# Strategies to Reduce Driving Under the Influence of Alcohol

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## Reduce Alcohol Consumption

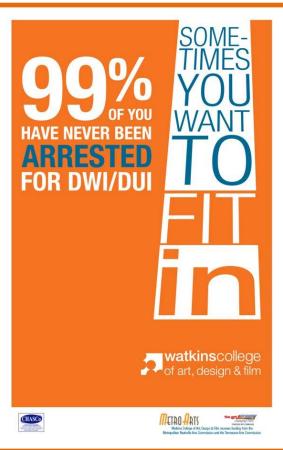
- Improve educational programming
  - Use social norms marketing
- Enact new policy
  - Increase alcohol excise taxes
  - Impose greater penalties for use of fake IDs
  - Enact stricter social host laws
  - Mandate responsible beverage service (RBS) training
  - Install responsible retailing programs
- Increase enforcement
  - Increase the number of publicized retailer compliance checks
  - Add new state-level enforcement officers

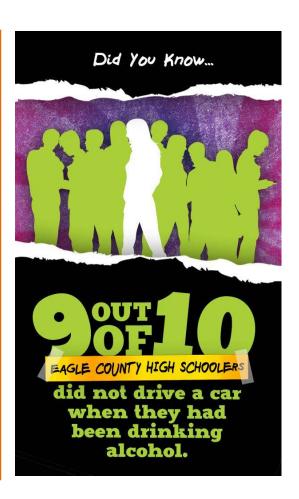
## Reduce Driving After Drinking

- Expand transportation options
  - Promote safe rides programs
  - Encourage use of designated drivers
  - Promote use of taxis and ride services
- Enact new policy
  - Lower the per se limit to .05% BAC
- Increase enforcement
  - Increase the number of publicized sobriety checkpoints









## Social Norms Marketing

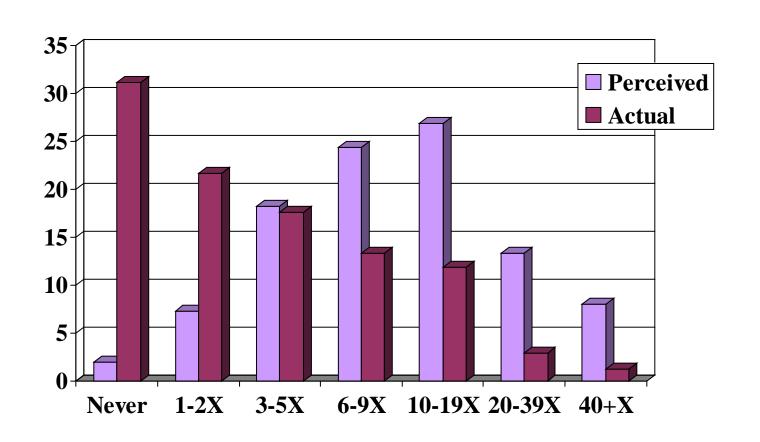
### **Social Norms**

- Social norms are people's beliefs about the behavior that is typical or is expected of them in a particular social context
- People's perceptions of norms are often a very good predictor of what they will say and do
- But those perceptions can be grossly inaccurate

## Survey of College Alcohol Norms and Behavior (n = 2,801)

- ACTUAL: During the past 30 days, on how many occasions did <u>you</u> use ... alcohol (beer, wine, liquor)?
- PERCEIVED: During the past 30 days, on how many occasions do you think the average or typical student at this school has used ... alcohol (beer, wine, liquor)?

