

**Table A-13a. Age-adjusted percent distribution (with standard errors) of alcohol drinking status among adults aged 18 and over, by selected characteristics: United States, 2015**

Selected characteristic	All adults aged 18 and over	Lifetime abstainer <sup>1</sup>	Former infrequent <sup>1</sup>	Former regular <sup>1</sup>	Current infrequent <sup>1</sup>	Current regular <sup>1</sup>
Total	100.0	21.0 (0.37)	8.2 (0.21)	5.3 (0.18)	13.2 (0.26)	52.0 (0.45)
Sex						
Male	100.0	15.8 (0.46)	7.5 (0.30)	6.4 (0.28)	9.4 (0.32)	60.5 (0.60)
Female	100.0	25.8 (0.49)	8.9 (0.29)	4.3 (0.20)	16.8 (0.39)	44.1 (0.55)
Age (years)						
18–44	100.0	22.8 (0.56)	4.7 (0.24)	2.7 (0.19)	12.5 (0.37)	56.9 (0.63)
45–64	100.0	16.2 (0.49)	10.2 (0.41)	6.6 (0.33)	14.2 (0.43)	52.3 (0.69)
65–74	100.0	19.8 (0.86)	13.7 (0.70)	10.2 (0.66)	14.7 (0.76)	41.5 (1.06)
75 and over	100.0	28.4 (1.09)	17.5 (0.95)	11.6 (0.81)	12.4 (0.78)	30.0 (1.07)
Race						
One race <sup>2</sup>	100.0	21.0 (0.37)	8.2 (0.21)	5.2 (0.18)	13.2 (0.26)	52.0 (0.45)
White	100.0	18.1 (0.39)	8.0 (0.24)	5.4 (0.20)	13.1 (0.30)	55.2 (0.51)
Black or African American	100.0	30.7 (0.99)	10.3 (0.56)	4.1 (0.39)	13.7 (0.74)	40.7 (1.03)
American Indian or Alaska Native	100.0	19.0 (2.62)	11.5 (1.81)	15.9 (2.71)	13.0 (2.34)	40.6 (3.58)
Asian	100.0	40.1 (1.45)	7.1 (0.76)	3.9 (0.65)	12.8 (0.95)	35.7 (1.34)
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	100.0	35.7 (6.31)	*3.7 (1.72)	11.5 (3.38)	18.4 (4.74)	28.7 (6.20)
Two or more races <sup>3</sup>	100.0	19.2 (2.05)	6.3 (1.21)	10.7 (1.79)	12.4 (1.76)	50.9 (2.70)
Black or African American, white	100.0	24.3 (4.26)	*	*3.7 (1.73)	*11.4 (3.82)	45.6 (4.24)
American Indian or Alaska Native, white	100.0	20.0 (3.50)	7.0 (1.72)	12.3 (2.43)	13.1 (2.96)	47.6 (4.45)
Hispanic or Latino origin <sup>4</sup> and race						
Hispanic or Latino	100.0	29.1 (0.81)	8.2 (0.49)	5.3 (0.38)	13.4 (0.60)	43.5 (0.87)
Mexican or Mexican American	100.0	27.0 (0.95)	7.5 (0.62)	6.3 (0.57)	13.8 (0.79)	44.9 (1.06)
Not Hispanic or Latino	100.0	19.5 (0.41)	8.2 (0.24)	5.3 (0.19)	13.1 (0.29)	53.6 (0.50)
White, single race	100.0	15.5 (0.44)	8.0 (0.27)	5.5 (0.23)	13.0 (0.34)	57.7 (0.58)
Black or African American, single race	100.0	30.7 (1.01)	10.2 (0.57)	4.1 (0.39)	13.5 (0.76)	41.1 (1.07)
Education <sup>5</sup>						
Less than a high school diploma	100.0	28.7 (0.95)	12.5 (0.68)	9.5 (0.59)	13.1 (0.75)	35.6 (1.08)
High school diploma or GED <sup>6</sup>	100.0	21.1 (0.69)	11.8 (0.52)	6.3 (0.41)	15.0 (0.62)	45.4 (0.85)
Some college	100.0	15.0 (0.52)	9.5 (0.43)	6.2 (0.32)	15.8 (0.52)	53.3 (0.72)
Bachelor's degree or higher	100.0	13.8 (0.47)	5.4 (0.30)	3.8 (0.27)	11.9 (0.43)	64.9 (0.67)
Current employment status <sup>7</sup>						
Employed	100.0	16.6 (0.46)	6.6 (0.34)	4.3 (0.31)	12.4 (0.35)	59.7 (0.63)
Full-time	100.0	15.1 (0.60)	6.6 (0.48)	4.2 (0.38)	12.3 (0.46)	61.5 (0.82)
Part-time	100.0	24.7 (1.09)	7.3 (0.63)	4.1 (0.51)	13.9 (0.79)	49.8 (1.24)
Not employed but has worked previously	100.0	22.4 (0.75)	11.4 (0.48)	8.0 (0.44)	14.9 (0.58)	42.7 (0.87)
Not employed and has never worked	100.0	59.3 (1.65)	7.2 (0.84)	3.6 (0.65)	9.8 (1.06)	19.7 (1.39)

