

**Table 2.67A Alcohol Use in Lifetime, Past Year, and Past Month among Persons Aged 12 or Older, by Geographic Characteristics: Numbers in Thousands, 2011 and 2012**

<b>Geographic Characteristic</b>	<b>Lifetime (2011)</b>	<b>Lifetime (2012)</b>	<b>Past Year (2011)</b>	<b>Past Year (2012)</b>	<b>Past Month (2011)</b>	<b>Past Month (2012)</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	211,747 <sup>a</sup>	214,013	170,422 <sup>a</sup>	173,573	133,385	135,502
<b>GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION</b>						
Northeast	39,540	39,769	33,534	33,725	26,757	27,230
New England	10,755	10,910	9,281	9,320	7,601	7,809
Middle Atlantic	28,784	28,859	24,253	24,405	19,156	19,421
Midwest	47,483	47,551	38,400	38,828	30,001	30,969
East North Central	32,920	32,950	26,713	26,910	20,888	21,260
West North Central	14,564	14,601	11,687	11,918	9,113	9,709
South	76,646	77,829	59,772	61,190	46,302	46,584
South Atlantic	41,116 <sup>a</sup>	42,176	32,484	33,748	25,369	26,257
East South Central	11,924	12,083	8,862	8,840	6,432	6,438
West South Central	23,606	23,571	18,426	18,602	14,500	13,889
West	48,078	48,865	38,716	39,830	30,326	30,719
Mountain	14,692	14,797	11,743	11,827	9,093	9,300
Pacific	33,386	34,068	26,973	28,003	21,233	21,419
<b>COUNTY TYPE</b>						
Large Metro	112,596	114,047	93,289	94,722	74,273	74,587
Small Metro	66,571	65,403	53,240	53,096	41,512	41,669
250K – 1 Mil. Pop.	44,723	43,763	35,615	35,793	27,728	28,010
< 250K Pop.	21,848	21,640	17,626	17,303	13,784	13,659
Nonmetro	32,580	34,564	23,893	25,755	17,601 <sup>a</sup>	19,246
Urbanized	13,669	15,257	10,419 <sup>a</sup>	11,834	7,624 <sup>a</sup>	8,993
Less Urbanized	15,584	15,286	11,154	11,091	8,272	8,168
Completely Rural	3,327	4,021	2,320	2,830	1,704	2,085

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**Table 2.67B Alcohol Use in Lifetime, Past Year, and Past Month among Persons Aged 12 or Older, by Geographic Characteristics: Percentages, 2011 and 2012**

<b>Geographic Characteristic</b>	<b>Lifetime (2011)</b>	<b>Lifetime (2012)</b>	<b>Past Year (2011)</b>	<b>Past Year (2012)</b>	<b>Past Month (2011)</b>	<b>Past Month (2012)</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	82.2	82.3	66.2	66.7	51.8	52.1
<b>GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION</b>						
Northeast	84.3	84.3	71.5	71.5	57.1	57.7
New England	87.3	87.9	75.3	75.1	61.7	62.9
Middle Atlantic	83.3	83.0	70.2	70.2	55.4	55.9
Midwest	85.3	85.0	69.0	69.4	53.9	55.4
East North Central	85.1	84.9	69.0	69.3	54.0	54.8
West North Central	85.7	85.3	68.8	69.7	53.6	56.8
South	80.5	80.8	62.8	63.5	48.6	48.3
South Atlantic	81.9	82.9	64.7	66.4	50.5	51.6
East South Central	77.9	78.5	57.9	57.4	42.0	41.8
West South Central	79.5	78.3	62.1	61.8	48.8	46.1
West	80.3	80.7	64.7	65.7	50.7	50.7
Mountain	80.9	80.3	64.7	64.2	50.1	50.5
Pacific	80.1	80.8	64.7	66.4	50.9	50.8
<b>COUNTY TYPE</b>						
Large Metro	82.3	81.9	68.2	68.0	54.3	53.5
Small Metro	82.6	83.3	66.1	67.6	51.5	53.1
250K – 1 Mil. Pop.	82.1	82.7	65.3 <sup>a</sup>	67.7	50.9	53.0
< 250K Pop.	83.7	84.5	67.5	67.6	52.8	53.3
Nonmetro	81.1	81.8	59.5	61.0	43.8	45.6
Urbanized	81.4	82.6	62.0	64.0	45.4	48.7
Less Urbanized	81.3	80.5	58.2	58.4	43.1	43.0
Completely Rural	79.2	84.3	55.2	59.4	40.6	43.7

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**Table 2.68A Alcohol Use in Lifetime, Past Year, and Past Month among Persons Aged 12 to 17, by Geographic Characteristics: Numbers in Thousands, 2011 and 2012**

<b>Geographic Characteristic</b>	<b>Lifetime (2011)</b>	<b>Lifetime (2012)</b>	<b>Past Year (2011)</b>	<b>Past Year (2012)</b>	<b>Past Month (2011)</b>	<b>Past Month (2012)</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	8,610 <sup>b</sup>	8,067	6,940 <sup>a</sup>	6,555	3,326	3,217
<b>GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION</b>						
Northeast	1,628 <sup>b</sup>	1,434	1,383 <sup>a</sup>	1,263	742	659
New England	399	364	349	317	178	170
Middle Atlantic	1,229 <sup>b</sup>	1,070	1,034	946	564	489
Midwest	1,837	1,734	1,515	1,425	716	697
East North Central	1,287	1,199	1,053	979	499	490
West North Central	549	535	462	445	217	207
South	3,039	2,993	2,364	2,393	1,075	1,159
South Atlantic	1,462	1,495	1,161	1,199	536	612
East South Central	461	481	356	378	164	161
West South Central	1,117	1,017	846	816	375	386
West	2,106 <sup>a</sup>	1,907	1,678 <sup>b</sup>	1,474	793	702
Mountain	629	634	507	489	226	229
Pacific	1,477 <sup>b</sup>	1,272	1,171 <sup>b</sup>	985	567	473
<b>COUNTY TYPE</b>						
Large Metro	4,621	4,356	3,744	3,591	1,786	1,740
Small Metro	2,666 <sup>b</sup>	2,343	2,147 <sup>b</sup>	1,887	1,040	920
250K – 1 Mil. Pop.	1,815 <sup>a</sup>	1,586	1,461 <sup>a</sup>	1,264	715	617
< 250K Pop.	852	757	687	623	325	303
Nonmetro	1,323	1,368	1,049	1,076	500	557
Urbanized	585	603	455	470	226	223
Less Urbanized	604	611	490	483	230	265
Completely Rural	134	154	104	123	44	70

