

Table 7.34A Alcohol Use in Lifetime, Past Year, and Past Month among Persons Aged 12 to 20, by Gender: Numbers in Thousands, 2002-2010

Gender/Alcohol Use	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
TOTAL									
Lifetime	20,911 ^b	20,936 ^b	20,709 ^b	20,671 ^b	20,574 ^b	20,370 ^b	19,886	20,102 ^a	19,222
Past Year	17,492 ^b	17,554 ^b	17,568 ^b	17,729 ^b	17,598 ^b	17,359 ^a	16,882	17,066	16,486
Past Month	10,713 ^a	10,876 ^b	10,838 ^b	10,819 ^b	10,823 ^b	10,730 ^a	10,069	10,403	9,998
Binge Alcohol Use ¹	7,175 ^b	7,190 ^b	7,397 ^b	7,197 ^b	7,239 ^b	7,172 ^b	6,637	6,912 ^a	6,467
Heavy Alcohol Use ¹	2,301 ^b	2,297 ^b	2,375 ^b	2,296 ^b	2,359 ^b	2,313 ^b	2,113	2,058	1,958
MALE									
Lifetime	10,719 ^a	10,537	10,624 ^a	10,500	10,647 ^a	10,463	10,151	10,538	10,059
Past Year	8,847	8,735	8,946	8,927	9,064	8,895	8,503	8,926	8,660
Past Month	5,619	5,720	5,723	5,658	5,752	5,609	5,284	5,595	5,552
Binge Alcohol Use ¹	4,140	4,162	4,271 ^a	4,175	4,192	4,158	3,751	4,025	3,889
Heavy Alcohol Use ¹	1,544 ^a	1,506 ^a	1,582 ^b	1,492	1,561 ^a	1,532 ^a	1,363	1,371	1,318
FEMALE									
Lifetime	10,192 ^b	10,399 ^b	10,085 ^b	10,171 ^b	9,927 ^b	9,907 ^b	9,735 ^a	9,564	9,164
Past Year	8,645 ^b	8,819 ^b	8,622 ^b	8,802 ^b	8,534 ^b	8,464 ^a	8,379 ^a	8,140	7,826
Past Month	5,094 ^b	5,156 ^b	5,115 ^b	5,160 ^b	5,072 ^b	5,122 ^b	4,785	4,808 ^a	4,446
Binge Alcohol Use ¹	3,035 ^b	3,027 ^b	3,127 ^b	3,022 ^b	3,047 ^b	3,015 ^b	2,886 ^a	2,887 ^a	2,579
Heavy Alcohol Use ¹	756	791 ^a	793 ^a	803 ^b	798 ^a	781 ^a	750	687	640

*Low precision; no estimate reported.

^a Difference between estimate and 2010 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.05 level.

^b Difference between estimate and 2010 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 (formerly the Office of Applied Studies), National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2002-2010.

Table 7.34B Alcohol Use in Lifetime, Past Year, and Past Month among Persons Aged 12 to 20, by Gender: Percentages, 2002-2010

Gender/Alcohol Use	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010
TOTAL									
Lifetime	56.2 ^b	55.8 ^b	54.9 ^b	53.9 ^b	53.9 ^b	52.9 ^b	52.2 ^b	52.5 ^b	50.5
Past Year	47.0 ^b	46.8 ^b	46.6 ^b	46.3 ^b	46.1 ^b	45.1 ^b	44.3	44.6 ^a	43.3
Past Month	28.8 ^b	29.0 ^b	28.7 ^b	28.2 ^b	28.3 ^b	27.9 ^b	26.4	27.2	26.3
Binge Alcohol Use ¹	19.3 ^b	19.2 ^b	19.6 ^b	18.8 ^b	19.0 ^b	18.6 ^b	17.4	18.1 ^a	17.0
Heavy Alcohol Use ¹	6.2 ^b	6.1 ^b	6.3 ^b	6.0 ^b	6.2 ^b	6.0 ^b	5.5	5.4	5.1
MALE									
Lifetime	56.5 ^b	55.0 ^b	54.9 ^b	53.7 ^b	54.0 ^b	53.0 ^a	52.0	53.6 ^b	51.3
Past Year	46.6 ^b	45.6	46.3 ^b	45.6	46.0 ^a	45.1	43.5	45.4	44.1
Past Month	29.6	29.9 ^a	29.6	28.9	29.2	28.4	27.1	28.5	28.3
Binge Alcohol Use ¹	21.8 ^b	21.7 ^b	22.1 ^b	21.3 ^a	21.3 ^a	21.1	19.2	20.5	19.8
Heavy Alcohol Use ¹	8.1 ^b	7.9 ^b	8.2 ^b	7.6 ^a	7.9 ^a	7.8 ^a	7.0	7.0	6.7
FEMALE									
Lifetime	56.0 ^b	56.6 ^b	54.8 ^b	54.2 ^b	53.7 ^b	52.8 ^b	52.4 ^b	51.4 ^a	49.8
Past Year	47.5 ^b	48.0 ^b	46.9 ^b	46.9 ^b	46.2 ^b	45.1 ^b	45.1 ^b	43.8	42.5
Past Month	28.0 ^b	28.1 ^b	27.8 ^b	27.5 ^b	27.4 ^b	27.3 ^b	25.8 ^a	25.8 ^a	24.1
Binge Alcohol Use ¹	16.7 ^b	16.5 ^b	17.0 ^b	16.1 ^b	16.5 ^b	16.1 ^b	15.5 ^a	15.5 ^a	14.0
Heavy Alcohol Use ¹	4.2 ^a	4.3 ^b	4.3 ^a	4.3 ^a	4.3 ^a	4.2 ^a	4.0	3.7	3.5

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