

Table 2.67A Alcohol Use in Lifetime, Past Year, and Past Month among Persons Aged 12 or Older, by Geographic Characteristics: Numbers in Thousands, 2010 and 2011

Geographic Characteristic	Lifetime (2010)	Lifetime (2011)	Past Year (2010)	Past Year (2011)	Past Month (2010)	Past Month (2011)
TOTAL	209,264 ^a	211,747	168,381	170,422	131,374	133,385
GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION						
Northeast	39,624	39,540	33,010	33,534	26,945	26,757
New England	10,695	10,755	9,106	9,281	7,742	7,601
Middle Atlantic	28,929	28,784	23,904	24,253	19,202	19,156
Midwest	47,288	47,483	38,750	38,400	30,288	30,001
East North Central	32,779	32,920	26,969	26,713	21,190	20,888
West North Central	14,509	14,564	11,781	11,687	9,098	9,113
South	74,833 ^b	76,646	58,022 ^a	59,772	44,169 ^a	46,302
South Atlantic	39,858 ^a	41,116	31,685	32,484	24,543	25,369
East South Central	11,824	11,924	8,358	8,862	6,164	6,432
West South Central	23,151	23,606	17,979	18,426	13,462 ^a	14,500
West	47,519	48,078	38,599	38,716	29,973	30,326
Mountain	14,423	14,692	11,404	11,743	8,940	9,093
Pacific	33,096	33,386	27,195	26,973	21,033	21,233
COUNTY TYPE						
Large Metro	112,771	112,596	93,251	93,289	73,456	74,273
Small Metro	63,581	66,571	50,573	53,240	39,253	41,512
250K – 1 Mil. Pop.	42,301	44,723	33,954	35,615	26,368	27,728
< 250K Pop.	21,280	21,848	16,619	17,626	12,885	13,784
Nonmetro	32,911	32,580	24,557	23,893	18,664	17,601
Urbanized	14,270	13,669	10,750	10,419	8,472	7,624
Less Urbanized	15,697	15,584	11,704	11,154	8,604	8,272
Completely Rural	2,944	3,327	2,102	2,320	1,589	1,704

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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, 2010 and 2011

Geographic Characteristic	Lifetime (2010)	Lifetime (2011)	Past Year (2010)	Past Year (2011)	Past Month (2010)	Past Month (2011)
TOTAL	82.5	82.2	66.4	66.2	51.8	51.8
GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION						
Northeast	85.1	84.3	70.9	71.5	57.9	57.1
New England	87.3	87.3	74.3	75.3	63.2	61.7
Middle Atlantic	84.4	83.3	69.7	70.2	56.0	55.4
Midwest	85.4	85.3	70.0	69.0	54.7	53.9
East North Central	85.1	85.1	70.0	69.0	55.0	54.0
West North Central	86.3	85.7	70.1	68.8	54.1	53.6
South	80.5	80.5	62.4	62.8	47.5	48.6
South Atlantic	81.3	81.9	64.7	64.7	50.1	50.5
East South Central	78.4	77.9	55.4	57.9	40.9	42.0
West South Central	80.2	79.5	62.3	62.1	46.6	48.8
West	80.8	80.3	65.7	64.7	51.0	50.7
Mountain	80.0	80.9	63.2	64.7	49.6	50.1
Pacific	81.2	80.1	66.8	64.7	51.6	50.9
COUNTY TYPE						
Large Metro	83.1	82.3	68.7	68.2	54.1	54.3
Small Metro	82.1	82.6	65.3	66.1	50.7	51.5
250K – 1 Mil. Pop.	82.2	82.1	65.9	65.3	51.2	50.9
< 250K Pop.	81.9	83.7	64.0 ^a	67.5	49.6 ^a	52.8
Nonmetro	81.4	81.1	60.7	59.5	46.1	43.8
Urbanized	83.6	81.4	62.9	62.0	49.6 ^a	45.4
Less Urbanized	79.9	81.3	59.6	58.2	43.8	43.1
Completely Rural	79.1	79.2	56.5	55.2	42.7	40.6

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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, 2010 and 2011

Geographic Characteristic	Lifetime (2010)	Lifetime (2011)	Past Year (2010)	Past Year (2011)	Past Month (2010)	Past Month (2011)
TOTAL	8,622	8,610	6,982	6,940	3,319	3,326
GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION						
Northeast	1,595	1,628	1,365	1,383	674	742
New England	427	399	370	349	182	178
Middle Atlantic	1,168	1,229	995	1,034	492	564
Midwest	1,871	1,837	1,484	1,515	686	716
East North Central	1,263	1,287	1,004	1,053	443	499
West North Central	608	549	480	462	242	217
South	3,167	3,039	2,513	2,364	1,130	1,075
South Atlantic	1,641 ^b	1,462	1,298 ^a	1,161	586	536
East South Central	485	461	371	356	161	164
West South Central	1,041	1,117	844	846	382	375
West	1,989	2,106	1,621	1,678	829	793
Mountain	637	629	493	507	251	226
Pacific	1,352	1,477	1,128	1,171	578	567
COUNTY TYPE						
Large Metro	4,501	4,621	3,689	3,744	1,788	1,786
Small Metro	2,729	2,666	2,183	2,147	1,019	1,040
250K – 1 Mil. Pop.	1,843	1,815	1,500	1,461	702	715
< 250K Pop.	886	852	682	687	317	325
Nonmetro	1,392	1,323	1,110	1,049	512	500
Urbanized	528	585	426	455	197	226
Less Urbanized	747 ^a	604	590	490	265	230
Completely Rural	117	134	94	104	51	44