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**Table 2.68B Alcohol Use in Lifetime, Past Year, and Past Month among Persons Aged 12 to 17, by Geographic Characteristics: Percentages, 2011 and 2012**

<b>Geographic Characteristic</b>	<b>Lifetime (2011)</b>	<b>Lifetime (2012)</b>	<b>Past Year (2011)</b>	<b>Past Year (2012)</b>	<b>Past Month (2011)</b>	<b>Past Month (2012)</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	34.5 <sup>b</sup>	32.4	27.8 <sup>a</sup>	26.3	13.3	12.9
<b>GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION</b>						
Northeast	38.1 <sup>b</sup>	33.9	32.3	29.8	17.3	15.5
New England	35.9	33.0	31.4	28.7	16.0	15.4
Middle Atlantic	38.8 <sup>b</sup>	34.2	32.7	30.2	17.8	15.6
Midwest	33.7	32.0	27.8	26.3	13.1	12.9
East North Central	33.8	31.7	27.7	25.9	13.1	13.0
West North Central	33.5	32.7	28.2	27.2	13.2	12.7
South	32.8	32.2	25.5	25.7	11.6	12.5
South Atlantic	31.6	32.2	25.1	25.8	11.6	13.2
East South Central	31.2	32.5	24.1	25.6	11.1	10.9
West South Central	35.4 <sup>a</sup>	31.9	26.8	25.6	11.9	12.1
West	35.1 <sup>a</sup>	31.9	28.0 <sup>a</sup>	24.7	13.2	11.8
Mountain	34.2	34.2	27.6	26.3	12.3	12.4
Pacific	35.6 <sup>a</sup>	30.9	28.2 <sup>b</sup>	23.9	13.7	11.5
<b>COUNTY TYPE</b>						
Large Metro	34.7 <sup>b</sup>	32.0	28.1 <sup>a</sup>	26.4	13.4	12.8
Small Metro	34.0 <sup>a</sup>	31.6	27.4 <sup>a</sup>	25.5	13.3	12.4
250K – 1 Mil. Pop.	33.8 <sup>a</sup>	31.0	27.2 <sup>a</sup>	24.7	13.3	12.1
< 250K Pop.	34.5	32.9	27.8	27.1	13.2	13.2
Nonmetro	34.6	34.9	27.5	27.4	13.1	14.2
Urbanized	34.6	33.3	26.9	25.9	13.4	12.3
Less Urbanized	34.1	36.1	27.7	28.5	13.0	15.6
Completely Rural	37.5	37.1	29.1	29.7	12.3	16.8

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**Table 2.69A Alcohol Use in Lifetime, Past Year, and Past Month among Persons Aged 18 to 25, by Geographic Characteristics: Numbers in Thousands, 2011 and 2012**

<b>Geographic Characteristic</b>	<b>Lifetime (2011)</b>	<b>Lifetime (2012)</b>	<b>Past Year (2011)</b>	<b>Past Year (2012)</b>	<b>Past Month (2011)</b>	<b>Past Month (2012)</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	28,901	29,195	26,429	26,778	20,814	20,828
<b>GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION</b>						
Northeast	5,278	5,352	4,901	5,030	4,027	4,053
New England	1,417	1,467	1,315	1,369	1,119	1,131
Middle Atlantic	3,861	3,884	3,586	3,661	2,908	2,922
Midwest	6,364	6,393	5,893	5,885	4,648	4,649
East North Central	4,359	4,401	4,047	4,067	3,199	3,241
West North Central	2,006	1,992	1,846	1,818	1,449	1,407
South	10,480	10,534	9,523	9,540	7,411	7,294
South Atlantic	5,390	5,391	4,973	4,941	3,952	3,861
East South Central	1,670	1,649	1,487	1,458	1,069	1,068
West South Central	3,419	3,494	3,062	3,141	2,390	2,365
West	6,779	6,916	6,112	6,323	4,727	4,832
Mountain	2,014	2,000	1,800	1,793	1,371	1,390
Pacific	4,766	4,916	4,312 <sup>a</sup>	4,530	3,356	3,442
<b>COUNTY TYPE</b>						
Large Metro	15,472	15,954	14,144	14,693	11,327	11,594
Small Metro	9,457	9,186	8,674	8,459	6,793	6,569
250K – 1 Mil. Pop.	5,987	5,785	5,501	5,304	4,322	4,084
< 250K Pop.	3,470	3,401	3,173	3,155	2,471	2,486
Nonmetro	3,972	4,054	3,612	3,626	2,695	2,665
Urbanized	1,871	1,897	1,733	1,729	1,284	1,313
Less Urbanized	1,736	1,795	1,553	1,593	1,164	1,135
Completely Rural	365	363	326	305	246	217

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<b>TOTAL</b>	84.3	84.4	77.0	77.4	60.7	60.2
<b>GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION</b>						
Northeast	86.2	87.0	80.1	81.7	65.8	65.9
New England	88.3	90.6	81.9	84.5	69.7	69.8
Middle Atlantic	85.5	85.7	79.4	80.8	64.4	64.5
Midwest	86.7	86.8	80.3	79.9	63.3	63.1
East North Central	86.1	86.7	79.9	80.1	63.2	63.9
West North Central	88.1	87.1	81.1	79.5	63.7	61.6
South	83.1	82.6	75.5	74.8	58.8	57.2
South Atlantic	83.7	82.6	77.2	75.7	61.4	59.2
East South Central	83.1	81.5	74.0	72.1	53.2	52.8
West South Central	82.2	83.0	73.6	74.6	57.4	56.2
West	82.4	83.2	74.3	76.0	57.4	58.1
Mountain	81.5	80.2	72.9	71.9	55.5	55.7
Pacific	82.7	84.4	74.9	77.8	58.3	59.1
<b>COUNTY TYPE</b>						
Large Metro	84.0	84.3	76.8	77.6	61.5	61.3
Small Metro	84.8	85.0	77.8	78.2	60.9	60.8
250K – 1 Mil. Pop.	84.5	84.0	77.7	77.0	61.0	59.3
< 250K Pop.	85.4	86.7	78.1	80.4	60.8	63.4
Nonmetro	83.7	83.6	76.1	74.8	56.8	54.9
Urbanized	84.7	85.4	78.5	77.8	58.1	59.1
Less Urbanized	82.9	82.2	74.2	73.0	55.6	52.0
Completely Rural	82.0	81.1	73.3	68.1	55.4	48.6