# Alcohol Use During Past 30 Days



### Misperceptions of Alcohol-Related Attitudes and Behaviors

<b>Documented Overestimations</b>	Documented Underestimations
<ul> <li>Alcohol use</li> <li>Risky and dangerous drinking</li> <li>DUI and DWI</li> <li>Parental permissiveness</li> <li>Perceived by both parents and children</li> </ul>	<ul> <li>Extent to which others are bothered by "second hand effects"</li> <li>Willingness to intervene and confront abuse</li> <li>Support for stricter policies and enforcement</li> </ul>

#### **Impact of Misperceptions:**

- Encourages greater consumption by drinkers and earlier initiation of drinking by non-drinkers
- Allows abusers to justify their behavior and fosters more abuse
- Inhibits bystanders from intervening and addressing "secondhand effects"

## Intervention Strategy

Influence people's beliefs about the behavior that is typical or is expected of them in a particular social context

- Provide accurate factual information about what other people are saying and doing (descriptive norms)
- Communicate what other people expect members of the group, family, or community to do (injunctive norms)

Behavior change won't occur unless the target audience is motivated to act on this normative information

- Explain why the factual information should be trusted
- Encourage identification with the comparison group
- Avoid messaging that triggers psychological reactance

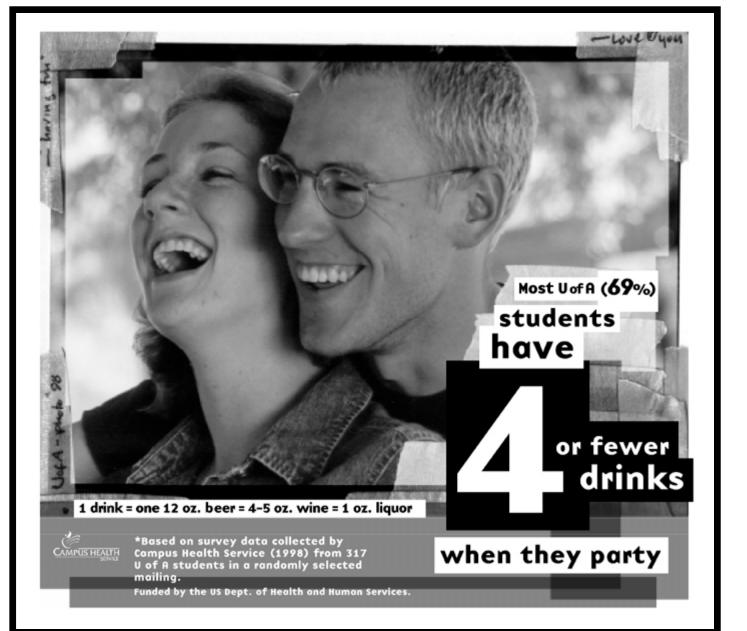
## Social Norms Marketing

Use media communications to report accurate drinking norms



Decrease perceived normative expectations

Decrease alcohol consumption



#### Social Norms Marketing (SNM) Campaign Logic Model

#### **Program Resources**

President provides support

- Public statements
- Budgeting priorities

Campus task force provides management oversight

Campaign coordinator oversees campaign

- Surveys
- Materials development
- Materials distribution
- Press work

Student volunteers

- Conduct formative research
- Design materials
- Distribute materials

Resources

- Budget
- In-kind contributions

Staff training

Technical assistance from the National Social Norms Institute

#### **Program Activities**

Media Campaign

- Newspaper ads
- Posters/flyers
- Emails
- Radio PSAs
- Stadium ads
- Message boards
- Screensavers
- Giveaway items
- Special events

**Group Meetings** 

- Fraternities and sororities
- Athletic teams

Classroom Work

- Demonstrations
- Analysis

Press work

- Press events
- Interviews
- Commentaries
- Letters

Intermediate Outcomes

Awareness of the SNM message

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Acceptance of the SNM message

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Reduced estimate of other students' alcohol consumption

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Reduced perception of normative pressure to drink

Long-Term Outcomes

Students will drink less frequently

Students will consume fewer drinks per occasion

**Change Objectives** 

Reduce alcohol availability

Reduce advertising

Promote academic reform

Increase alcohol-free options

Increase enforcement of laws and policies

Health and Quality of Life

Students will report fewer negative consequences due to their own or other students' drinking

Campus police will cite fewer students for alcohol-related infractions (?)

Fewer students will go to student health services for alcoholrelated injuries (?)

Buildings & Grounds will spend less money on vandalism repairs (?)