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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, 2010 and 2011

Geographic Characteristic	Lifetime (2010)	Lifetime (2011)	Past Year (2010)	Past Year (2011)	Past Month (2010)	Past Month (2011)
TOTAL	35.4	34.5	28.7	27.8	13.6	13.3
GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION						
Northeast	37.7	38.1	32.2	32.3	15.9	17.3
New England	39.1	35.9	33.8	31.4	16.7	16.0
Middle Atlantic	37.2	38.8	31.7	32.7	15.7	17.8
Midwest	35.1	33.7	27.8	27.8	12.9	13.1
East North Central	33.8	33.8	26.8	27.7	11.8	13.1
West North Central	38.2 ^a	33.5	30.2	28.2	15.2	13.2
South	35.4 ^a	32.8	28.1 ^a	25.5	12.6	11.6
South Atlantic	36.5 ^b	31.6	28.9 ^a	25.1	13.1	11.6
East South Central	33.6	31.2	25.7	24.1	11.2	11.1
West South Central	34.5	35.4	27.9	26.8	12.6	11.9
West	34.2	35.1	27.8	28.0	14.2	13.2
Mountain	35.6	34.2	27.5	27.6	14.1	12.3
Pacific	33.5	35.6	28.0	28.2	14.3	13.7
COUNTY TYPE						
Large Metro	34.5	34.7	28.3	28.1	13.7	13.4
Small Metro	36.3 ^a	34.0	29.0	27.4	13.5	13.3
250K – 1 Mil. Pop.	36.6 ^a	33.8	29.8 ^a	27.2	13.9	13.3
< 250K Pop.	35.6	34.5	27.4	27.8	12.7	13.2
Nonmetro	36.8	34.6	29.3	27.5	13.5	13.1
Urbanized	34.6	34.6	27.9	26.9	12.9	13.4
Less Urbanized	38.5 ^a	34.1	30.4	27.7	13.6	13.0
Completely Rural	36.9	37.5	29.7	29.1	15.9	12.3

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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, 2010 and 2011

Geographic Characteristic	Lifetime (2010)	Lifetime (2011)	Past Year (2010)	Past Year (2011)	Past Month (2010)	Past Month (2011)
TOTAL	29,189	28,901	26,783	26,429	20,917	20,814
GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION						
Northeast	5,343	5,278	4,983	4,901	4,069	4,027
New England	1,465	1,417	1,360	1,315	1,173	1,119
Middle Atlantic	3,878	3,861	3,623	3,586	2,896	2,908
Midwest	6,599 ^b	6,364	6,159 ^b	5,893	4,860 ^a	4,648
East North Central	4,544 ^b	4,359	4,236 ^b	4,047	3,313	3,199
West North Central	2,054	2,006	1,924	1,846	1,547	1,449
South	10,371	10,480	9,391	9,523	7,142	7,411
South Atlantic	5,283	5,390	4,811	4,973	3,744	3,952
East South Central	1,643	1,670	1,447	1,487	1,002	1,069
West South Central	3,445	3,419	3,133	3,062	2,396	2,390
West	6,877	6,779	6,250	6,112	4,846	4,727
Mountain	2,044	2,014	1,842	1,800	1,414	1,371
Pacific	4,833	4,766	4,408	4,312	3,432	3,356
COUNTY TYPE						
Large Metro	15,480	15,472	14,381	14,144	11,277	11,327
Small Metro	9,614	9,457	8,774	8,674	6,905	6,793
250K – 1 Mil. Pop.	6,047	5,987	5,484	5,501	4,344	4,322
< 250K Pop.	3,567	3,470	3,290	3,173	2,561	2,471
Nonmetro	4,095	3,972	3,629	3,612	2,736	2,695
Urbanized	1,861	1,871	1,682	1,733	1,328	1,284
Less Urbanized	1,936	1,736	1,684	1,553	1,209	1,164
Completely Rural	299	365	262	326	198	246

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Table 2.69B Alcohol Use in Lifetime, Past Year, and Past Month among Persons Aged 18 to 25, by Geographic Characteristics: Percentages, 2010 and 2011