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<b>TOTAL</b>	174,236 <sup>b</sup>	176,751	137,053 <sup>a</sup>	140,240	109,245	111,457
<b>GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION</b>						
Northeast	32,634	32,983	27,249	27,432	21,987	22,518
New England	8,939	9,078	7,617	7,633	6,304	6,508
Middle Atlantic	23,695	23,904	19,633	19,799	15,684	16,010
Midwest	39,282	39,424	30,992	31,519	24,637	25,624
East North Central	27,273	27,351	21,613	21,865	17,190	17,529
West North Central	12,008	12,074	9,379	9,654	7,447 <sup>a</sup>	8,094
South	63,127 <sup>a</sup>	64,303	47,886	49,257	37,816	38,131
South Atlantic	34,264 <sup>a</sup>	35,290	26,349	27,609	20,881	21,784
East South Central	9,793	9,953	7,018	7,003	5,199	5,209
West South Central	19,071	19,060	14,518	14,645	11,735	11,139
West	39,193	40,042	30,925	32,033	24,805	25,185
Mountain	12,049	12,163	9,435	9,546	7,495	7,681
Pacific	27,144	27,879	21,490	22,487	17,310	17,504
<b>COUNTY TYPE</b>						
Large Metro	92,503	93,737	75,401	76,438	61,160	61,254
Small Metro	54,447	53,873	42,419	42,750	33,679	34,179
250K – 1 Mil. Pop.	36,921	36,391	28,653	29,225	22,691	23,310
< 250K Pop.	17,527	17,482	13,766	13,525	10,988	10,869
Nonmetro	27,285	29,141	19,233 <sup>a</sup>	21,052	14,406 <sup>a</sup>	16,024
Urbanized	11,213 <sup>a</sup>	12,757	8,232 <sup>a</sup>	9,636	6,114 <sup>b</sup>	7,458
Less Urbanized	13,244	12,880	9,111	9,015	6,878	6,768
Completely Rural	2,829	3,504	1,890	2,402	1,414	1,798

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<b>TOTAL</b>	87.9	88.1	69.1	69.9	55.1	55.6
<b>GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION</b>						
Northeast	89.4	89.7	74.7	74.6	60.3	61.2
New England	93.1	93.7	79.3	78.8	65.6	67.2
Middle Atlantic	88.1	88.2	73.0	73.1	58.3	59.1
Midwest	91.6	91.4	72.2	73.1	57.4	59.4
East North Central	91.5	91.3	72.5	73.0	57.7	58.5
West North Central	91.8	91.6	71.7	73.2	56.9	61.4
South	86.1	86.5	65.3	66.3	51.6	51.3
South Atlantic	87.6	88.9	67.3	69.6	53.4	54.9
East South Central	82.9	83.7	59.4	58.9	44.0	43.8
West South Central	85.2	83.9	64.9	64.5	52.5	49.0
West	85.9	86.5	67.8	69.2	54.4	54.4
Mountain	87.0	86.4	68.1	67.8	54.1	54.6
Pacific	85.5	86.5	67.7	69.8	54.5	54.3
<b>COUNTY TYPE</b>						
Large Metro	88.0	87.8	71.7	71.6	58.2	57.4
Small Metro	88.4	89.4	68.8	70.9	54.7	56.7
250K – 1 Mil. Pop.	87.8	89.0	68.1 <sup>a</sup>	71.5	54.0 <sup>a</sup>	57.0
< 250K Pop.	89.6	90.2	70.4	69.8	56.2	56.1
Nonmetro	86.3	87.1	60.8	62.9	45.6	47.9
Urbanized	87.0	88.3	63.8	66.7	47.4	51.6
Less Urbanized	86.5	85.2	59.5	59.6	44.9	44.8
Completely Rural	83.2 <sup>a</sup>	89.7	55.6	61.5	41.6	46.0

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<b>TOTAL</b>	203,137 <sup>b</sup>	205,946	163,482 <sup>b</sup>	167,018	130,059	132,285
<b>GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION</b>						
Northeast	37,912	38,334	32,151	32,462	26,015	26,571
New England	10,356	10,545	8,932	9,003	7,423	7,639
Middle Atlantic	27,556	27,789	23,219	23,459	18,592	18,932
Midwest	45,646	45,817	36,886	37,403	29,285	30,272
East North Central	31,632	31,751	25,660	25,931	20,389	20,771
West North Central	14,014	14,066	11,226	11,472	8,896	9,502
South	73,607 <sup>a</sup>	74,837	57,409	58,797	45,227	45,425
South Atlantic	39,654 <sup>a</sup>	40,681	31,323	32,550	24,833	25,645
East South Central	11,463	11,602	8,506	8,461	6,269	6,277
West South Central	22,490	22,554	17,580	17,786	14,125	13,504
West	45,972 <sup>a</sup>	46,958	37,037	38,356	29,533	30,017
Mountain	14,062	14,163	11,235	11,339	8,867	9,070
Pacific	31,910 <sup>a</sup>	32,795	25,802	27,017	20,666	20,946
<b>COUNTY TYPE</b>						
Large Metro	107,975	109,691	89,545	91,131	72,487	72,847
Small Metro	63,905	63,059	51,093	51,209	40,471	40,749
250K – 1 Mil. Pop.	42,908	42,177	34,154	34,529	27,013	27,393
< 250K Pop.	20,997	20,883	16,939	16,680	13,459	13,355
Nonmetro	31,257	33,196	22,844	24,679	17,101 <sup>a</sup>	18,689
Urbanized	13,084	14,654	9,964 <sup>a</sup>	11,364	7,398 <sup>b</sup>	8,771
Less Urbanized	14,980	14,674	10,664	10,607	8,042	7,903
Completely Rural	3,193	3,867	2,216	2,707	1,661	2,015

\*Low precision; no estimate reported.