Local residents will register fewer noise and nuisance complaints due to student drinking (?)

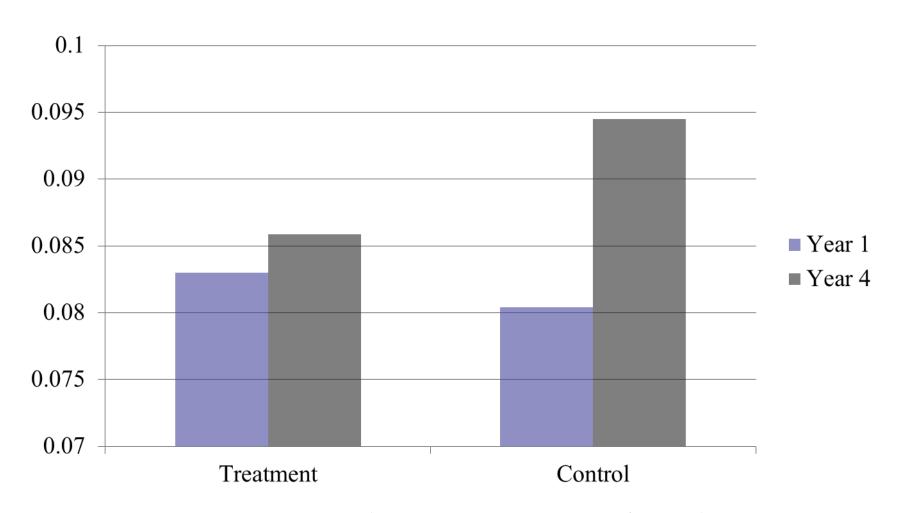
Credible campaign sources

Materials

- Attention-getting
- Attractive
- Memorable



### Estimated Maximum BAC in Past 2 Weeks



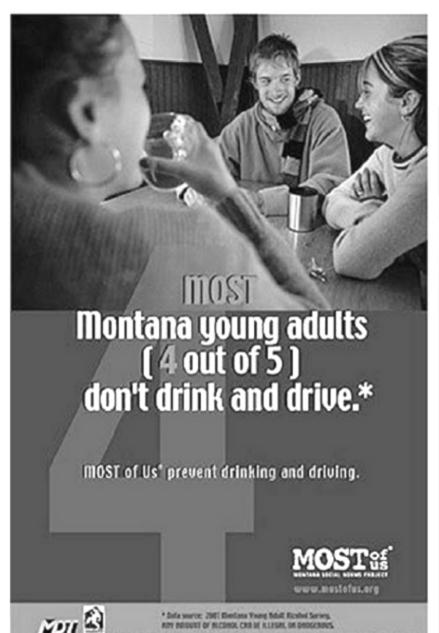
Core Institute data suggest a national trend for increased heavy drinking between Year 1 and Year 4