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Selected characteristic	All adults aged 18 and over	Lifetime abstainer <sup>1</sup>	Former infrequent <sup>1</sup>	Former regular <sup>1</sup>	Current infrequent <sup>1</sup>	Current regular <sup>1</sup>
<b>Family income<sup>8</sup></b>						
Less than \$35,000	100.0	28.0 (0.67)	10.7 (0.39)	7.1 (0.33)	14.5 (0.49)	39.2 (0.69)
\$35,000 or more	100.0	16.9 (0.44)	7.1 (0.26)	4.7 (0.22)	12.5 (0.32)	58.6 (0.55)
\$35,000–\$49,999	100.0	21.4 (0.98)	11.1 (0.74)	7.2 (0.57)	14.3 (0.79)	45.7 (1.11)
\$50,000–\$74,999	100.0	18.6 (0.82)	8.3 (0.49)	5.0 (0.43)	13.0 (0.61)	54.7 (1.00)
\$75,000–\$99,999	100.0	16.4 (0.94)	6.7 (0.53)	4.4 (0.48)	13.4 (0.77)	58.9 (1.20)
\$100,000 or more	100.0	13.9 (0.67)	4.8 (0.38)	3.5 (0.33)	11.4 (0.56)	66.3 (0.85)
<b>Poverty status<sup>9</sup></b>						
Poor	100.0	31.8 (0.96)	11.2 (0.60)	7.2 (0.52)	14.8 (0.73)	34.4 (1.00)
Near poor	100.0	28.6 (0.82)	10.8 (0.56)	7.4 (0.44)	14.6 (0.60)	38.2 (0.87)
Not poor	100.0	16.3 (0.42)	6.9 (0.24)	4.5 (0.20)	12.4 (0.32)	59.5 (0.54)
<b>Health insurance coverage<sup>10</sup></b>						
Under 65:						
Private	100.0	17.3 (0.47)	5.7 (0.24)	3.3 (0.18)	12.3 (0.34)	61.3 (0.59)
Medicaid	100.0	32.5 (1.08)	10.4 (0.72)	6.7 (0.55)	15.7 (0.81)	33.8 (1.11)
Other coverage	100.0	18.7 (1.93)	9.8 (1.06)	8.0 (1.20)	14.8 (1.51)	48.3 (2.16)
Uninsured	100.0	24.2 (1.01)	7.3 (0.62)	4.8 (0.50)	13.7 (0.79)	49.3 (1.19)
65 and over:						
Private	100.0	20.8 (0.95)	13.9 (0.83)	9.8 (0.76)	14.3 (0.84)	41.0 (1.20)
Medicare and Medicaid	100.0	36.9 (2.46)	20.8 (2.06)	13.0 (2.15)	12.0 (1.84)	17.1 (1.85)
Medicare Advantage	100.0	22.2 (1.26)	15.3 (1.15)	10.7 (0.99)	14.1 (1.08)	37.4 (1.46)
Medicare only	100.0	28.9 (1.76)	18.5 (1.42)	10.5 (1.19)	11.1 (1.08)	31.0 (1.77)
Other coverage	100.0	21.2 (2.16)	13.9 (1.96)	15.8 (2.15)	16.0 (2.03)	33.1 (2.46)
Uninsured	100.0	47.1 (9.32)	*	*12.4 (4.70)	*	32.6 (9.11)
<b>Marital status</b>						
Married	100.0	18.3 (0.46)	8.2 (0.30)	5.3 (0.24)	13.9 (0.37)	54.0 (0.59)
Widowed	100.0	25.5 (4.86)	8.2 (0.76)	5.0 (1.40)	19.5 (5.39)	41.7 (5.82)
Divorced or separated	100.0	16.4 (0.85)	10.5 (0.63)	6.4 (0.50)	14.5 (0.70)	51.7 (1.11)
Never married	100.0	27.3 (0.88)	7.6 (0.52)	6.0 (0.58)	10.8 (0.53)	47.8 (0.99)
Living with a partner	100.0	10.6 (1.01)	9.3 (1.11)	5.9 (0.81)	13.9 (1.14)	59.8 (1.73)
<b>Place of residence<sup>11</sup></b>						
Large MSA	100.0	21.2 (0.47)	7.5 (0.27)	4.6 (0.21)	12.1 (0.33)	54.3 (0.56)
Small MSA	100.0	19.8 (0.71)	8.2 (0.41)	5.8 (0.35)	14.2 (0.50)	51.7 (0.88)
Not in MSA	100.0	22.9 (0.86)	11.3 (0.65)	7.0 (0.56)	15.6 (0.70)	43.1 (1.20)
<b>Region</b>						
Northeast	100.0	20.2 (0.94)	7.4 (0.47)	4.5 (0.37)	12.4 (0.61)	55.2 (1.07)
Midwest	100.0	17.2 (0.75)	8.7 (0.46)	5.5 (0.36)	14.2 (0.59)	54.1 (0.97)
South	100.0	24.0 (0.62)	9.1 (0.39)	5.1 (0.31)	13.0 (0.41)	48.3 (0.73)
West	100.0	20.6 (0.70)	6.7 (0.37)	6.0 (0.37)	12.9 (0.50)	53.5 (0.89)