<sup>a</sup> Difference between estimate and 2012 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.05 level.

<sup>b</sup> Difference between estimate and 2012 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.01 level.

Source: SAMHSA, Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2011 and 2012.

**Table 2.71B Alcohol Use in Lifetime, Past Year, and Past Month among Persons Aged 18 or Older, by Geographic Characteristics: Percentages, 2011 and 2012**

<b>Geographic Characteristic</b>	<b>Lifetime (2011)</b>	<b>Lifetime (2012)</b>	<b>Past Year (2011)</b>	<b>Past Year (2012)</b>	<b>Past Month (2011)</b>	<b>Past Month (2012)</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	87.3	87.6	70.3	71.0	55.9	56.3
<b>GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION</b>						
Northeast	89.0	89.3	75.4	75.6	61.0	61.9
New England	92.4	93.3	79.7	79.6	66.2	67.6
Middle Atlantic	87.7	87.9	73.9	74.2	59.2	59.9
Midwest	90.9	90.7	73.4	74.1	58.3	59.9
East North Central	90.7	90.6	73.6	74.0	58.5	59.3
West North Central	91.2	90.9	73.1	74.2	57.9	61.4
South	85.7	86.0	66.8	67.5	52.6	52.2
South Atlantic	87.0	88.0	68.7	70.4	54.5	55.5
East South Central	82.9	83.4	61.5	60.8	45.3	45.1
West South Central	84.8	83.7	66.3	66.0	53.2	50.1
West	85.4	86.0	68.8	70.2	54.8	55.0
Mountain	86.2	85.5	68.8	68.4	54.3	54.8
Pacific	85.0	86.2	68.8	71.0	55.1	55.1
<b>COUNTY TYPE</b>						
Large Metro	87.4	87.3	72.5	72.5	58.7	57.9
Small Metro	87.8	88.7	70.2	72.0	55.6	57.3
250K – 1 Mil. Pop.	87.3	88.3	69.5 <sup>a</sup>	72.3	55.0	57.3
< 250K Pop.	88.9	89.6	71.7	71.5	57.0	57.3
Nonmetro	86.0	86.6	62.8	64.4	47.0	48.8
Urbanized	86.6	87.9	66.0	68.2	49.0	52.6
Less Urbanized	86.1	84.8	61.3	61.3	46.2	45.7
Completely Rural	83.1 <sup>a</sup>	88.8	57.6	62.2	43.2	46.3

\*Low precision; no estimate reported.

<sup>a</sup> Difference between estimate and 2012 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.05 level.

<sup>b</sup> Difference between estimate and 2012 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.01 level.

Source: SAMHSA, Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2011 and 2012.

**Table 2.72A Alcohol Use, Binge Alcohol Use, and Heavy Alcohol Use in the Past Month among Persons Aged 12 or Older, by Geographic Characteristics: Numbers in Thousands, 2011 and 2012**

<b>Geographic Characteristic</b>	<b>Alcohol Use (2011)</b>	<b>Alcohol Use (2012)</b>	<b>Binge Alcohol Use (2011)</b>	<b>Binge Alcohol Use (2012)</b>	<b>Heavy Alcohol Use (2011)</b>	<b>Heavy Alcohol Use (2012)</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	133,385	135,502	58,341	59,685	15,865	17,021
<b>GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION</b>						
Northeast	26,757	27,230	11,670	11,759	2,979	3,329
New England	7,601	7,809	3,394	3,170	848	918
Middle Atlantic	19,156	19,421	8,277	8,589	2,131	2,411
Midwest	30,001	30,969	13,804	14,605	3,965	4,395
East North Central	20,888	21,260	9,516	10,079	2,691	3,003
West North Central	9,113	9,709	4,288	4,526	1,274	1,393
South	46,302	46,584	20,172	20,638	5,663	6,152
South Atlantic	25,369	26,257	10,065	10,594	2,993	3,155
East South Central	6,432	6,438	2,919	3,098	838	1,026
West South Central	14,500	13,889	7,189	6,946	1,832	1,972
West	30,326	30,719	12,694	12,682	3,258	3,145
Mountain	9,093	9,300	3,879	3,947	1,022	1,001
Pacific	21,233	21,419	8,814	8,736	2,236	2,143
<b>COUNTY TYPE</b>						
Large Metro	74,273	74,587	31,673	32,643	8,081	8,877
Small Metro	41,512	41,669	18,615	17,982	5,402	5,377
250K – 1 Mil. Pop.	27,728	28,010	12,421	11,915	3,529	3,434
< 250K Pop.	13,784	13,659	6,193	6,067	1,873	1,942
Nonmetro	17,601 <sup>a</sup>	19,246	8,053 <sup>a</sup>	9,061	2,382	2,768
Urbanized	7,624 <sup>a</sup>	8,993	3,281 <sup>b</sup>	4,097	1,063	1,207
Less Urbanized	8,272	8,168	4,015	3,984	1,059	1,281
Completely Rural	1,704	2,085	757	980	260	280

\*Low precision; no estimate reported.

NOTE: Binge Alcohol Use is defined as drinking five or more drinks on the same occasion (i.e., at the same time or within a couple of hours of each other) on at least 1 day in the past 30 days. Heavy Alcohol Use is defined as drinking five or more drinks on the same occasion on each of 5 or more days in the past 30 days; all heavy alcohol users are also binge alcohol users.

<sup>a</sup> Difference between estimate and 2012 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.05 level.

<sup>b</sup> Difference between estimate and 2012 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.01 level.

Source: SAMHSA, Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2011 and 2012.