Geographic Characteristic	Lifetime (2010)	Lifetime (2011)	Past Year (2010)	Past Year (2011)	Past Month (2010)	Past Month (2011)
TOTAL	85.7 ^b	84.3	78.6 ^b	77.0	61.4	60.7
GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION						
Northeast	88.4 ^a	86.2	82.4	80.1	67.3	65.8
New England	90.1	88.3	83.7	81.9	72.2	69.7
Middle Atlantic	87.7	85.5	82.0	79.4	65.5	64.4
Midwest	88.0	86.7	82.2	80.3	64.8	63.3
East North Central	88.4 ^a	86.1	82.4 ^a	79.9	64.5	63.2
West North Central	87.2	88.1	81.6	81.1	65.6	63.7
South	83.5	83.1	75.6	75.5	57.5	58.8
South Atlantic	83.6	83.7	76.2	77.2	59.3	61.4
East South Central	82.7	83.1	72.8	74.0	50.4	53.2
West South Central	83.7	82.2	76.1	73.6	58.2	57.4
West	84.8 ^a	82.4	77.0 ^a	74.3	59.7	57.4
Mountain	81.9	81.5	73.8	72.9	56.6	55.5
Pacific	86.1 ^a	82.7	78.5 ^a	74.9	61.1	58.3
COUNTY TYPE						
Large Metro	85.2	84.0	79.2 ^b	76.8	62.1	61.5
Small Metro	86.4 ^a	84.8	78.9	77.8	62.1	60.9
250K – 1 Mil. Pop.	86.1	84.5	78.1	77.7	61.8	61.0
< 250K Pop.	87.1	85.4	80.3	78.1	62.5	60.8
Nonmetro	85.5	83.7	75.7	76.1	57.1	56.8
Urbanized	88.1 ^a	84.7	79.7	78.5	62.9 ^a	58.1
Less Urbanized	83.0	82.9	72.2	74.2	51.9	55.6
Completely Rural	85.6	82.0	75.2	73.3	56.8	55.4

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Table 2.70A Alcohol Use in Lifetime, Past Year, and Past Month among Persons Aged 26 or Older, by Geographic Characteristics: Numbers in Thousands, 2010 and 2011

Geographic Characteristic	Lifetime (2010)	Lifetime (2011)	Past Year (2010)	Past Year (2011)	Past Month (2010)	Past Month (2011)
TOTAL	171,453 ^b	174,236	134,616	137,053	107,138	109,245
GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION						
Northeast	32,687	32,634	26,662	27,249	22,202	21,987
New England	8,803	8,939	7,376	7,617	6,387	6,304
Middle Atlantic	23,883	23,695	19,285	19,633	15,815	15,684
Midwest	38,818	39,282	31,107	30,992	24,741	24,637
East North Central	26,972	27,273	21,730	21,613	17,433	17,190
West North Central	11,846	12,008	9,377	9,379	7,308	7,447
South	61,295 ^b	63,127	46,118 ^a	47,886	35,898 ^a	37,816
South Atlantic	32,934 ^b	34,264	25,577	26,349	20,212	20,881
East South Central	9,696	9,793	6,540	7,018	5,001	5,199
West South Central	18,665	19,071	14,002	14,518	10,685 ^a	11,735
West	38,653	39,193	30,729	30,925	24,298	24,805
Mountain	11,742	12,049	9,069	9,435	7,275	7,495
Pacific	26,911	27,144	21,660	21,490	17,022	17,310
COUNTY TYPE						
Large Metro	92,790	92,503	75,181	75,401	60,392	61,160
Small Metro	51,239 ^a	54,447	39,617 ^a	42,419	31,330 ^a	33,679
250K – 1 Mil. Pop.	34,412	36,921	26,969	28,653	21,322	22,691
< 250K Pop.	16,827	17,527	12,647	13,766	10,007	10,988
Nonmetro	27,424	27,285	19,818	19,233	15,417	14,406
Urbanized	11,881	11,213	8,642	8,232	6,946	6,114
Less Urbanized	13,014	13,244	9,430	9,111	7,130	6,878
Completely Rural	2,529	2,829	1,746	1,890	1,341	1,414