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Hispanic or Latino origin <sup>4</sup> , race, and sex						
Hispanic or Latino, male	100.0	18.8 (1.03)	7.7 (0.68)	6.7 (0.66)	9.5 (0.75)	56.5 (1.29)
Hispanic or Latina, female	100.0	38.9 (1.22)	8.8 (0.69)	4.0 (0.41)	17.3 (0.87)	30.8 (1.11)
Not Hispanic or Latino:						
White, single race, male	100.0	12.2 (0.57)	7.2 (0.38)	6.4 (0.35)	9.0 (0.42)	64.9 (0.77)
White, single race, female	100.0	18.5 (0.60)	8.8 (0.37)	4.6 (0.27)	16.9 (0.51)	51.0 (0.75)
Black or African American, single race, male	100.0	24.7 (1.46)	10.6 (0.92)	6.1 (0.74)	9.2 (0.92)	48.7 (1.63)
Black or African American, single race, female	100.0	35.2 (1.29)	9.9 (0.70)	2.7 (0.35)	17.0 (1.05)	35.0 (1.22)

\* Estimates are considered unreliable. Data preceded by an asterisk have a relative standard error (RSE) greater than 30% and less than or equal to 50% and should be used with caution. Data not shown have an RSE greater than 50%.

- Quantity zero.

<sup>1</sup>Derived from several source questions: "In any one year, have you had at least 12 drinks of any type of alcoholic beverage?"; "In your entire life, have you had at least 12 drinks of any type of alcoholic beverage?"; and "In the past year, how often did you drink any type of alcoholic beverage?"

Categories are derived from respondents' self-reported responses to a series of questions about alcohol consumption. A lifetime abstainer had fewer than 12 drinks in his or her lifetime. A former infrequent drinker had at least 12 drinks in his or her lifetime but fewer than 12 drinks in any 1 year and no drinks in the last year. A former regular drinker had at least 12 drinks in his or her lifetime or in any 1 year AND had no drink in the past year. A current infrequent drinker had at least 12 drinks in his or her lifetime and fewer than 12 drinks in the past year. A current regular drinker had at least 12 drinks in his or her lifetime and at least 12 drinks in the past year. Former and current drinkers for whom the frequency of consumption or amount consumed was unknown are not included.

<sup>2</sup>Refers to persons who indicated only a single race group, including those of Hispanic or Latino origin.

<sup>3</sup>Refers to persons who indicated more than one race group, including those of Hispanic or Latino origin. Only two combinations of multiple race groups are shown due to small sample sizes for other combinations.

<sup>4</sup>Refers to persons who are of Hispanic or Latino origin and may be of any race or combination of races. "Not Hispanic or Latino" refers to persons who are not of Hispanic or Latino origin, regardless of race.

<sup>5</sup>Shown only for adults aged 25 and over. Estimates are age adjusted to the projected 2000 U.S. population as the standard population using four age groups: 25-44, 45-64, 65-74, and 75 and over.

<sup>6</sup>GED is General Educational Development high school equivalency diploma.

<sup>7</sup>"Full-time" employment is 35 or more hours per week. "Part-time" employment is 34 or fewer hours per week.

<sup>8</sup>Includes persons who reported a dollar amount or who would not provide a dollar amount but provided an income interval.