**Table 2.72B Alcohol Use, Binge Alcohol Use, and Heavy Alcohol Use in the Past Month among Persons Aged 12 or Older, by Geographic Characteristics: Percentages, 2011 and 2012**

<b>Geographic Characteristic</b>	<b>Alcohol Use (2011)</b>	<b>Alcohol Use (2012)</b>	<b>Binge Alcohol Use (2011)</b>	<b>Binge Alcohol Use (2012)</b>	<b>Heavy Alcohol Use (2011)</b>	<b>Heavy Alcohol Use (2012)</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	51.8	52.1	22.6	23.0	6.2	6.5
<b>GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION</b>						
Northeast	57.1	57.7	24.9	24.9	6.4	7.1
New England	61.7	62.9	27.5	25.5	6.9	7.4
Middle Atlantic	55.4	55.9	23.9	24.7	6.2	6.9
Midwest	53.9	55.4	24.8	26.1	7.1	7.9
East North Central	54.0	54.8	24.6	26.0	7.0	7.7
West North Central	53.6	56.8	25.2	26.5	7.5	8.1
South	48.6	48.3	21.2	21.4	5.9	6.4
South Atlantic	50.5	51.6	20.1	20.8	6.0	6.2
East South Central	42.0	41.8	19.1	20.1	5.5	6.7
West South Central	48.8	46.1	24.2	23.1	6.2	6.5
West	50.7	50.7	21.2	20.9	5.4	5.2
Mountain	50.1	50.5	21.4	21.4	5.6	5.4
Pacific	50.9	50.8	21.1	20.7	5.4	5.1
<b>COUNTY TYPE</b>						
Large Metro	54.3	53.5	23.1	23.4	5.9	6.4
Small Metro	51.5	53.1	23.1	22.9	6.7	6.8
250K – 1 Mil. Pop.	50.9	53.0	22.8	22.5	6.5	6.5
< 250K Pop.	52.8	53.3	23.7	23.7	7.2	7.6
Nonmetro	43.8	45.6	20.0	21.4	5.9	6.6
Urbanized	45.4	48.7	19.5 <sup>a</sup>	22.2	6.3	6.5
Less Urbanized	43.1	43.0	20.9	21.0	5.5	6.7
Completely Rural	40.6	43.7	18.0	20.6	6.2	5.9

\*Low precision; no estimate reported.

NOTE: Binge Alcohol Use is defined as drinking five or more drinks on the same occasion (i.e., at the same time or within a couple of hours of each other) on at least 1 day in the past 30 days. Heavy Alcohol Use is defined as drinking five or more drinks on the same occasion on each of 5 or more days in the past 30 days; all heavy alcohol users are also binge alcohol users.

<sup>a</sup> Difference between estimate and 2012 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.05 level.

<sup>b</sup> Difference between estimate and 2012 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.01 level.

Source: SAMHSA, Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2011 and 2012.

**Table 2.73A Alcohol Use, Binge Alcohol Use, and Heavy Alcohol Use in the Past Month among Persons Aged 12 to 17, by Geographic Characteristics: Numbers in Thousands, 2011 and 2012**

<b>Geographic Characteristic</b>	<b>Alcohol Use (2011)</b>	<b>Alcohol Use (2012)</b>	<b>Binge Alcohol Use (2011)</b>	<b>Binge Alcohol Use (2012)</b>	<b>Heavy Alcohol Use (2011)</b>	<b>Heavy Alcohol Use (2012)</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	3,326	3,217	1,849	1,799	379	326
<b>GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION</b>						
Northeast	742	659	411	350	93 <sup>a</sup>	61
New England	178	170	96	96	17	29
Middle Atlantic	564	489	315	253	76 <sup>b</sup>	32
Midwest	716	697	407	386	84	73
East North Central	499	490	276	261	58	48
West North Central	217	207	131	125	26	25
South	1,075	1,159	584 <sup>a</sup>	679	116	113
South Atlantic	536	612	269 <sup>a</sup>	362	60	52
East South Central	164	161	103	103	20	19
West South Central	375	386	212	213	36	42
West	793	702	448	385	86	79
Mountain	226	229	113	116	31	25
Pacific	567	473	335	268	55	54
<b>COUNTY TYPE</b>						
Large Metro	1,786	1,740	966	936	186	165
Small Metro	1,040	920	589	501	125	92
250K – 1 Mil. Pop.	715	617	388	329	82	68
< 250K Pop.	325	303	201	172	44 <sup>a</sup>	24
Nonmetro	500	557	294 <sup>a</sup>	362	67	68
Urbanized	226	223	132	135	36	22
Less Urbanized	230	265	144	178	25	39
Completely Rural	44	70	19 <sup>b</sup>	50	6	7

\*Low precision; no estimate reported.

NOTE: Binge Alcohol Use is defined as drinking five or more drinks on the same occasion (i.e., at the same time or within a couple of hours of each other) on at least 1 day in the past 30 days. Heavy Alcohol Use is defined as drinking five or more drinks on the same occasion on each of 5 or more days in the past 30 days; all heavy alcohol users are also binge alcohol users.

<sup>a</sup> Difference between estimate and 2012 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.05 level.

<sup>b</sup> Difference between estimate and 2012 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.01 level.

Source: SAMHSA, Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2011 and 2012.

**Table 2.73B Alcohol Use, Binge Alcohol Use, and Heavy Alcohol Use in the Past Month among Persons Aged 12 to 17, by Geographic Characteristics: Percentages, 2011 and 2012**

<b>Geographic Characteristic</b>	<b>Alcohol Use (2011)</b>	<b>Alcohol Use (2012)</b>	<b>Binge Alcohol Use (2011)</b>	<b>Binge Alcohol Use (2012)</b>	<b>Heavy Alcohol Use (2011)</b>	<b>Heavy Alcohol Use (2012)</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	13.3	12.9	7.4	7.2	1.5	1.3
<b>GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION</b>						
Northeast	17.3	15.5	9.6	8.2	2.2 <sup>a</sup>	1.4
New England	16.0	15.4	8.7	8.7	1.6	2.6
Middle Atlantic	17.8	15.6	9.9	8.1	2.4 <sup>b</sup>	1.0
Midwest	13.1	12.9	7.5	7.1	1.5	1.4
East North Central	13.1	13.0	7.3	6.9	1.5	1.3
West North Central	13.2	12.7	8.0	7.6	1.6	1.5
South	11.6	12.5	6.3	7.3	1.3	1.2
South Atlantic	11.6	13.2	5.8 <sup>a</sup>	7.8	1.3	1.1
East South Central	11.1	10.9	6.9	7.0	1.3	1.3
West South Central	11.9	12.1	6.7	6.7	1.1	1.3
West	13.2	11.8	7.5	6.4	1.4	1.3
Mountain	12.3	12.4	6.1	6.3	1.7	1.3
Pacific	13.7	11.5	8.1	6.5	1.3	1.3
<b>COUNTY TYPE</b>						
Large Metro	13.4	12.8	7.3	6.9	1.4	1.2
Small Metro	13.3	12.4	7.5	6.8	1.6	1.2
250K – 1 Mil. Pop.	13.3	12.1	7.2	6.4	1.5	1.3
< 250K Pop.	13.2	13.2	8.1	7.5	1.8	1.1
Nonmetro	13.1	14.2	7.7	9.2	1.8	1.7
Urbanized	13.4	12.3	7.8	7.4	2.1	1.2
Less Urbanized	13.0	15.6	8.1	10.5	1.4	2.3
Completely Rural	12.3	16.8	5.2 <sup>b</sup>	12.0	1.6	1.6