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Geographic Characteristic	Lifetime (2010)	Lifetime (2011)	Past Year (2010)	Past Year (2011)	Past Month (2010)	Past Month (2011)
TOTAL	87.8	87.9	69.0	69.1	54.9	55.1
GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION						
Northeast	90.2	89.4	73.5	74.7	61.2	60.3
New England	92.4	93.1	77.4	79.3	67.0	65.6
Middle Atlantic	89.4	88.1	72.2	73.0	59.2	58.3
Midwest	91.3	91.6	73.2	72.2	58.2	57.4
East North Central	91.0	91.5	73.3	72.5	58.8	57.7
West North Central	92.1	91.8	72.9	71.7	56.8	56.9
South	85.6	86.1	64.4	65.3	50.1	51.6
South Atlantic	86.2	87.6	67.0	67.3	52.9	53.4
East South Central	83.2	82.9	56.1	59.4	42.9	44.0
West South Central	85.8	85.2	64.4	64.9	49.1	52.5
West	86.2	85.9	68.5	67.8	54.2	54.4
Mountain	85.4	87.0	66.0	68.1	52.9	54.1
Pacific	86.5	85.5	69.7	67.7	54.7	54.5
COUNTY TYPE						
Large Metro	88.8	88.0	71.9	71.7	57.8	58.2
Small Metro	87.1	88.4	67.4	68.8	53.3	54.7
250K – 1 Mil. Pop.	87.3	87.8	68.4	68.1	54.1	54.0
< 250K Pop.	86.8	89.6	65.2 ^b	70.4	51.6 ^a	56.2
Nonmetro	86.0	86.3	62.2	60.8	48.4	45.6
Urbanized	88.4	87.0	64.3	63.8	51.7	47.4
Less Urbanized	84.6	86.5	61.3	59.5	46.4	44.9
Completely Rural	82.7	83.2	57.1	55.6	43.8	41.6

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Geographic Characteristic	Lifetime (2010)	Lifetime (2011)	Past Year (2010)	Past Year (2011)	Past Month (2010)	Past Month (2011)
TOTAL	200,642 ^b	203,137	161,399	163,482	128,055	130,059
GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION						
Northeast	38,029	37,912	31,645	32,151	26,270	26,015
New England	10,268	10,356	8,736	8,932	7,560	7,423
Middle Atlantic	27,761	27,556	22,909	23,219	18,710	18,592
Midwest	45,417	45,646	37,266	36,886	29,602	29,285
East North Central	31,516	31,632	25,966	25,660	20,746	20,389
West North Central	13,901	14,014	11,301	11,226	8,855	8,896
South	71,666 ^b	73,607	55,509 ^a	57,409	43,039 ^a	45,227
South Atlantic	38,217 ^b	39,654	30,387	31,323	23,956	24,833
East South Central	11,340	11,463	7,986	8,506	6,003	6,269
West South Central	22,110	22,490	17,135	17,580	13,080 ^a	14,125
West	45,529	45,972	36,978	37,037	29,144	29,533
Mountain	13,786	14,062	10,911	11,235	8,689	8,867
Pacific	31,744	31,910	26,067	25,802	20,454	20,666
COUNTY TYPE						
Large Metro	108,270	107,975	89,562	89,545	71,668	72,487
Small Metro	60,852	63,905	48,391	51,093	38,234	40,471
250K – 1 Mil. Pop.	40,459	42,908	32,454	34,154	25,666	27,013
< 250K Pop.	20,394	20,997	15,937	16,939	12,568	13,459
Nonmetro	31,519	31,257	23,447	22,844	18,152	17,101
Urbanized	13,742	13,084	10,324	9,964	8,275	7,398
Less Urbanized	14,950	14,980	11,114	10,664	8,339	8,042
Completely Rural	2,827	3,193	2,008	2,216	1,539	1,661

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TOTAL	87.5	87.3	70.4	70.3	55.9	55.9
GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION						
Northeast	89.9	89.0	74.8	75.4	62.1	61.0
New England	92.0	92.4	78.3	79.7	67.8	66.2
Middle Atlantic	89.1	87.7	73.6	73.9	60.1	59.2
Midwest	90.8	90.9	74.5	73.4	59.2	58.3
East North Central	90.6	90.7	74.6	73.6	59.6	58.5
West North Central	91.3	91.2	74.3	73.1	58.2	57.9
South	85.3	85.7	66.1	66.8	51.2	52.6
South Atlantic	85.9	87.0	68.3	68.7	53.8	54.5
East South Central	83.2	82.9	58.6	61.5	44.0	45.3
West South Central	85.5	84.8	66.3	66.3	50.6	53.2
West	86.0	85.4	69.8	68.8	55.0	54.8
Mountain	84.8	86.2	67.2	68.8	53.5	54.3
Pacific	86.5	85.0	71.0	68.8	55.7	55.1
COUNTY TYPE						
Large Metro	88.3	87.4	73.0	72.5	58.4	58.7
Small Metro	87.0	87.8	69.2	70.2	54.7	55.6
250K – 1 Mil. Pop.	87.1	87.3	69.9	69.5	55.3	55.0
< 250K Pop.	86.9	88.9	67.9 ^a	71.7	53.5	57.0
Nonmetro	86.0	86.0	63.9	62.8	49.5	47.0
Urbanized	88.4	86.6	66.4	66.0	53.2 ^a	49.0
Less Urbanized	84.4	86.1	62.8	61.3	47.1	46.2
Completely Rural	83.0	83.1	58.9	57.6	45.2	43.2

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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, 2010 and 2011