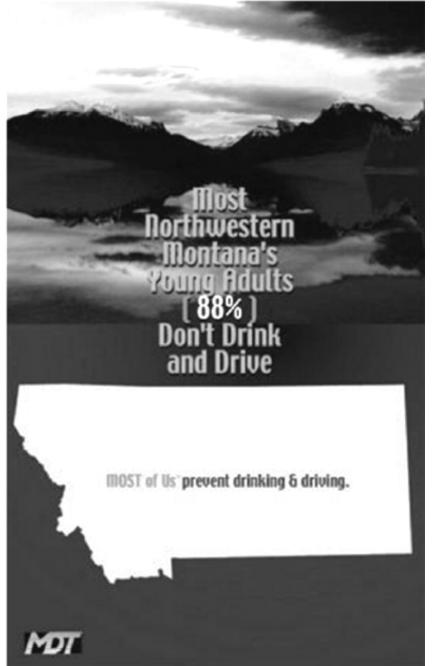
### Most of Us

Montana Campaign to Reduce Drinking and Driving among 21- to 34-year Olds

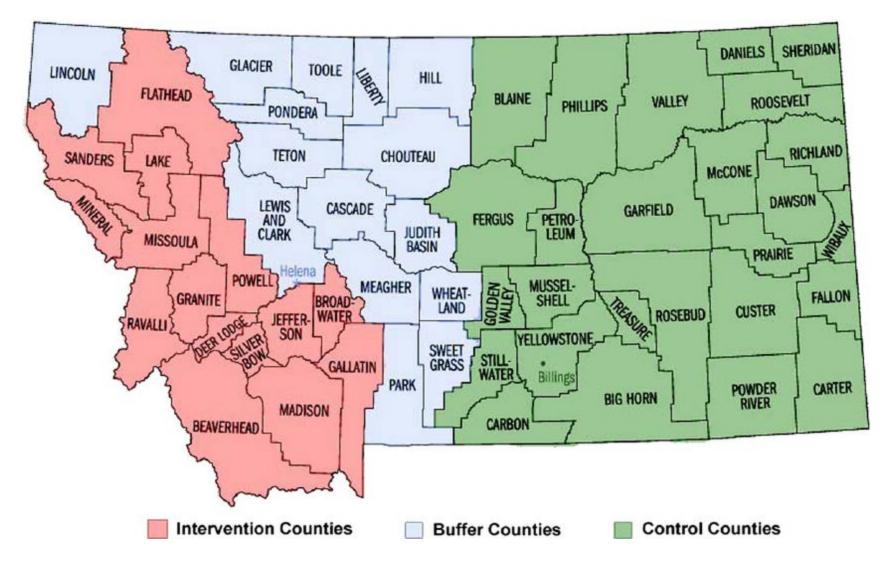


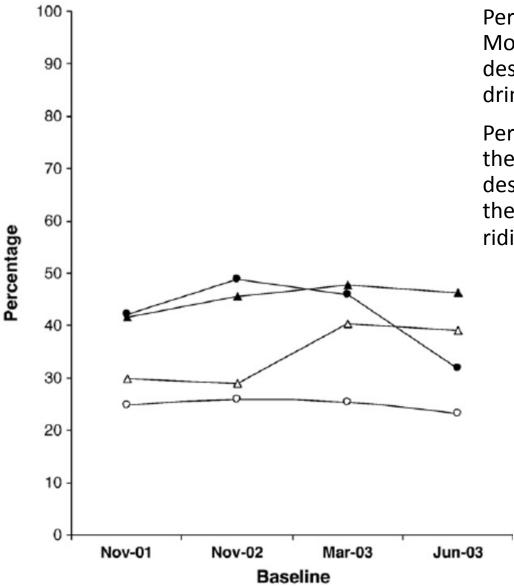
Source: Perkins HW, Linkenbach JW, Lewis MA, Neighbors C. (2010). Effectiveness of social norms media marketing in reducing drinking an driving: A statewide campaign. *Addictive Behaviors*, 35: 866-874.