\*Low precision; no estimate reported.

NOTE: Binge Alcohol Use is defined as drinking five or more drinks on the same occasion (i.e., at the same time or within a couple of hours of each other) on at least 1 day in the past 30 days. Heavy Alcohol Use is defined as drinking five or more drinks on the same occasion on each of 5 or more days in the past 30 days; all heavy alcohol users are also binge alcohol users.

<sup>a</sup> Difference between estimate and 2012 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.05 level.

<sup>b</sup> Difference between estimate and 2012 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.01 level.

Source: SAMHSA, Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2011 and 2012.

**Table 2.74A Alcohol Use, Binge Alcohol Use, and Heavy Alcohol Use in the Past Month among Persons Aged 18 to 25, by Geographic Characteristics: Numbers in Thousands, 2011 and 2012**

<b>Geographic Characteristic</b>	<b>Alcohol Use (2011)</b>	<b>Alcohol Use (2012)</b>	<b>Binge Alcohol Use (2011)</b>	<b>Binge Alcohol Use (2012)</b>	<b>Heavy Alcohol Use (2011)</b>	<b>Heavy Alcohol Use (2012)</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	20,814	20,828	13,653	13,662	4,165	4,386
<b>GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION</b>						
Northeast	4,027	4,053	2,661 <sup>a</sup>	2,859	793 <sup>a</sup>	948
New England	1,119	1,131	748	794	243	273
Middle Atlantic	2,908	2,922	1,913 <sup>a</sup>	2,065	549 <sup>a</sup>	674
Midwest	4,648	4,649	3,202	3,193	1,023	971
East North Central	3,199	3,241	2,214	2,192	684	650
West North Central	1,449	1,407	989	1,002	339	321
South	7,411	7,294	4,737	4,631	1,436	1,596
South Atlantic	3,952	3,861	2,461	2,415	774	819
East South Central	1,069	1,068	686	673	197	230
West South Central	2,390	2,365	1,590	1,542	465	547
West	4,727	4,832	3,052	2,978	913	871
Mountain	1,371	1,390	882	934	294	295
Pacific	3,356	3,442	2,171	2,044	620	576
<b>COUNTY TYPE</b>						
Large Metro	11,327	11,594	7,282	7,552	2,074	2,320
Small Metro	6,793	6,569	4,495	4,317	1,517	1,464
250K – 1 Mil. Pop.	4,322	4,084	2,790	2,656	882	836
< 250K Pop.	2,471	2,486	1,705	1,662	635	628
Nonmetro	2,695	2,665	1,876	1,793	574	602
Urbanized	1,284	1,313	882	868	279	325
Less Urbanized	1,164	1,135	819	780	238	229
Completely Rural	246	217	175	145	57	48

\*Low precision; no estimate reported.

NOTE: Binge Alcohol Use is defined as drinking five or more drinks on the same occasion (i.e., at the same time or within a couple of hours of each other) on at least 1 day in the past 30 days. Heavy Alcohol Use is defined as drinking five or more drinks on the same occasion on each of 5 or more days in the past 30 days; all heavy alcohol users are also binge alcohol users.

<sup>a</sup> Difference between estimate and 2012 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.05 level.

<sup>b</sup> Difference between estimate and 2012 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.01 level.

Source: SAMHSA, Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2011 and 2012.

**Table 2.74B Alcohol Use, Binge Alcohol Use, and Heavy Alcohol Use in the Past Month among Persons Aged 18 to 25, by Geographic Characteristics: Percentages, 2011 and 2012**

<b>Geographic Characteristic</b>	<b>Alcohol Use (2011)</b>	<b>Alcohol Use (2012)</b>	<b>Binge Alcohol Use (2011)</b>	<b>Binge Alcohol Use (2012)</b>	<b>Heavy Alcohol Use (2011)</b>	<b>Heavy Alcohol Use (2012)</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	60.7	60.2	39.8	39.5	12.1	12.7
<b>GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION</b>						
Northeast	65.8	65.9	43.5 <sup>a</sup>	46.5	13.0 <sup>a</sup>	15.4
New England	69.7	69.8	46.6	49.0	15.2	16.9
Middle Atlantic	64.4	64.5	42.4	45.6	12.2 <sup>a</sup>	14.9
Midwest	63.3	63.1	43.6	43.4	13.9	13.2
East North Central	63.2	63.9	43.7	43.2	13.5	12.8
West North Central	63.7	61.6	43.4	43.8	14.9	14.0
South	58.8	57.2	37.6	36.3	11.4	12.5
South Atlantic	61.4	59.2	38.2	37.0	12.0	12.5
East South Central	53.2	52.8	34.1	33.3	9.8	11.4
West South Central	57.4	56.2	38.2	36.6	11.2	13.0
West	57.4	58.1	37.1	35.8	11.1	10.5
Mountain	55.5	55.7	35.7	37.5	11.9	11.8
Pacific	58.3	59.1	37.7	35.1	10.8	9.9
<b>COUNTY TYPE</b>						
Large Metro	61.5	61.3	39.6	39.9	11.3	12.3
Small Metro	60.9	60.8	40.3	39.9	13.6	13.5
250K – 1 Mil. Pop.	61.0	59.3	39.4	38.5	12.4	12.1
< 250K Pop.	60.8	63.4	42.0	42.4	15.6	16.0
Nonmetro	56.8	54.9	39.5	37.0	12.1	12.4
Urbanized	58.1	59.1	39.9	39.1	12.6	14.6
Less Urbanized	55.6	52.0	39.1	35.7	11.4	10.5
Completely Rural	55.4	48.6	39.4	32.4	12.9	10.7

\*Low precision; no estimate reported.