<sup>9</sup>"Poor" persons are defined as having income below the poverty threshold. "Near poor" persons have incomes of 100% to less than 200% of the poverty threshold. "Not poor" persons have incomes that are 200% of the poverty threshold or greater.

<sup>10</sup>Based on a hierarchy of mutually exclusive categories. Adults with more than one type of health insurance were assigned to the first appropriate category in the hierarchy.

"Uninsured" includes adults who had no coverage as well as those who had only Indian Health Service coverage or had only a private plan that paid for one type of service such as accidents or dental care.

<sup>11</sup>MSA is metropolitan statistical area. Large MSAs have a population size of 1 million or more; small MSAs have a population size of less than 1 million. "Not in MSA" consists of persons not living in a metropolitan statistical area.

NOTES: Estimates are based on household interviews of a sample of the civilian noninstitutionalized population. This table is based on data from the Sample Adult file and was weighted using the Sample Adult weight. Unknowns for the columns were not included in the denominators when calculating percentages. Percentages may not add to totals due to rounding. "Total" includes other races not shown separately and persons with unknown education, family income, poverty status, and health insurance characteristics. Unless otherwise specified, estimates are age-adjusted using the projected 2000 U.S. population as the standard population and using four age groups: 18-44, 45-64, 65-74, and 75 and over. Estimates for age groups are not age-adjusted. For more information on the data source, methods, and definitions used for this table, refer to Technical Notes for Summary Health Statistics Tables: National Health Interview Survey (available from <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis/SHS/tables.htm>). Suggested citation: Blackwell DL, Villarroel MA. Tables of Summary Health Statistics for U.S. Adults: 2015 National Health Interview Survey. National Center for Health Statistics. 2016. Available from: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis/SHS/tables.htm>.

SOURCE: NCHS, National Health Interview Survey, 2015.

**Table A-13b. Frequency distribution (in thousands) of alcohol drinking status among adults aged 18 and over, by selected characteristics: United States, 2015**

Selected characteristic	All adults aged 18 and over	Lifetime abstainer <sup>1</sup>	Former infrequent <sup>1</sup>	Former regular <sup>1</sup>	Current infrequent <sup>1</sup>	Current regular <sup>1</sup>
Total	242,501	49,402	20,635	13,391	31,835	123,131
Sex						
Male	116,875	17,587	8,917	7,769	10,856	69,467
Female	125,625	31,815	11,718	5,622	20,979	53,665
Age (years)						
18–44	112,760	25,392	5,271	3,051	13,864	63,311
45–64	83,239	13,305	8,368	5,401	11,675	42,950
65–74	27,297	5,325	3,688	2,742	3,951	11,191
75 and over	19,204	5,380	3,307	2,197	2,344	5,679
Race						
One race <sup>2</sup>	238,301	48,582	20,392	13,017	31,331	120,924
White	191,218	33,418	16,190	10,998	25,059	102,503
Black or African American	29,796	8,861	2,923	1,159	4,033	12,112
American Indian or Alaska Native	2,307	439	262	316	301	958
Asian	14,360	5,626	992	499	1,830	5,163
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	619	*238	*25	*45	*107	188
Two or more races <sup>3</sup>	4,200	820	242	374	503	2,207
Black or African American, white	851	154	*32	*	*100	517
American Indian or Alaska Native, white	1,647	308	130	206	207	782
Hispanic or Latino origin <sup>4</sup> and race						
Hispanic or Latino	37,755	10,782	2,693	1,738	5,023	16,869
Mexican or Mexican American	22,992	6,139	1,474	1,190	3,103	10,734
Not Hispanic or Latino	204,746	38,620	17,941	11,653	26,812	106,262
White, single race	157,410	23,717	13,848	9,505	20,614	87,256
Black or African American, single race	28,418	8,462	2,754	1,113	3,785	11,624
Education <sup>5</sup>						
Less than a high school diploma	26,648	7,730	3,661	2,807	3,327	8,628
High school diploma or GED <sup>6</sup>	50,847	10,770	6,363	3,476	7,547	21,785
Some college	61,605	9,021	5,893	3,915	9,679	32,133
Bachelor's degree or higher	72,373	9,740	3,866	2,633	8,453	46,507
Current employment status <sup>7</sup>						
Employed	148,914	23,768	8,935	5,256	18,990	89,481
Full-time	121,609	16,953	7,108	4,294	15,227	76,074
Part-time	25,508	6,439	1,731	853	3,534	12,493
Not employed but has worked previously	79,530	17,100	10,743	7,689	11,516	31,056
Not employed and has never worked	13,899	8,510	934	435	1,320	2,551