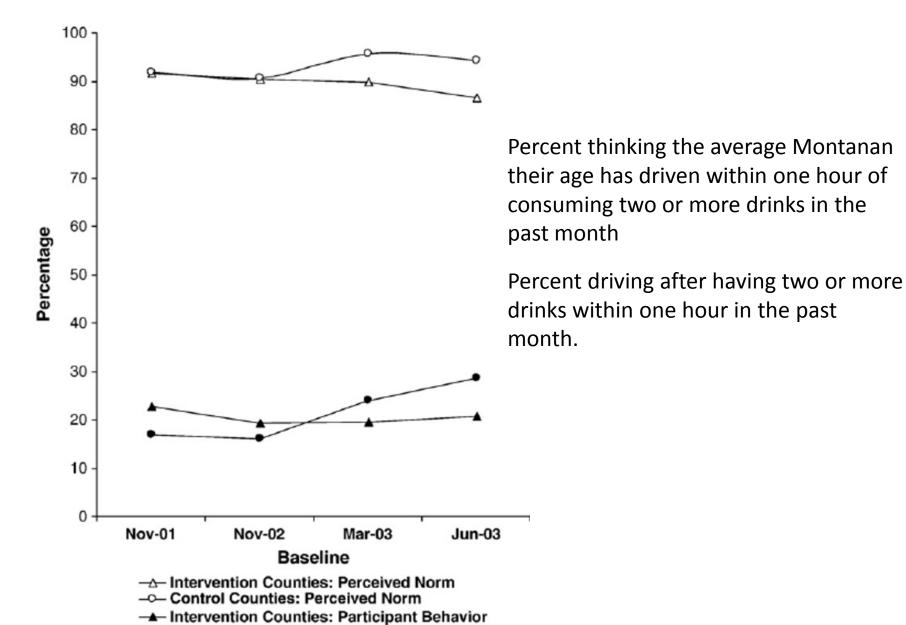
## Study Design





Percent perceiving majority of same age Montanans almost always have a designated non-drinking driver when drinking and will be riding in a car later

Percent reporting they always (100% of the time) make sure they have a designated non-drinking driver before they consume alcohol if they will be riding in a car later



Control Counties: Participant Behavior

### Install Responsible Retailing Programs

- The primary sources of alcoholic beverages for minors are acquaintances and friends, both under and over age 21, plus parents and other adults
- Even so, 15% to 30% of minors report that they purchase alcoholic beverages from retailers directly
  - Research has confirmed minors' ability to purchase alcoholic beverages, with or without fake IDs
  - Many of these youth become the source of alcohol for their peers.
- Thus, several reports have emphasized the reduction of adolescent access to commercial alcohol sources as a key strategy for reducing the societal and personal costs of adolescent alcohol use:
  - Federal Trade Commission
  - Institute of Medicine
  - Office of the US Surgeon General









## Respect 21®

Initiated in 51 Communities by the Responsible Retailing Forum (Sponsored by MillerCoors, 2005-2013)

#### Alabama

- Auburn
- Mobile
- Troy
- Tuscaloosa

#### Arizona

Tempe

#### **Arkansas**

Fayetteville

#### California

- Berkeley
- Los Angeles

#### Colorado

Colorado Springs

#### Connecticut

Storrs

#### **Florida**

- Ft. Myers
- Miami Beach
- Tampa

#### Illinois

- Bloomington/Normal
- Joliet

#### <u>Indiana</u>

Indianapolis

#### Kansas

Lawrence

#### **Michigan**

East Lansing

#### Minnesota

Minneapolis/St. Paul

#### Missouri

■ Cape Girardeau

#### Montana

- Bozeman
- Kalispell

#### **New Mexico**

- Albuquerque
- Las Cruces
- Rio Rancho

#### **New York**

- Albany
- New York City
- Syracuse

#### Ohio

Columbus

#### Oklahoma

Oklahoma City

#### Oregon

Eugene

#### Pennsylvania

- York
- State College

#### **South Carolina**

Clemson

#### Tennessee

- Knoxville
- Memphis

#### Texas

- Abilene
- Amarillo
- Austin
- El Paso
- Lubbock

#### Utah

Salt Lake City

#### Washington

Seattle

#### **West Virginia**

Huntington

#### Wisconsin

- Green Bay
- La Crosse
- Madison
- Milwaukee
- Racine
- Waukesha

#### **Wyoming**

Laramie



## **Program Features**

- Licensees that enroll receive:
  - Self-Assessment Tool for examining their current responsible retailing practices
  - H.E.L.P. Guide based upon the Best Practices
     Report sponsored by SAMHSA
  - Signage for customers and staff to express a licensee's commitment to respect the age 21 minimum legal drinking age when selling or serving alcoholic beverages



## Mystery Shops

Mystery Shoppers—young, legal-age customers, usually ages 21 to 24—enter the store or on-premises serving establishment and attempt to purchase or be served an alcoholic beverage.

- If the clerk, server or bartender requests an ID, the Mystery Shopper presents a Green Card that explains the purpose of the visit and compliments staff for correctly verifying age.
- If no ID is requested, the Mystery Shopper presents a Red Card to signify that the staff member failed to verify the age of a young, unfamiliar customer.
- A follow-up letter summarizing the Mystery Shopper's visit is mailed to the manager or owner-operator.
- Each mailing includes an enclosure with additional information on responsible retailing that the operator can employ with staff.