NOTE: Binge Alcohol Use is defined as drinking five or more drinks on the same occasion (i.e., at the same time or within a couple of hours of each other) on at least 1 day in the past 30 days. Heavy Alcohol Use is defined as drinking five or more drinks on the same occasion on each of 5 or more days in the past 30 days; all heavy alcohol users are also binge alcohol users.

<sup>a</sup> Difference between estimate and 2012 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.05 level.

<sup>b</sup> Difference between estimate and 2012 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.01 level.

Source: SAMHSA, Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2011 and 2012.

**Table 2.75A Alcohol Use, Binge Alcohol Use, and Heavy Alcohol Use in the Past Month among Persons Aged 26 or Older, by Geographic Characteristics: Numbers in Thousands, 2011 and 2012**

<b>Geographic Characteristic</b>	<b>Alcohol Use (2011)</b>	<b>Alcohol Use (2012)</b>	<b>Binge Alcohol Use (2011)</b>	<b>Binge Alcohol Use (2012)</b>	<b>Heavy Alcohol Use (2011)</b>	<b>Heavy Alcohol Use (2012)</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	109,245	111,457	42,839	44,224	11,321	12,309
<b>GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION</b>						
Northeast	21,987	22,518	8,598	8,550	2,093	2,321
New England	6,304	6,508	2,549	2,280	587	616
Middle Atlantic	15,684	16,010	6,049	6,271	1,506	1,705
Midwest	24,637	25,624	10,195 <sup>a</sup>	11,026	2,858	3,351
East North Central	17,190	17,529	7,026	7,626	1,949	2,304
West North Central	7,447 <sup>a</sup>	8,094	3,169	3,399	909	1,047
South	37,816	38,131	14,852	15,328	4,111	4,442
South Atlantic	20,881	21,784	7,335	7,816	2,158	2,283
East South Central	5,199	5,209	2,130	2,321	621	776
West South Central	11,735	11,139	5,386	5,191	1,331	1,383
West	24,805	25,185	9,194	9,320	2,259	2,194
Mountain	7,495	7,681	2,885	2,896	697	682
Pacific	17,310	17,504	6,309	6,423	1,562	1,513
<b>COUNTY TYPE</b>						
Large Metro	61,160	61,254	23,425	24,155	5,820	6,391
Small Metro	33,679	34,179	13,531	13,163	3,760	3,820
250K – 1 Mil. Pop.	22,691	23,310	9,243	8,930	2,566	2,530
< 250K Pop.	10,988	10,869	4,288	4,233	1,194	1,290
Nonmetro	14,406 <sup>a</sup>	16,024	5,883 <sup>a</sup>	6,906	1,740	2,098
Urbanized	6,114 <sup>b</sup>	7,458	2,267 <sup>b</sup>	3,095	748	860
Less Urbanized	6,878	6,768	3,052	3,026	796	1,012
Completely Rural	1,414	1,798	564	785	197	226

\*Low precision; no estimate reported.

NOTE: Binge Alcohol Use is defined as drinking five or more drinks on the same occasion (i.e., at the same time or within a couple of hours of each other) on at least 1 day in the past 30 days. Heavy Alcohol Use is defined as drinking five or more drinks on the same occasion on each of 5 or more days in the past 30 days; all heavy alcohol users are also binge alcohol users.

<sup>a</sup> Difference between estimate and 2012 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.05 level.

<sup>b</sup> Difference between estimate and 2012 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.01 level.

Source: SAMHSA, Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2011 and 2012.

**Table 2.75B Alcohol Use, Binge Alcohol Use, and Heavy Alcohol Use in the Past Month among Persons Aged 26 or Older, by Geographic Characteristics: Percentages, 2011 and 2012**

<b>Geographic Characteristic</b>	<b>Alcohol Use (2011)</b>	<b>Alcohol Use (2012)</b>	<b>Binge Alcohol Use (2011)</b>	<b>Binge Alcohol Use (2012)</b>	<b>Heavy Alcohol Use (2011)</b>	<b>Heavy Alcohol Use (2012)</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	55.1	55.6	21.6	22.1	5.7	6.1
<b>GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION</b>						
Northeast	60.3	61.2	23.6	23.2	5.7	6.3
New England	65.6	67.2	26.5	23.5	6.1	6.4
Middle Atlantic	58.3	59.1	22.5	23.1	5.6	6.3
Midwest	57.4	59.4	23.8	25.6	6.7	7.8
East North Central	57.7	58.5	23.6	25.5	6.5	7.7
West North Central	56.9	61.4	24.2	25.8	6.9	7.9
South	51.6	51.3	20.3	20.6	5.6	6.0
South Atlantic	53.4	54.9	18.7	19.7	5.5	5.8
East South Central	44.0	43.8	18.0	19.5	5.3	6.5
West South Central	52.5	49.0	24.1	22.8	6.0	6.1
West	54.4	54.4	20.2	20.1	5.0	4.7
Mountain	54.1	54.6	20.8	20.6	5.0	4.8
Pacific	54.5	54.3	19.9	19.9	4.9	4.7
<b>COUNTY TYPE</b>						
Large Metro	58.2	57.4	22.3	22.6	5.5	6.0
Small Metro	54.7	56.7	22.0	21.8	6.1	6.3
250K – 1 Mil. Pop.	54.0 <sup>a</sup>	57.0	22.0	21.8	6.1	6.2
< 250K Pop.	56.2	56.1	21.9	21.8	6.1	6.7
Nonmetro	45.6	47.9	18.6	20.6	5.5	6.3
Urbanized	47.4	51.6	17.6 <sup>a</sup>	21.4	5.8	6.0
Less Urbanized	44.9	44.8	19.9	20.0	5.2	6.7
Completely Rural	41.6	46.0	16.6	20.1	5.8	5.8

\*Low precision; no estimate reported.

