

# Prohibition



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The main goals of prohibition was to eliminate drunkenness, get rid of saloons where prostitution and gambling thrived, and prevent on the job incidents from drunkenness. Most rural people followed these rules where about 95 percent obeyed the law. In the cities, however, only about 5 percent followed these rules.

## **Volstead act**

The volstead act was an act passed to help enforce the eighteenth amendment. This was also ignored by most of the people. Everyone was too desperate for alcohol to give it up

## **Number of Speakeasies in a city**

Washington D.C- Estimated 700 speakeasies and 4,000 bootleggers

Massachussetts-1,000 saloons

Boston- 4,000 speakeasies and 15,000 bootleggers

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