

Table 7.34A Alcohol Use in Lifetime, Past Year, and Past Month among Persons Aged 12 to 20, by Gender: Numbers in Thousands, 2002-2012

Gender/Alcohol Use	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
TOTAL											
Lifetime	20,911 ^b	20,936 ^b	20,709 ^b	20,671 ^b	20,584 ^b	20,380 ^b	19,929 ^b	20,145 ^b	19,196 ^b	18,669	17,917
Past Year	17,492 ^b	17,554 ^b	17,568 ^b	17,729 ^b	17,605 ^b	17,366 ^b	16,904 ^b	17,081 ^b	16,434 ^b	15,938	15,372
Past Month	10,713 ^b	10,876 ^b	10,838 ^b	10,819 ^b	10,831 ^b	10,750 ^b	10,083 ^a	10,392 ^b	9,934 ^a	9,654	9,294
Binge Alcohol Use ¹	7,175 ^b	7,190 ^b	7,397 ^b	7,197 ^b	7,248 ^b	7,198 ^b	6,680 ^b	6,945 ^b	6,423 ^a	6,075	5,852
Heavy Alcohol Use ¹	2,301 ^b	2,297 ^b	2,375 ^b	2,296 ^b	2,361 ^b	2,321 ^b	2,136 ^b	2,063 ^b	1,940 ^a	1,698	1,651
MALE											
Lifetime	10,719 ^b	10,537 ^b	10,624 ^b	10,500 ^b	10,644 ^b	10,471 ^b	10,180 ^b	10,576 ^b	10,048 ^b	9,484	9,114
Past Year	8,847 ^b	8,735 ^b	8,946 ^b	8,927 ^b	9,056 ^b	8,903 ^b	8,520 ^b	8,949 ^b	8,638 ^b	8,004	7,821
Past Month	5,619 ^b	5,720 ^b	5,723 ^b	5,658 ^b	5,749 ^b	5,618 ^b	5,290 ^a	5,591 ^b	5,517 ^b	5,002	4,813
Binge Alcohol Use ¹	4,140 ^b	4,162 ^b	4,271 ^b	4,175 ^b	4,193 ^b	4,172 ^b	3,765 ^b	4,046 ^b	3,856 ^b	3,416	3,229
Heavy Alcohol Use ¹	1,544 ^b	1,506 ^b	1,582 ^b	1,492 ^b	1,559 ^b	1,537 ^b	1,370 ^b	1,374 ^b	1,307 ^b	1,088	1,017
FEMALE											
Lifetime	10,192 ^b	10,399 ^b	10,085 ^b	10,171 ^b	9,940 ^b	9,909 ^b	9,750 ^b	9,570 ^b	9,148	9,185	8,803
Past Year	8,645 ^b	8,819 ^b	8,622 ^b	8,802 ^b	8,549 ^b	8,463 ^b	8,384 ^b	8,132 ^a	7,797	7,934	7,551
Past Month	5,094 ^b	5,156 ^b	5,115 ^b	5,160 ^b	5,082 ^b	5,132 ^b	4,793	4,801	4,417	4,652	4,481
Binge Alcohol Use ¹	3,035 ^b	3,027 ^b	3,127 ^b	3,022 ^b	3,055 ^b	3,026 ^b	2,915 ^a	2,900	2,566	2,659	2,624
Heavy Alcohol Use ¹	756	791 ^a	793 ^a	803 ^a	802 ^a	783 ^a	765	690	634	610	634

*Low precision; no estimate reported.

NOTE: Some 2006 to 2010 estimates may differ from previously published estimates due to updates (see Section B.3 in Appendix B of the *Results from the 2012 National Survey on Drug Use and Health: National Findings*).

^a Difference between estimate and 2012 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.05 level.

^b Difference between estimate and 2012 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.01 level.

¹ 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.

Source: SAMHSA, Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2002-2012.

Table 7.34B Alcohol Use in Lifetime, Past Year, and Past Month among Persons Aged 12 to 20, by Gender: Percentages, 2002-2012

Gender/Alcohol Use	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012
TOTAL											
Lifetime	56.2 ^b	55.8 ^b	54.9 ^b	53.9 ^b	53.9 ^b	53.0 ^b	52.3 ^b	52.7 ^b	50.5 ^b	48.5 ^a	46.9
Past Year	47.0 ^b	46.8 ^b	46.6 ^b	46.3 ^b	46.1 ^b	45.2 ^b	44.4 ^b	44.7 ^b	43.3 ^b	41.4	40.2
Past Month	28.8 ^b	29.0 ^b	28.7 ^b	28.2 ^b	28.4 ^b	28.0 ^b	26.5 ^b	27.2 ^b	26.2 ^b	25.1	24.3
Binge Alcohol Use ¹	19.3 ^b	19.2 ^b	19.6 ^b	18.8 ^b	19.0 ^b	18.7 ^b	17.5 ^b	18.2 ^b	16.9 ^b	15.8	15.3
Heavy Alcohol Use ¹	6.2 ^b	6.1 ^b	6.3 ^b	6.0 ^b	6.2 ^b	6.0 ^b	5.6 ^b	5.4 ^b	5.1 ^b	4.4	4.3
MALE											
Lifetime	56.5 ^b	55.0 ^b	54.9 ^b	53.7 ^b	54.1 ^b	53.1 ^b	52.1 ^b	53.8 ^b	51.3 ^b	48.5 ^a	46.7
Past Year	46.6 ^b	45.6 ^b	46.3 ^b	45.6 ^b	46.0 ^b	45.2 ^b	43.6 ^b	45.6 ^b	44.1 ^b	40.9	40.1
Past Month	29.6 ^b	29.9 ^b	29.6 ^b	28.9 ^b	29.2 ^b	28.5 ^b	27.1 ^b	28.5 ^b	28.1 ^b	25.6	24.7
Binge Alcohol Use ¹	21.8 ^b	21.7 ^b	22.1 ^b	21.3 ^b	21.3 ^b	21.2 ^b	19.3 ^b	20.6 ^b	19.7 ^b	17.5	16.5
Heavy Alcohol Use ¹	8.1 ^b	7.9 ^b	8.2 ^b	7.6 ^b	7.9 ^b	7.8 ^b	7.0 ^b	7.0 ^b	6.7 ^b	5.6	5.2
FEMALE											
Lifetime	56.0 ^b	56.6 ^b	54.8 ^b	54.2 ^b	53.8 ^b	52.9 ^b	52.5 ^b	51.4 ^b	49.8 ^b	48.5	47.1
Past Year	47.5 ^b	48.0 ^b	46.9 ^b	46.9 ^b	46.2 ^b	45.2 ^b	45.2 ^b	43.7 ^b	42.4 ^a	41.9	40.4
Past Month	28.0 ^b	28.1 ^b	27.8 ^b	27.5 ^b	27.5 ^b	27.4 ^b	25.8 ^a	25.8 ^a	24.0	24.6	24.0
Binge Alcohol Use ¹	16.7 ^b	16.5 ^b	17.0 ^b	16.1 ^b	16.5 ^b	16.2 ^b	15.7 ^a	15.6 ^a	14.0	14.0	14.0
Heavy Alcohol Use ¹	4.2 ^a	4.3 ^b	4.3 ^a	4.3 ^a	4.3 ^b	4.2 ^a	4.1	3.7	3.4	3.2	3.4

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