Geographic Characteristic	Alcohol Use (2010)	Alcohol Use (2011)	Binge Alcohol Use (2010)	Binge Alcohol Use (2011)	Heavy Alcohol Use (2010)	Heavy Alcohol Use (2011)
TOTAL	131,374	133,385	58,535	58,341	16,899	15,865
GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION						
Northeast	26,945	26,757	11,534	11,670	3,114	2,979
New England	7,742	7,601	3,101	3,394	911	848
Middle Atlantic	19,202	19,156	8,433	8,277	2,203	2,131
Midwest	30,288	30,001	14,040	13,804	4,080	3,965
East North Central	21,190	20,888	9,777	9,516	2,817	2,691
West North Central	9,098	9,113	4,263	4,288	1,263	1,274
South	44,169 ^a	46,302	19,249	20,172	5,793	5,663
South Atlantic	24,543	25,369	9,913	10,065	3,087	2,993
East South Central	6,164	6,432	2,872	2,919	867	838
West South Central	13,462 ^a	14,500	6,464 ^a	7,189	1,839	1,832
West	29,973	30,326	13,712	12,694	3,912 ^a	3,258
Mountain	8,940	9,093	4,320	3,879	1,191	1,022
Pacific	21,033	21,233	9,392	8,814	2,721	2,236
COUNTY TYPE						
Large Metro	73,456	74,273	31,960	31,673	8,648	8,081
Small Metro	39,253	41,512	17,611	18,615	5,505	5,402
250K – 1 Mil. Pop.	26,368	27,728	11,468	12,421	3,527	3,529
< 250K Pop.	12,885	13,784	6,143	6,193	1,977	1,873
Nonmetro	18,664	17,601	8,964	8,053	2,746	2,382
Urbanized	8,472	7,624	3,999 ^a	3,281	1,208	1,063
Less Urbanized	8,604	8,272	4,233	4,015	1,266	1,059
Completely Rural	1,589	1,704	732	757	272	260

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Source: SAMHSA, Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2010 and 2011.

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, 2010 and 2011

Geographic Characteristic	Alcohol Use (2010)	Alcohol Use (2011)	Binge Alcohol Use (2010)	Binge Alcohol Use (2011)	Heavy Alcohol Use (2010)	Heavy Alcohol Use (2011)
TOTAL	51.8	51.8	23.1	22.6	6.7 ^a	6.2
GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION						
Northeast	57.9	57.1	24.8	24.9	6.7	6.4
New England	63.2	61.7	25.3	27.5	7.4	6.9
Middle Atlantic	56.0	55.4	24.6	23.9	6.4	6.2
Midwest	54.7	53.9	25.4	24.8	7.4	7.1
East North Central	55.0	54.0	25.4	24.6	7.3	7.0
West North Central	54.1	53.6	25.4	25.2	7.5	7.5
South	47.5	48.6	20.7	21.2	6.2	5.9
South Atlantic	50.1	50.5	20.2	20.1	6.3	6.0
East South Central	40.9	42.0	19.0	19.1	5.7	5.5
West South Central	46.6	48.8	22.4	24.2	6.4	6.2
West	51.0	50.7	23.3 ^a	21.2	6.7 ^a	5.4
Mountain	49.6	50.1	24.0	21.4	6.6	5.6
Pacific	51.6	50.9	23.1	21.1	6.7	5.4
COUNTY TYPE						
Large Metro	54.1	54.3	23.5	23.1	6.4	5.9
Small Metro	50.7	51.5	22.7	23.1	7.1	6.7
250K – 1 Mil. Pop.	51.2	50.9	22.3	22.8	6.9	6.5
< 250K Pop.	49.6 ^a	52.8	23.7	23.7	7.6	7.2
Nonmetro	46.1	43.8	22.2 ^a	20.0	6.8	5.9
Urbanized	49.6 ^a	45.4	23.4 ^b	19.5	7.1	6.3
Less Urbanized	43.8	43.1	21.5	20.9	6.4	5.5
Completely Rural	42.7	40.6	19.6	18.0	7.3	6.2

*Low precision; no estimate reported.

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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, 2010 and 2011

Geographic Characteristic	Alcohol Use (2010)	Alcohol Use (2011)	Binge Alcohol Use (2010)	Binge Alcohol Use (2011)	Heavy Alcohol Use (2010)	Heavy Alcohol Use (2011)
TOTAL	3,319	3,326	1,912	1,849	409	379
GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION						
Northeast	674	742	370	411	88	93
New England	182	178	106	96	17	17
Middle Atlantic	492	564	263	315	71	76
Midwest	686	716	419	407	85	84
East North Central	443	499	263	276	53	58
West North Central	242	217	157	131	32	26
South	1,130	1,075	632	584	117	116
South Atlantic	586	536	327	269	57	60
East South Central	161	164	97	103	19	20
West South Central	382	375	209	212	42	36
West	829	793	491	448	119	86
Mountain	251	226	158 ^a	113	33	31
Pacific	578	567	333	335	86	55
COUNTY TYPE						
Large Metro	1,788	1,786	1,014	966	212	186
Small Metro	1,019	1,040	573	589	123	125
250K – 1 Mil. Pop.	702	715	394	388	94	82
< 250K Pop.	317	325	179	201	29	44
Nonmetro	512	500	325	294	74	67
Urbanized	197	226	125	132	29	36
Less Urbanized	265	230	162	144	38	25
Completely Rural	51	44	38 ^a	19	7	6

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Source: SAMHSA, Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2010 and 2011.

