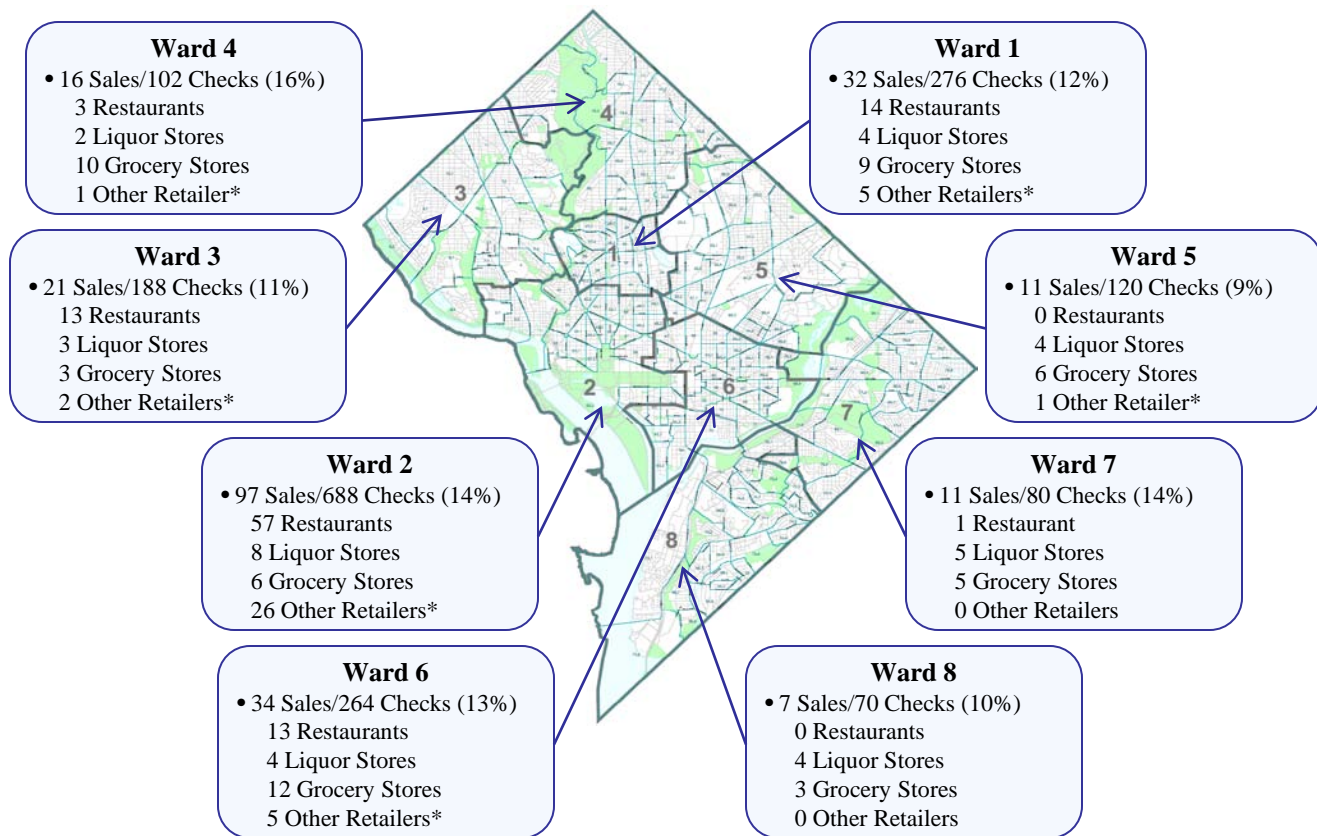


Where Were Underage Youth Sold Alcohol During ABRA Sponsored Compliance Checks in FY08 & FY09?¹



- The percentage of compliance checks conducted by the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration (ABRA) resulting in the sale of an alcoholic beverage to a minor decreased 28% from FY2008 to FY2009. In FY2008, 14.5% of the 1,034 compliance checks conducted resulted in the sale to a minor, compared to 10.5% in FY2009 (79 of the 754 checks resulting in violations).
- Across the wards, approximately 9 to 16% of all DC compliance checks resulted in an illegal sale to a minor. The ward with the greatest violation rate was Ward 4, while the ward with the lowest was Ward 5.
- Of all sales to minors, the greatest percent in Wards 1, 2, and 3 were in licensed restaurants. The greatest percent of sales in Wards 4 and 5 were at grocery stores, while grocery stores and restaurants in Ward 6 sold alcohol to minors at nearly the same rate. In Wards 7 and 8, the greatest percent of sales to minors was in both licensed liquor and grocery stores. This follows the distribution of licenses by establishment type across these wards.
- While the sample methodology used to conduct compliance checks is not entirely random, ABRA generally performs random checks on all establishments every 12 months. ABRA's non-random element consists of targeting certain establishments if a complaint has been received from the community or the Metropolitan Police Department, or if an establishment is being re-checked after having previously failed a compliance check.

¹Data reported in this briefing were adapted by CESAR from the Alcoholic Beverage Regulation Administration. See *District Youth in Brief*, Vol. 3, Issues 2 and 3 for number of licensed establishments by type of establishment and by ward.

*The category "other retailers" includes License Class C and D (on-premise consumption) taverns (18), nightclubs (1), hotels (19), and License Class G temporary licenses (2).