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Family income <sup>8</sup>						
Less than \$35,000	66,342	18,518	7,458	5,005	9,413	24,619
\$35,000 or more	148,656	24,052	10,545	6,959	18,643	86,699
\$35,000–\$49,999	25,114	5,261	2,846	1,866	3,584	11,259
\$50,000–\$74,999	37,018	6,710	3,162	1,877	4,897	19,929
\$75,000–\$99,999	27,607	4,403	1,877	1,213	3,728	16,106
\$100,000 or more	58,917	7,678	2,660	2,003	6,435	39,404
Poverty status <sup>9</sup>						
Poor	28,022	8,733	2,888	1,833	4,095	9,856
Near poor	42,375	12,094	4,690	3,215	6,070	15,534
Not poor	159,450	25,046	11,651	7,645	20,007	92,955
Health insurance coverage <sup>10</sup>						
Under 65:						
Private	135,220	22,643	8,095	4,653	16,674	81,138
Medicaid	25,313	8,124	2,557	1,643	3,904	8,404
Other coverage	9,086	1,437	1,230	933	1,356	3,978
Uninsured	24,896	6,049	1,672	1,074	3,368	12,227
65 and over:						
Private	19,581	3,907	2,638	1,862	2,795	8,081
Medicare and Medicaid	3,267	1,198	676	421	389	552
Medicare Advantage	11,634	2,527	1,739	1,216	1,616	4,385
Medicare only	7,890	2,183	1,413	806	892	2,459
Other coverage	3,808	760	515	580	599	1,278
Uninsured	249	100	*	*41	*	86
Marital status						
Married	128,583	22,805	11,052	7,332	17,670	67,764
Widowed	14,720	4,446	2,433	1,399	2,047	4,138
Divorced or separated	27,858	4,481	3,323	2,115	4,161	13,266
Never married	53,374	15,722	2,461	1,706	5,355	27,066
Living with a partner	17,665	1,878	1,328	821	2,542	10,826
Place of residence <sup>11</sup>						
Large MSA	134,062	27,462	10,116	6,249	16,186	71,462
Small MSA	74,299	14,281	6,389	4,484	10,488	37,655
Not in MSA	34,140	7,659	4,130	2,657	5,161	14,014
Region						
Northeast	42,320	8,089	3,467	2,082	5,265	22,660
Midwest	54,367	9,078	4,926	3,086	7,750	28,812
South	90,015	21,049	8,497	4,821	11,648	42,122
West	55,798	11,185	3,745	3,401	7,172	29,536

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Selected characteristic	All adults aged 18 and over	Lifetime abstainer <sup>1</sup>	Former infrequent <sup>1</sup>	Former regular <sup>1</sup>	Current infrequent <sup>1</sup>	Current regular <sup>1</sup>
Hispanic or Latino origin <sup>4</sup> , race, and sex						
Hispanic or Latino, male	18,798	3,624	1,150	1,044	1,749	10,852
Hispanic or Latina, female	18,957	7,158	1,543	694	3,274	6,018
Not Hispanic or Latino:						
White, single race, male	76,483	8,725	5,990	5,412	6,906	48,119
White, single race, female	80,927	14,992	7,858	4,092	13,708	39,137
Black or African American, single race, male	12,771	3,071	1,225	698	1,164	6,222
Black or African American, single race, female	15,647	5,391	1,530	415	2,620	5,402

\* Estimates are considered unreliable. Data preceded by an asterisk have a relative standard error (RSE) greater than 30% and less than or equal to 50% and should be used with caution. Data not shown have an RSE greater than 50%.

- Quantity zero.

<sup>1</sup>Derived from several source questions: "In any one year, have you had at least 12 drinks of any type of alcoholic beverage?"; "In your entire life, have you had at least 12 drinks of any type of alcoholic beverage?"; and "In the past year, how often did you drink any type of alcoholic beverage?"

Categories are derived from respondents' self-reported responses to a series of questions about alcohol consumption. A lifetime abstainer had fewer than 12 drinks in his or her lifetime. A former infrequent drinker had at least 12 drinks in his or her lifetime but fewer than 12 drinks in any 1 year and no drinks in the last year. A former regular drinker had at least 12 drinks in his or her lifetime or in any 1 year AND had no drink in the past year. A current infrequent drinker had at least 12 drinks in his or her lifetime and fewer than 12 drinks in the past year. A current regular drinker had at least 12 drinks in his or her lifetime and at least 12 drinks in the past year. Former and current drinkers for whom the frequency of consumption or amount consumed was unknown are not included

<sup>2</sup>Refers to persons who indicated only a single race group, including those of Hispanic or Latino origin.

