

Table 8.27A Alcohol Use in Lifetime, Past Year, and Past Month among Persons Aged 12 to 20, by Gender: Numbers in Thousands, 2002-2008

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

*Low precision; no estimate reported.

^a Difference between estimate and 2008 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.05 level.

^b Difference between estimate and 2008 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, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2002, 2003, 2004, 2005, 2006, 2007, and 2008.

Table 8.27B Alcohol Use in Lifetime, Past Year, and Past Month among Persons Aged 12 to 20, by Gender: Percentages, 2002-2008

Gender/Alcohol Use	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008
TOTAL							
Lifetime	56.2 ^b	55.8 ^b	54.9 ^b	53.9 ^b	53.9 ^b	52.9	52.2
Past Year	47.0 ^b	46.8 ^b	46.6 ^b	46.3 ^b	46.1 ^b	45.1	44.3
Past Month	28.8 ^b	29.0 ^b	28.7 ^b	28.2 ^b	28.3 ^b	27.9 ^a	26.4
Binge Alcohol Use ¹	19.3 ^b	19.2 ^b	19.6 ^b	18.8 ^b	19.0 ^b	18.6 ^a	17.4
Heavy Alcohol Use ¹	6.2 ^a	6.1 ^a	6.3 ^a	6.0	6.2 ^a	6.0	5.5
MALE							
Lifetime	56.5 ^b	55.0 ^b	54.9 ^b	53.7 ^a	54.0 ^b	53.0	52.0
Past Year	46.6 ^b	45.6 ^b	46.3 ^b	45.6 ^b	46.0 ^b	45.1 ^a	43.5
Past Month	29.6 ^b	29.9 ^b	29.6 ^b	28.9 ^a	29.2 ^b	28.4	27.1
Binge Alcohol Use ¹	21.8 ^b	21.7 ^b	22.1 ^b	21.3 ^b	21.3 ^b	21.1 ^b	19.2
Heavy Alcohol Use ¹	8.1 ^b	7.9 ^a	8.2 ^b	7.6	7.9 ^a	7.8	7.0
FEMALE							
Lifetime	56.0 ^b	56.6 ^b	54.8 ^b	54.2 ^a	53.7	52.8	52.4
Past Year	47.5 ^b	48.0 ^b	46.9 ^a	46.9 ^a	46.2	45.1	45.1
Past Month	28.0 ^b	28.1 ^b	27.8 ^b	27.5 ^a	27.4 ^a	27.3 ^a	25.8
Binge Alcohol Use ¹	16.7	16.5	17.0 ^a	16.1	16.5	16.1	15.5
Heavy Alcohol Use ¹	4.2	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.3	4.2	4.0

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