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, 2010 and 2011

Geographic Characteristic	Alcohol Use (2010)	Alcohol Use (2011)	Binge Alcohol Use (2010)	Binge Alcohol Use (2011)	Heavy Alcohol Use (2010)	Heavy Alcohol Use (2011)
TOTAL	13.6	13.3	7.9	7.4	1.7	1.5
GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION						
Northeast	15.9	17.3	8.7	9.6	2.1	2.2
New England	16.7	16.0	9.7	8.7	1.6	1.6
Middle Atlantic	15.7	17.8	8.4	9.9	2.3	2.4
Midwest	12.9	13.1	7.9	7.5	1.6	1.5
East North Central	11.8	13.1	7.0	7.3	1.4	1.5
West North Central	15.2	13.2	9.9	8.0	2.0	1.6
South	12.6	11.6	7.1	6.3	1.3	1.3
South Atlantic	13.1	11.6	7.3	5.8	1.3	1.3
East South Central	11.2	11.1	6.7	6.9	1.3	1.3
West South Central	12.6	11.9	6.9	6.7	1.4	1.1
West	14.2	13.2	8.4	7.5	2.0	1.4
Mountain	14.1	12.3	8.8 ^a	6.1	1.8	1.7
Pacific	14.3	13.7	8.3	8.1	2.1	1.3
COUNTY TYPE						
Large Metro	13.7	13.4	7.8	7.3	1.6	1.4
Small Metro	13.5	13.3	7.6	7.5	1.6	1.6
250K – 1 Mil. Pop.	13.9	13.3	7.8	7.2	1.9	1.5
< 250K Pop.	12.7	13.2	7.2	8.1	1.2	1.8
Nonmetro	13.5	13.1	8.6	7.7	2.0	1.8
Urbanized	12.9	13.4	8.2	7.8	1.9	2.1
Less Urbanized	13.6	13.0	8.4	8.1	2.0	1.4
Completely Rural	15.9	12.3	11.9 ^b	5.2	2.3	1.6

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Source: SAMHSA, Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2010 and 2011.

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, 2010 and 2011

Geographic Characteristic	Alcohol Use (2010)	Alcohol Use (2011)	Binge Alcohol Use (2010)	Binge Alcohol Use (2011)	Heavy Alcohol Use (2010)	Heavy Alcohol Use (2011)
TOTAL	20,917	20,814	13,796	13,653	4,617 ^b	4,165
GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION						
Northeast	4,069	4,027	2,743	2,661	991 ^b	793
New England	1,173	1,119	812	748	314 ^a	243
Middle Atlantic	2,896	2,908	1,932	1,913	677 ^a	549
Midwest	4,860 ^a	4,648	3,299	3,202	1,171 ^a	1,023
East North Central	3,313	3,199	2,232	2,214	788	684
West North Central	1,547	1,449	1,067	989	384	339
South	7,142	7,411	4,566	4,737	1,544	1,436
South Atlantic	3,744	3,952	2,347	2,461	846	774
East South Central	1,002	1,069	629	686	191	197
West South Central	2,396	2,390	1,590	1,590	507	465
West	4,846	4,727	3,187	3,052	909	913
Mountain	1,414	1,371	946	882	269	294
Pacific	3,432	3,356	2,241	2,171	641	620
COUNTY TYPE						
Large Metro	11,277	11,327	7,344	7,282	2,399 ^a	2,074
Small Metro	6,905	6,793	4,521	4,495	1,566	1,517
250K – 1 Mil. Pop.	4,344	4,322	2,783	2,790	919	882
< 250K Pop.	2,561	2,471	1,738	1,705	647	635
Nonmetro	2,736	2,695	1,931	1,876	652	574
Urbanized	1,328	1,284	942	882	325	279
Less Urbanized	1,209	1,164	858	819	287	238
Completely Rural	198	246	131	175	39	57

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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, 2010 and 2011