Because the Mystery Shopper is old enough to purchase alcohol, failing to check ID creates no legal exposure for the staff or the licensee. Even so, the results of individual shops are kept confidential and therefore are known only to the licensee and RRForum.



Young-Appearing Mystery Shopper Attempts to Purchase Alcoholic Beverage Clerk/Server Fails to Request ID Clerk/Server Requests ID **Red Card Green Card** Indicates that Staff Failed **Explains Program and** to Verify Age Reinforces Age Verification Letter to Manager Summarizes Mystery Shop Outcome and **Provides Supporting Materials** 



## Study 1: 6-Month Programs

#### 396 retailers in 9 communities (2008-2010)

Albany, NY Racine, WI

La Crosse, WI Salt Lake City, UT Lubbock, TX State College, PA

Minneapolis/St. Paul, MN York, PA

Oklahoma City, OK

#### Pre-intervention/baseline period

6 Mystery Shops, in one month

No feedback given for #1-5

Feedback given for #6

#### Intervention period

- 5 Mystery Shops, one per month
- Feedback given for #1-4
- No feedback given for #5

#### Post-intervention period

- 5 Mystery Shops, in one month
- No feedback given for #1-#5

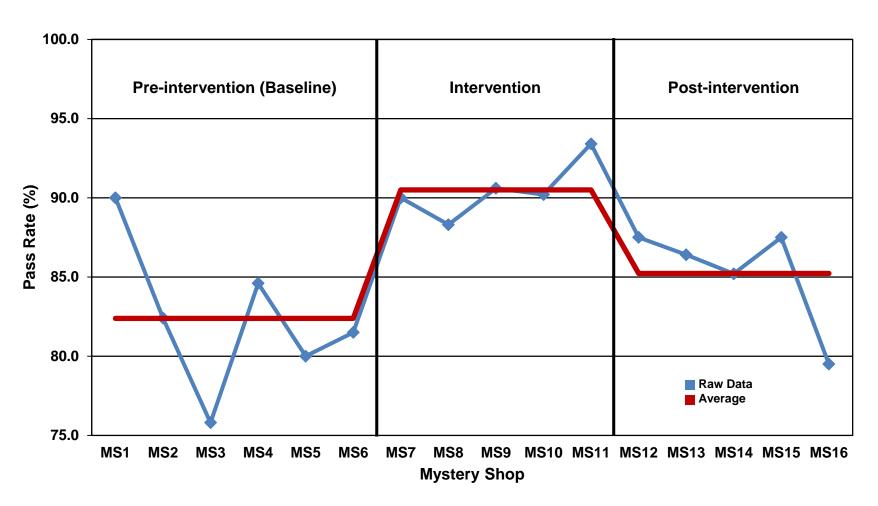
6 data points represent what the ID-checking rates were *before the program began* 

5 data points represent what the ID-checking rates were after Respect 21 was launched

5 data points represent what the ID-checking rates were after no more feedback was given



