



Put In Your 2¢ Worth...
About 2¢ a drink yields \$44 million annually to reduce the impact of alcohol problems in Missouri.

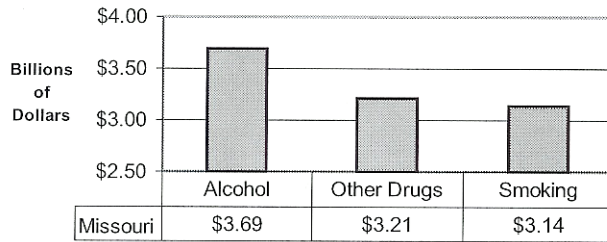
Question:

How does the economic impact of alcohol compare with the economic impact of tobacco and illicit drugs, in terms of reliable cost-to-society estimates?

Answer:

According to economic studies, the societal costs of substance abuse in the United States were **\$184.6 billion** for alcohol abuse in 1998, **\$160.7 billion** for drug abuse in 2000, and **\$157 billion** for cigarette smoking in 1999. Missouri's proportional share of this burden is estimated to be \$10 billion total, with **alcohol the largest of the three at \$3.69 billion.**

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Aside from the vast social and emotional suffering inflicted, untreated substance abuse strains resources and impedes economic growth.

The costs identified above include loss of productivity due to related illnesses and deaths, motor vehicle crashes, fire destruction, crime, fetal alcohol syndrome, and AIDS.

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