Geographic Characteristic	Alcohol Use (2010)	Alcohol Use (2011)	Binge Alcohol Use (2010)	Binge Alcohol Use (2011)	Heavy Alcohol Use (2010)	Heavy Alcohol Use (2011)
TOTAL	61.4	60.7	40.5	39.8	13.5 ^b	12.1
GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION						
Northeast	67.3	65.8	45.4	43.5	16.4 ^b	13.0
New England	72.2	69.7	49.9	46.6	19.3 ^a	15.2
Middle Atlantic	65.5	64.4	43.7	42.4	15.3 ^b	12.2
Midwest	64.8	63.3	44.0	43.6	15.6	13.9
East North Central	64.5	63.2	43.4	43.7	15.3	13.5
West North Central	65.6	63.7	45.3	43.4	16.3	14.9
South	57.5	58.8	36.8	37.6	12.4	11.4
South Atlantic	59.3	61.4	37.2	38.2	13.4	12.0
East South Central	50.4	53.2	31.6	34.1	9.6	9.8
West South Central	58.2	57.4	38.6	38.2	12.3	11.2
West	59.7	57.4	39.3	37.1	11.2	11.1
Mountain	56.6	55.5	37.9	35.7	10.8	11.9
Pacific	61.1	58.3	39.9	37.7	11.4	10.8
COUNTY TYPE						
Large Metro	62.1	61.5	40.4	39.6	13.2 ^b	11.3
Small Metro	62.1	60.9	40.7	40.3	14.1	13.6
250K – 1 Mil. Pop.	61.8	61.0	39.6	39.4	13.1	12.4
< 250K Pop.	62.5	60.8	42.4	42.0	15.8	15.6
Nonmetro	57.1	56.8	40.3	39.5	13.6	12.1
Urbanized	62.9 ^a	58.1	44.6	39.9	15.4 ^a	12.6
Less Urbanized	51.9	55.6	36.8	39.1	12.3	11.4
Completely Rural	56.8	55.4	37.4	39.4	11.3	12.9

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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, 2010 and 2011

Geographic Characteristic	Alcohol Use (2010)	Alcohol Use (2011)	Binge Alcohol Use (2010)	Binge Alcohol Use (2011)	Heavy Alcohol Use (2010)	Heavy Alcohol Use (2011)
TOTAL	107,138	109,245	42,827	42,839	11,874	11,321
GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION						
Northeast	22,202	21,987	8,421	8,598	2,034	2,093
New England	6,387	6,304	2,183	2,549	580	587
Middle Atlantic	15,815	15,684	6,238	6,049	1,455	1,506
Midwest	24,741	24,637	10,321	10,195	2,824	2,858
East North Central	17,433	17,190	7,282	7,026	1,977	1,949
West North Central	7,308	7,447	3,039	3,169	847	909
South	35,898 ^a	37,816	14,051	14,852	4,132	4,111
South Atlantic	20,212	20,881	7,240	7,335	2,184	2,158
East South Central	5,001	5,199	2,147	2,130	657	621
West South Central	10,685 ^a	11,735	4,664 ^a	5,386	1,291	1,331
West	24,298	24,805	10,034	9,194	2,884 ^a	2,259
Mountain	7,275	7,495	3,216	2,885	890	697
Pacific	17,022	17,310	6,818	6,309	1,994	1,562
COUNTY TYPE						
Large Metro	60,392	61,160	23,601	23,425	6,037	5,820
Small Metro	31,330 ^a	33,679	12,517	13,531	3,817	3,760
250K – 1 Mil. Pop.	21,322	22,691	8,292	9,243	2,515	2,566
< 250K Pop.	10,007	10,988	4,226	4,288	1,302	1,194
Nonmetro	15,417	14,406	6,708	5,883	2,020	1,740
Urbanized	6,946	6,114	2,933 ^a	2,267	855	748
Less Urbanized	7,130	6,878	3,212	3,052	941	796
Completely Rural	1,341	1,414	563	564	225	197

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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, 2010 and 2011

Geographic Characteristic	Alcohol Use (2010)	Alcohol Use (2011)	Binge Alcohol Use (2010)	Binge Alcohol Use (2011)	Heavy Alcohol Use (2010)	Heavy Alcohol Use (2011)
TOTAL	54.9	55.1	21.9	21.6	6.1	5.7
GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION						
Northeast	61.2	60.3	23.2	23.6	5.6	5.7
New England	67.0	65.6	22.9	26.5	6.1	6.1
Middle Atlantic	59.2	58.3	23.3	22.5	5.4	5.6
Midwest	58.2	57.4	24.3	23.8	6.6	6.7
East North Central	58.8	57.7	24.6	23.6	6.7	6.5
West North Central	56.8	56.9	23.6	24.2	6.6	6.9
South	50.1	51.6	19.6	20.3	5.8	5.6
South Atlantic	52.9	53.4	19.0	18.7	5.7	5.5
East South Central	42.9	44.0	18.4	18.0	5.6	5.3
West South Central	49.1	52.5	21.5	24.1	5.9	6.0
West	54.2	54.4	22.4	20.2	6.4 ^a	5.0
Mountain	52.9	54.1	23.4	20.8	6.5	5.0
Pacific	54.7	54.5	21.9	19.9	6.4	4.9
COUNTY TYPE						
Large Metro	57.8	58.2	22.6	22.3	5.8	5.5
Small Metro	53.3	54.7	21.3	22.0	6.5	6.1
250K – 1 Mil. Pop.	54.1	54.0	21.0	22.0	6.4	6.1
< 250K Pop.	51.6 ^a	56.2	21.8	21.9	6.7	6.1
Nonmetro	48.4	45.6	21.0 ^a	18.6	6.3	5.5
Urbanized	51.7	47.4	21.8 ^a	17.6	6.4	5.8
Less Urbanized	46.4	44.9	20.9	19.9	6.1	5.2
Completely Rural	43.8	41.6	18.4	16.6	7.4	5.8