## Aggregated ID Checking Rates for 2008-2010 Programs





### **Summary and Conclusions**

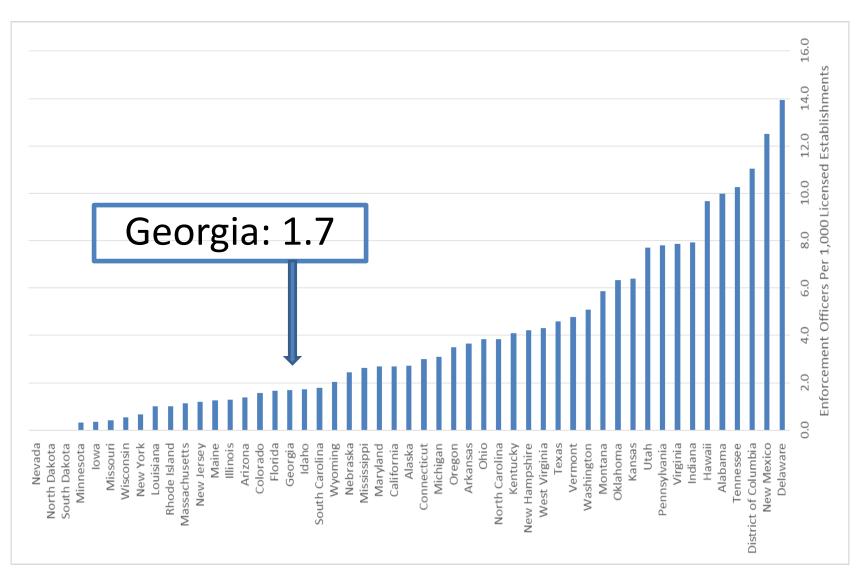
- Although there was variability among studies, each of the Respect 21<sup>®</sup> programs resulted in increased ID checking
- ID checking rates of ≥ 95% are attainable
- Providing performance feedback to clerks/servers and managers appears to be key
- To be maximally effective, these programs need to be implemented with sufficient frequency and duration



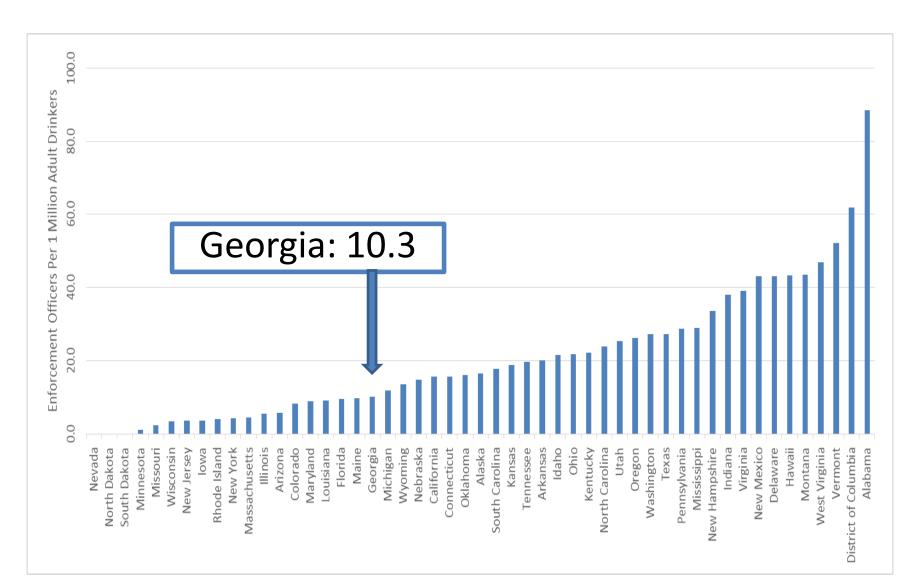
### State-Level Enforcement Officers

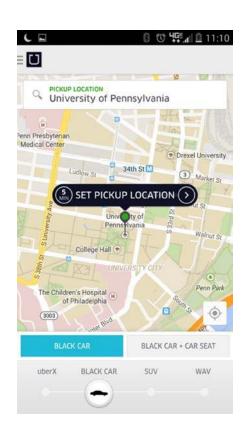
- Problems
  - Underage sales and service (on-premises and offpremises establishments)
    - Failure to check ID
    - Use of fake ID
  - Overservice (on-premises establishments)
- There are too few state-level enforcement officers to conduct frequent retailer compliance checks

