

# **PUBLIC OPINION ON RAISING THE ALCOHOL AGE LIMIT IN DENMARK**

**NORDAN OPEN DAYS 24. MARTS 2026**





# 2023

Do you believe that the age limit for purchasing all types of alcohol should be raised to 18?

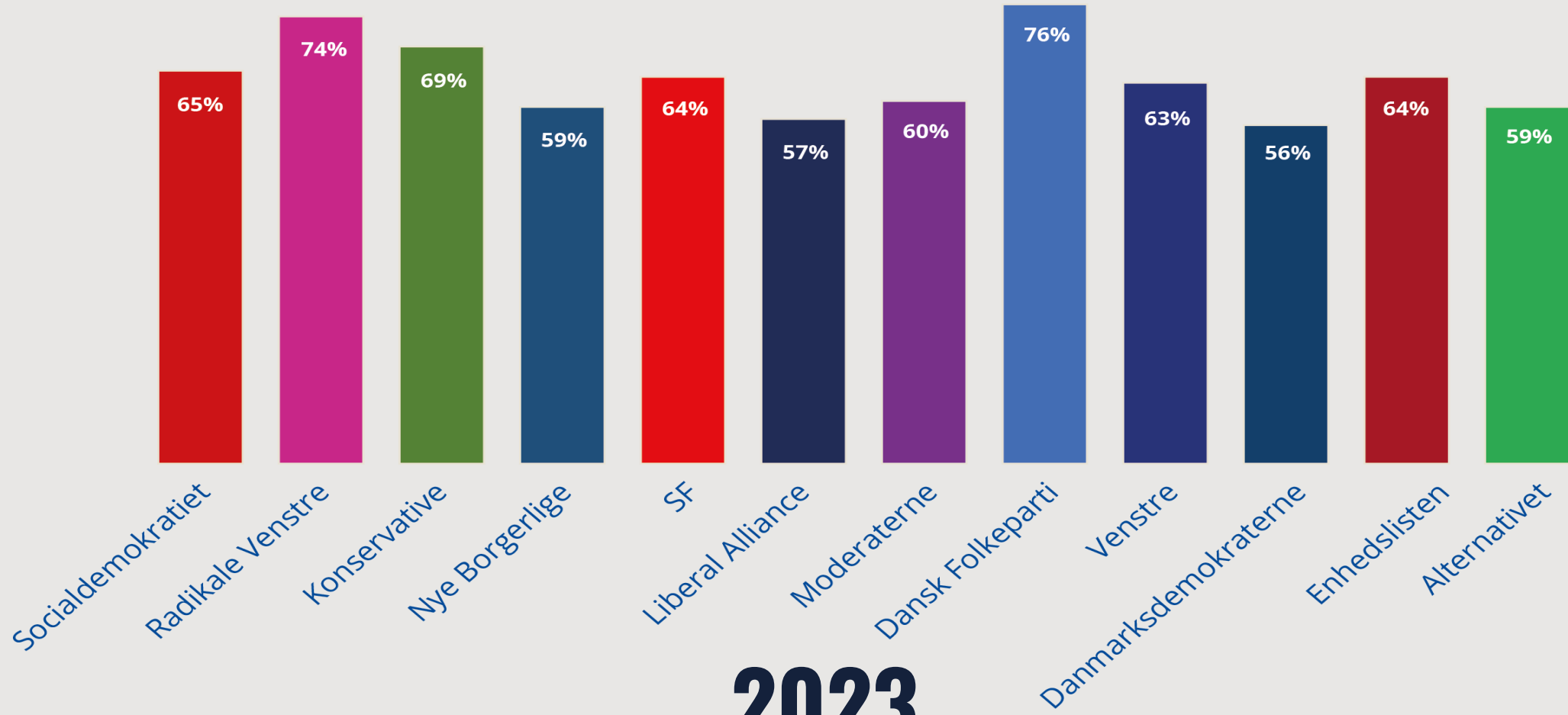
In Denmark, young people aged 16 and over are allowed to purchase, for example, beer and wine. Alcohol above 16.5% may only be purchased by those aged 18 or older.

Response	Percentage
Very good proposal	32.4%
Good proposal	30.8%
Neither good nor bad proposal	17.8%
Bad proposal	9.5%
Very bad proposal	5.1%
Don't know	4.3%
<b>Total</b>	<b>100.0%</b>

# Massive Voter Support for an 18-Year Age Limit



63 percent of Danes believe the minimum age for purchasing alcohol should be raised to 18



2023



# 2025

## Question

In Denmark, a political majority has decided that young people under the age of 18 are allowed to purchase alcohol with up to 6% alcohol content, while they must be 18 to purchase stronger alcohol. Evaluate the following statement:

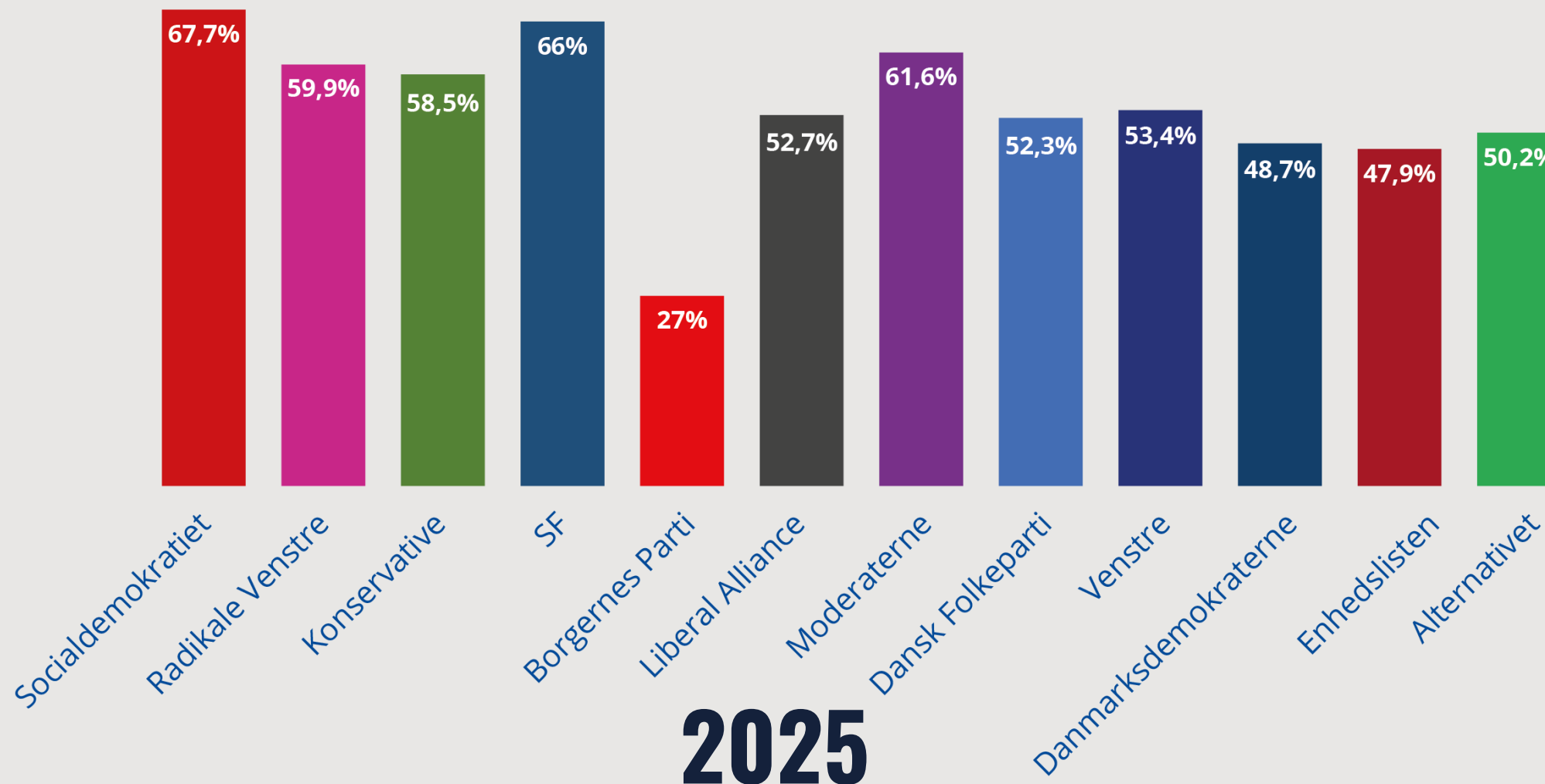
**“The age limit for all types of alcohol is raised to 18 years.”**

	Percentage
Very good proposal	28.6%
Good proposal	29.7%
Neither a good nor a bad proposal	20.1%
Bad proposal	14.8%
Very bad proposal	5.5%
Don't know	1.3%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>100%</b>

# Majority Supports Raising Alcohol Age Limit



Three out of five Danes are ready to raise the legal age for purchasing all alcohol to 18





In Denmark, young people under the age of 18 are not allowed to purchase alcohol in restaurants or nightclubs. However, this does not apply to upper secondary education institutions, where it is permitted to sell alcohol to those under 18.

**Do you think it should be prohibited to sell alcohol to under-18s at upper secondary education institutions?**

<u>Response</u>	<u>Percentage</u>
Yes	58.9%
No	34.0%
Don't know	7.1%
Total	100.0%

# "At what minimum age do you believe an individual should be allowed to consume their first alcoholic beverage?"



Minimum Age for First Alcohol Consumption	Percentage (%)
Under 10 years	0.2%
10 years	0.0%
11 years	0.0%
12 years	0.8%
13 years	2.0%
14 years	6.3%
<b>15 years</b>	<b>23.8%</b>
<b>16 years</b>	<b>30.5%</b>
<b>17 years</b>	<b>6.5%</b>
<b>18 years</b>	<b>24.6%</b>
19 years	0.5%
20 years	1.8%
Older than 20 years	3.1%
Total	100.0%

# Main Rules for Alcohol Sales

(from April 1, 2025)



## 1 Retail (Shops & Oline Stores)

- **Under 16 years:** No alcohol sales allowed (1.2% ABV and above).
- **Ages 16~17:** May purchase alcohol up to 6% ABV.
- **18+ years:** May purchase **all types** of alcohol.



## 2 Bars, Cafés & Nightclubs

- **Minimum age is 18 years** to be served alcohol.



## 3 Online Sales

- **Age verification is mandatory** before purchase is completed (e.g., using secure ID like MitID).
- **Purpose:** ensure the buyer meets the legal age requirement.



## 4 Nightlife Zones

- **In designated** nightlife areas, it is **illegal** to sell or hand over alcohol to anyone under 18
- Applies between **10:00 PM** and **8:00 AM**



## 5 ID Requirement

- Sellers **must request valid photo ID** if there is any doubt about age.



## 6 Signage

- Shops must display clear signs showing the legal age limits.



## 7 Penalties

- Violating these rules may result in fines.

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