NOTE: Binge Alcohol Use is defined as drinking five or more drinks on the same occasion (i.e., at the same time or within a couple of hours of each other) on at least 1 day in the past 30 days. Heavy Alcohol Use is defined as drinking five or more drinks on the same occasion on each of 5 or more days in the past 30 days; all heavy alcohol users are also binge alcohol users.

<sup>a</sup> Difference between estimate and 2012 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.05 level.

<sup>b</sup> Difference between estimate and 2012 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.01 level.

Source: SAMHSA, Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2011 and 2012.

**Table 2.76A Alcohol Use, Binge Alcohol Use, and Heavy Alcohol Use in the Past Month among Persons Aged 18 or Older, by Geographic Characteristics: Numbers in Thousands, 2011 and 2012**

<b>Geographic Characteristic</b>	<b>Alcohol Use (2011)</b>	<b>Alcohol Use (2012)</b>	<b>Binge Alcohol Use (2011)</b>	<b>Binge Alcohol Use (2012)</b>	<b>Heavy Alcohol Use (2011)</b>	<b>Heavy Alcohol Use (2012)</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	130,059	132,285	56,491	57,886	15,486 <sup>a</sup>	16,695
<b>GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION</b>						
Northeast	26,015	26,571	11,259	11,410	2,885	3,269
New England	7,423	7,639	3,297	3,074	831	890
Middle Atlantic	18,592	18,932	7,962	8,336	2,055	2,379
Midwest	29,285	30,272	13,397	14,219	3,881	4,322
East North Central	20,389	20,771	9,239	9,818	2,633	2,954
West North Central	8,896	9,502	4,158	4,401	1,248	1,368
South	45,227	45,425	19,589	19,959	5,547	6,039
South Atlantic	24,833	25,645	9,796	10,232	2,933	3,102
East South Central	6,269	6,277	2,816	2,994	818	1,006
West South Central	14,125	13,504	6,976	6,733	1,796	1,930
West	29,533	30,017	12,246	12,298	3,172	3,066
Mountain	8,867	9,070	3,767	3,831	991	977
Pacific	20,666	20,946	8,479	8,467	2,182	2,089
<b>COUNTY TYPE</b>						
Large Metro	72,487	72,847	30,707	31,707	7,895	8,711
Small Metro	40,471	40,749	18,026	17,481	5,277	5,284
250K – 1 Mil. Pop.	27,013	27,393	12,033	11,586	3,447	3,366
< 250K Pop.	13,459	13,355	5,993	5,894	1,829	1,918
Nonmetro	17,101 <sup>a</sup>	18,689	7,759 <sup>a</sup>	8,698	2,315	2,699
Urbanized	7,398 <sup>b</sup>	8,771	3,149 <sup>b</sup>	3,963	1,027	1,185
Less Urbanized	8,042	7,903	3,871	3,806	1,034	1,242
Completely Rural	1,661	2,015	739	930	254	273

\*Low precision; no estimate reported.

NOTE: Binge Alcohol Use is defined as drinking five or more drinks on the same occasion (i.e., at the same time or within a couple of hours of each other) on at least 1 day in the past 30 days. Heavy Alcohol Use is defined as drinking five or more drinks on the same occasion on each of 5 or more days in the past 30 days; all heavy alcohol users are also binge alcohol users.

<sup>a</sup> Difference between estimate and 2012 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.05 level.

<sup>b</sup> Difference between estimate and 2012 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.01 level.

Source: SAMHSA, Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2011 and 2012.

**Table 2.76B Alcohol Use, Binge Alcohol Use, and Heavy Alcohol Use in the Past Month among Persons Aged 18 or Older, by Geographic Characteristics: Percentages, 2011 and 2012**

<b>Geographic Characteristic</b>	<b>Alcohol Use (2011)</b>	<b>Alcohol Use (2012)</b>	<b>Binge Alcohol Use (2011)</b>	<b>Binge Alcohol Use (2012)</b>	<b>Heavy Alcohol Use (2011)</b>	<b>Heavy Alcohol Use (2012)</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	55.9	56.3	24.3	24.6	6.7	7.1
<b>GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION</b>						
Northeast	61.0	61.9	26.4	26.6	6.8	7.6
New England	66.2	67.6	29.4	27.2	7.4	7.9
Middle Atlantic	59.2	59.9	25.4	26.4	6.5	7.5
Midwest	58.3	59.9	26.7	28.2	7.7	8.6
East North Central	58.5	59.3	26.5	28.0	7.5	8.4
West North Central	57.9	61.4	27.1	28.4	8.1	8.8
South	52.6	52.2	22.8	22.9	6.5	6.9
South Atlantic	54.5	55.5	21.5	22.1	6.4	6.7
East South Central	45.3	45.1	20.4	21.5	5.9	7.2
West South Central	53.2	50.1	26.3	25.0	6.8	7.2
West	54.8	55.0	22.7	22.5	5.9	5.6
Mountain	54.3	54.8	23.1	23.1	6.1	5.9
Pacific	55.1	55.1	22.6	22.3	5.8	5.5
<b>COUNTY TYPE</b>						
Large Metro	58.7	57.9	24.9	25.2	6.4	6.9
Small Metro	55.6	57.3	24.8	24.6	7.3	7.4
250K – 1 Mil. Pop.	55.0	57.3	24.5	24.2	7.0	7.0
< 250K Pop.	57.0	57.3	25.4	25.3	7.7	8.2
Nonmetro	47.0	48.8	21.3	22.7	6.4	7.0
Urbanized	49.0	52.6	20.9 <sup>a</sup>	23.8	6.8	7.1
Less Urbanized	46.2	45.7	22.2	22.0	5.9	7.2
Completely Rural	43.2	46.3	19.2	21.4	6.6	6.3

\*Low precision; no estimate reported.

NOTE: Binge Alcohol Use is defined as drinking five or more drinks on the same occasion (i.e., at the same time or within a couple of hours of each other) on at least 1 day in the past 30 days. Heavy Alcohol Use is defined as drinking five or more drinks on the same occasion on each of 5 or more days in the past 30 days; all heavy alcohol users are also binge alcohol users.

<sup>a</sup> Difference between estimate and 2012 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.05 level.

<sup>b</sup> Difference between estimate and 2012 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.01 level.

Source: SAMHSA, Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2011 and 2012.