<sup>3</sup>Refers to persons who indicated more than one race group, including those of Hispanic or Latino origin. Only two combinations of multiple race groups are shown due to small sample sizes for other combinations.

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<sup>5</sup>Shown only for adults aged 25 and over.

<sup>6</sup>GED is General Educational Development high school equivalency diploma.

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<sup>9</sup>"Poor" persons are defined as having income below the poverty threshold. "Near poor" persons have incomes of 100% to less than 200% of the poverty threshold. "Not poor" persons have incomes that are 200% of the poverty threshold or greater.

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SOURCE: NCHS, National Health Interview Survey, 2015.

**Table A-13c. Crude percent distribution (with standard errors) of alcohol drinking status among adults aged 18 and over, by selected characteristics: United States, 2015**

Selected characteristic	All adults aged 18 and over	Lifetime abstainer <sup>1</sup>	Former infrequent <sup>1</sup>	Former regular <sup>1</sup>	Current infrequent <sup>1</sup>	Current regular <sup>1</sup>
Total	100.0	20.7 (0.36)	8.6 (0.22)	5.6 (0.19)	13.3 (0.25)	51.5 (0.44)
Sex						
Male	100.0	15.3 (0.45)	7.7 (0.31)	6.7 (0.29)	9.4 (0.31)	60.3 (0.60)
Female	100.0	25.6 (0.48)	9.4 (0.31)	4.5 (0.21)	16.9 (0.38)	43.2 (0.55)
Age (years)						
18–44	100.0	22.8 (0.56)	4.7 (0.24)	2.7 (0.19)	12.5 (0.37)	56.9 (0.63)
45–64	100.0	16.2 (0.49)	10.2 (0.41)	6.6 (0.33)	14.2 (0.43)	52.3 (0.69)
65–74	100.0	19.8 (0.86)	13.7 (0.70)	10.2 (0.66)	14.7 (0.76)	41.5 (1.06)
75 and over	100.0	28.4 (1.09)	17.5 (0.95)	11.6 (0.81)	12.4 (0.78)	30.0 (1.07)
Race						
One race <sup>2</sup>	100.0	20.7 (0.36)	8.7 (0.23)	5.5 (0.19)	13.3 (0.26)	51.4 (0.44)
White	100.0	17.7 (0.38)	8.6 (0.25)	5.8 (0.21)	13.3 (0.30)	54.3 (0.50)
Black or African American	100.0	30.3 (0.98)	10.0 (0.56)	4.0 (0.38)	13.8 (0.74)	41.4 (1.05)
American Indian or Alaska Native	100.0	19.3 (2.65)	11.5 (1.87)	13.9 (2.99)	13.2 (2.40)	42.1 (3.87)
Asian	100.0	39.7 (1.44)	7.0 (0.77)	3.5 (0.60)	12.9 (0.95)	36.4 (1.37)
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	100.0	38.5 (7.39)	*4.0 (1.76)	*7.2 (3.22)	17.4 (4.93)	30.5 (6.97)
Two or more races <sup>3</sup>	100.0	19.7 (2.19)	5.8 (1.12)	9.0 (1.57)	12.1 (1.65)	53.0 (2.87)
Black or African American, white	100.0	18.3 (4.78)	*	*	*11.9 (3.56)	61.5 (6.36)
American Indian or Alaska Native, white	100.0	18.9 (3.62)	8.0 (2.10)	12.6 (3.02)	12.7 (2.72)	47.9 (4.56)
Hispanic or Latino origin <sup>4</sup> and race						
Hispanic or Latino	100.0	28.9 (0.81)	7.2 (0.44)	4.7 (0.33)	13.5 (0.59)	45.2 (0.90)
Mexican or Mexican American	100.0	27.0 (0.95)	6.5 (0.54)	5.2 (0.46)	13.6 (0.75)	47.2 (1.11)
Not Hispanic or Latino	100.0	19.1 (0.39)	8.9 (0.25)	5.8 (0.21)	13.3 (0.28)	52.6 (0.49)
White, single race	100.0	15.3 (0.41)	8.9 (0.29)	6.1 (0.24)	13.3 (0.33)	56.2 (0.57)
Black or African American, single race	100.0	30.4 (1.01)	9.9 (0.57)	4.0 (0.38)	13.6 (0.77)	41.7 (1.09)
Education <sup>5</sup>						
Less than a high school diploma	100.0	29.4 (0.90)	13.9 (0.72)	10.7 (0.64)	12.7 (0.72)	32.8 (1.03)
High school diploma or GED <sup>6</sup>	100.0	21.5 (0.67)	12.7 (0.53)	6.9 (0.43)	15.0 (0.58)	43.4 (0.81)
Some college	100.0	14.8 (0.52)	9.7 (0.43)	6.4 (0.33)	15.9 (0.52)	52.8 (0.74)
Bachelor's degree or higher	100.0	13.7 (0.47)	5.4 (0.30)	3.7 (0.26)	11.8 (0.43)	65.2 (0.67)
Current employment status <sup>7</sup>						
Employed	100.0	16.2 (0.41)	6.1 (0.24)	3.6 (0.17)	12.9 (0.33)	60.9 (0.54)
Full-time	100.0	14.1 (0.40)	5.9 (0.25)	3.6 (0.19)	12.7 (0.35)	63.4 (0.57)
Part-time	100.0	25.6 (1.18)	6.9 (0.59)	3.4 (0.36)	14.1 (0.81)	49.7 (1.25)
Not employed but has worked previously	100.0	21.8 (0.54)	13.7 (0.45)	9.8 (0.41)	14.7 (0.47)	39.6 (0.66)
Not employed and has never worked	100.0	61.8 (1.61)	6.8 (0.76)	3.2 (0.62)	9.6 (0.96)	18.5 (1.30)