# Ratio of ABC Enforcement Officers Per 1,000 Alcohol Retail Outlets



# Ratio of ABC Enforcement Officers Per 1 Million Adult Drinkers



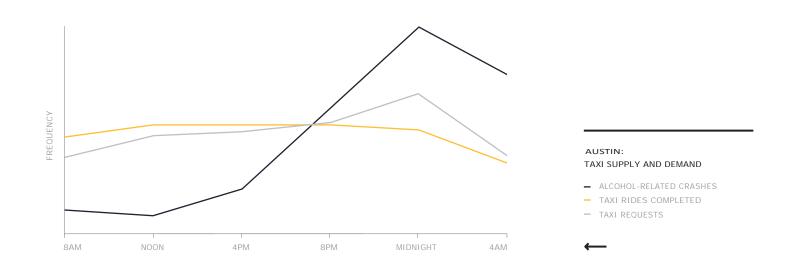


# Taxi and Ride Services Uber

Source: Uber Technologies and Mothers Against Drunk Driving. (2015) *More Options. Shifting Mindsets. Driving Better Choices.* 

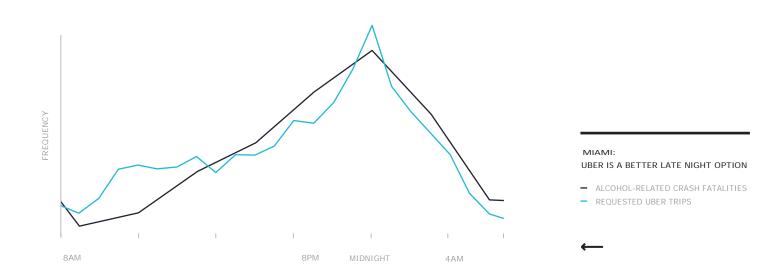
## Taxi and Ride Services Uber in Austin

Uber v. taxi service availability



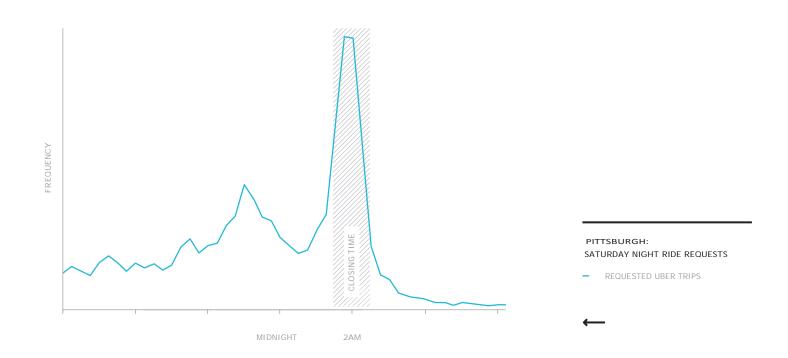
## Taxi and Ride Services Uber in Miami

Riders use Uber to get home from bars and restaurants



## Taxi and Ride Services Uber in Pittsburgh

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## Taxi and Ride Services Uber in Chicago

- A disproportionate number of weekend, latenight Uber requests come from within 50 meters of businesses with liquor licenses
  - 45.8% of rides requested from these locations come between 10PM and 3AM
  - 28.9% come at off peak times.



## Taxi and Ride Services Uber in Seattle

- Before Uber: 7.6 arrests per day for driving under the influence
- After Uber: 10% reduction in arrests



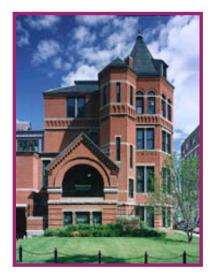
## Taxi and Ride Services Uber in California

- Monthly alcohol-related crashes decreased by 6.5% (or 59.21 per month) among drivers under 30 following the launch of Uber in California markets where the service operates.
- No such decrease was seen elsewhere in California.

Source: Greenwood BN, Wattal S. (2015). Show Me The Way To Go Home: An Empirical Investigation of Ride Sharing and Alcohol Related Motor Vehicle Homicide. Philadelphia, PA: Fox School of Business, Temple University

### Conclusions

- Remembering that a comprehensive approach is best, keep these options in mind:
- Social norms approaches should be implemented more broadly
  - Statewide campaign
  - Local campaign
- Responsible retailing programs are an essential tool
- Enforcement efforts are lagging
  - Need more funding
  - Need more publicity—and not just on holidays
- Greater public use of ride services should be encouraged



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