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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, 2010 and 2011

Geographic Characteristic	Alcohol Use (2010)	Alcohol Use (2011)	Binge Alcohol Use (2010)	Binge Alcohol Use (2011)	Heavy Alcohol Use (2010)	Heavy Alcohol Use (2011)
TOTAL	128,055	130,059	56,623	56,491	16,490	15,486
GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION						
Northeast	26,270	26,015	11,164	11,259	3,025	2,885
New England	7,560	7,423	2,995	3,297	894	831
Middle Atlantic	18,710	18,592	8,170	7,962	2,132	2,055
Midwest	29,602	29,285	13,620	13,397	3,995	3,881
East North Central	20,746	20,389	9,515	9,239	2,764	2,633
West North Central	8,855	8,896	4,106	4,158	1,231	1,248
South	43,039 ^a	45,227	18,617	19,589	5,677	5,547
South Atlantic	23,956	24,833	9,587	9,796	3,030	2,933
East South Central	6,003	6,269	2,776	2,816	848	818
West South Central	13,080 ^a	14,125	6,255 ^a	6,976	1,798	1,796
West	29,144	29,533	13,221	12,246	3,793 ^a	3,172
Mountain	8,689	8,867	4,162	3,767	1,159	991
Pacific	20,454	20,666	9,059	8,479	2,635	2,182
COUNTY TYPE						
Large Metro	71,668	72,487	30,945	30,707	8,436	7,895
Small Metro	38,234	40,471	17,038	18,026	5,382	5,277
250K – 1 Mil. Pop.	25,666	27,013	11,075	12,033	3,434	3,447
< 250K Pop.	12,568	13,459	5,963	5,993	1,948	1,829
Nonmetro	18,152	17,101	8,640	7,759	2,672	2,315
Urbanized	8,275	7,398	3,875 ^a	3,149	1,180	1,027
Less Urbanized	8,339	8,042	4,071	3,871	1,228	1,034
Completely Rural	1,539	1,661	694	739	264	254

*Low precision; no estimate reported.

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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.

^a Difference between estimate and 2011 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.05 level.

^b Difference between estimate and 2011 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, 2010 and 2011.

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, 2010 and 2011

Geographic Characteristic	Alcohol Use (2010)	Alcohol Use (2011)	Binge Alcohol Use (2010)	Binge Alcohol Use (2011)	Heavy Alcohol Use (2010)	Heavy Alcohol Use (2011)
TOTAL	55.9	55.9	24.7	24.3	7.2 ^a	6.7
GEOGRAPHIC DIVISION						
Northeast	62.1	61.0	26.4	26.4	7.2	6.8
New England	67.8	66.2	26.8	29.4	8.0	7.4
Middle Atlantic	60.1	59.2	26.2	25.4	6.8	6.5
Midwest	59.2	58.3	27.2	26.7	8.0	7.7
East North Central	59.6	58.5	27.3	26.5	7.9	7.5
West North Central	58.2	57.9	27.0	27.1	8.1	8.1
South	51.2	52.6	22.2	22.8	6.8	6.5
South Atlantic	53.8	54.5	21.5	21.5	6.8	6.4
East South Central	44.0	45.3	20.4	20.4	6.2	5.9
West South Central	50.6	53.2	24.2	26.3	7.0	6.8
West	55.0	54.8	25.0 ^a	22.7	7.2 ^a	5.9
Mountain	53.5	54.3	25.6	23.1	7.1	6.1
Pacific	55.7	55.1	24.7	22.6	7.2	5.8
COUNTY TYPE						
Large Metro	58.4	58.7	25.2	24.9	6.9	6.4
Small Metro	54.7	55.6	24.4	24.8	7.7	7.3
250K – 1 Mil. Pop.	55.3	55.0	23.8	24.5	7.4	7.0
< 250K Pop.	53.5	57.0	25.4	25.4	8.3	7.7
Nonmetro	49.5	47.0	23.6 ^a	21.3	7.3	6.4
Urbanized	53.2 ^a	49.0	24.9 ^a	20.9	7.6	6.8
Less Urbanized	47.1	46.2	23.0	22.2	6.9	5.9
Completely Rural	45.2	43.2	20.4	19.2	7.8	6.6

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