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Selected characteristic	All adults aged 18 and over	Lifetime abstainer <sup>1</sup>	Former infrequent <sup>1</sup>	Former regular <sup>1</sup>	Current infrequent <sup>1</sup>	Current regular <sup>1</sup>
<b>Family income<sup>8</sup></b>						
Less than \$35,000	100.0	28.3 (0.65)	11.4 (0.42)	7.7 (0.36)	14.4 (0.48)	37.7 (0.71)
\$35,000 or more	100.0	16.3 (0.42)	7.2 (0.26)	4.7 (0.21)	12.7 (0.33)	58.9 (0.54)
\$35,000–\$49,999	100.0	21.1 (0.96)	11.4 (0.76)	7.5 (0.59)	14.4 (0.78)	45.2 (1.12)
\$50,000–\$74,999	100.0	18.3 (0.80)	8.6 (0.51)	5.1 (0.45)	13.3 (0.62)	54.3 (1.00)
\$75,000–\$99,999	100.0	16.1 (0.92)	6.9 (0.55)	4.4 (0.48)	13.6 (0.78)	58.8 (1.19)
\$100,000 or more	100.0	13.2 (0.61)	4.6 (0.33)	3.4 (0.31)	11.1 (0.51)	67.7 (0.81)
<b>Poverty status<sup>9</sup></b>						
Poor	100.0	31.7 (1.00)	10.5 (0.58)	6.6 (0.50)	14.9 (0.73)	35.7 (1.08)
Near poor	100.0	29.0 (0.81)	11.2 (0.58)	7.7 (0.46)	14.5 (0.59)	37.2 (0.87)
Not poor	100.0	15.9 (0.40)	7.4 (0.26)	4.8 (0.21)	12.7 (0.32)	58.9 (0.53)
<b>Health insurance coverage<sup>10</sup></b>						
Under 65:						
Private	100.0	17.0 (0.45)	6.1 (0.25)	3.5 (0.18)	12.5 (0.34)	60.8 (0.58)
Medicaid	100.0	32.7 (1.10)	10.3 (0.72)	6.6 (0.54)	15.7 (0.81)	33.8 (1.12)
Other coverage	100.0	16.0 (1.41)	13.7 (1.24)	10.4 (1.27)	15.1 (1.28)	44.4 (1.76)
Uninsured	100.0	24.6 (1.03)	6.8 (0.58)	4.4 (0.46)	13.7 (0.79)	49.8 (1.20)
65 and over:						
Private	100.0	20.2 (0.94)	13.7 (0.80)	9.6 (0.74)	14.5 (0.86)	41.8 (1.22)
Medicare and Medicaid	100.0	37.0 (2.55)	20.9 (2.09)	13.0 (2.18)	12.0 (1.86)	17.0 (1.85)
Medicare Advantage	100.0	21.9 (1.25)	15.1 (1.13)	10.6 (0.96)	14.0 (1.07)	38.1 (1.50)
Medicare only	100.0	28.1 (1.75)	18.2 (1.38)	10.4 (1.16)	11.5 (1.13)	31.7 (1.81)
Other coverage	100.0	20.4 (2.10)	13.8 (1.91)	15.6 (2.22)	16.1 (1.97)	34.2 (2.55)
Uninsured	100.0	41.1 (8.61)	*	*17.1 (6.82)	*	35.6 (8.37)
<b>Marital status</b>						
Married	100.0	18.0 (0.43)	8.7 (0.30)	5.8 (0.26)	13.9 (0.36)	53.4 (0.58)
Widowed	100.0	30.7 (1.16)	16.8 (0.93)	9.7 (0.71)	14.1 (0.92)	28.6 (1.14)
Divorced or separated	100.0	16.3 (0.68)	12.1 (0.62)	7.7 (0.49)	15.2 (0.62)	48.3 (0.94)
Never married	100.0	29.9 (0.89)	4.7 (0.30)	3.2 (0.29)	10.2 (0.46)	51.5 (0.93)
Living with a partner	100.0	10.7 (0.92)	7.6 (0.76)	4.7 (0.58)	14.5 (1.10)	61.9 (1.47)
<b>Place of residence<sup>11</sup></b>						
Large MSA	100.0	20.8 (0.46)	7.7 (0.28)	4.7 (0.22)	12.3 (0.33)	54.2 (0.57)
Small MSA	100.0	19.4 (0.68)	8.7 (0.42)	6.1 (0.36)	14.3 (0.50)	51.2 (0.86)
Not in MSA	100.0	22.7 (0.83)	12.3 (0.69)	7.9 (0.60)	15.3 (0.61)	41.6 (1.20)
<b>Region</b>						
Northeast	100.0	19.4 (0.86)	8.3 (0.53)	5.0 (0.40)	12.6 (0.60)	54.4 (1.06)
Midwest	100.0	16.9 (0.73)	9.2 (0.47)	5.7 (0.37)	14.4 (0.59)	53.6 (0.97)
South	100.0	23.8 (0.61)	9.6 (0.41)	5.4 (0.32)	13.2 (0.41)	47.6 (0.73)
West	100.0	20.3 (0.69)	6.8 (0.37)	6.2 (0.39)	13.0 (0.50)	53.5 (0.88)



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Hispanic or Latino origin <sup>4</sup> , race, and sex						
Hispanic or Latino, male	100.0	19.5 (1.09)	6.2 (0.56)	5.6 (0.54)	9.4 (0.74)	58.4 (1.28)
Hispanic or Latina, female	100.0	38.2 (1.21)	8.2 (0.66)	3.7 (0.39)	17.5 (0.86)	32.1 (1.16)
Not Hispanic or Latino:						
White, single race, male	100.0	11.6 (0.52)	7.9 (0.40)	7.2 (0.38)	9.2 (0.41)	63.8 (0.75)
White, single race, female	100.0	18.7 (0.56)	9.8 (0.39)	5.1 (0.28)	17.1 (0.49)	48.9 (0.72)
Black or African American, single race, male	100.0	24.6 (1.48)	9.8 (0.90)	5.6 (0.71)	9.3 (0.93)	49.9 (1.66)
Black or African American, single race, female	100.0	35.0 (1.27)	9.9 (0.73)	2.7 (0.35)	17.0 (1.05)	35.1 (1.23)

\* Estimates are considered unreliable. Data preceded by an asterisk have a relative standard error (RSE) greater than 30% and less than or equal to 50% and should be used with caution. Data not shown have an RSE greater than 50%.

- Quantity zero.

<sup>1</sup>Derived from several source questions: "In any one year, have you had at least 12 drinks of any type of alcoholic beverage?"; "In your entire life, have you had at least 12 drinks of any type of alcoholic beverage?"; and "In the past year, how often did you drink any type of alcoholic beverage?"

Categories are derived from respondents' self-reported responses to a series of questions about alcohol consumption. A lifetime abstainer had fewer than 12 drinks in his or her lifetime. A former infrequent drinker had at least 12 drinks in his or her lifetime but fewer than 12 drinks in any 1 year and no drinks in the last year. A former regular drinker had at least 12 drinks in his or her lifetime or in any 1 year AND had no drink in the past year. A current infrequent drinker had at least 12 drinks in his or her lifetime and fewer than 12 drinks in the past year. A current regular drinker had at least 12 drinks in his or her lifetime and at least 12 drinks in the past year. Former and current drinkers for whom the frequency of consumption or amount consumed was unknown are not included

<sup>2</sup>Refers to persons who indicated only a single race group, including those of Hispanic or Latino origin.

<sup>3</sup>Refers to persons who indicated more than one race group, including those of Hispanic or Latino origin. Only two combinations of multiple race groups are shown due to small sample sizes for other combinations.

<sup>4</sup>Refers to persons who are of Hispanic or Latino origin and may be of any race or combination of races. "Not Hispanic or Latino" refers to persons who are not of Hispanic or Latino origin, regardless of race.

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