

Table 2.37A Alcohol Use in Lifetime, Past Year, and Past Month among Persons Aged 12 or Older, by Demographic Characteristics: Numbers in Thousands, 2007 and 2008

Demographic Characteristic	Lifetime (2007)	Lifetime (2008)	Past Year (2007)	Past Year (2008)	Past Month (2007)	Past Month (2008)
TOTAL	203,976	205,404	162,876	165,071	126,760	128,974
AGE						
12-17	9,949 ^b	9,540	8,016 ^a	7,668	4,021 ^b	3,635
18-25	27,886	28,187	25,504	25,701	20,034	20,148
26 or Older	166,141	167,676	129,356	131,702	102,705	105,191
GENDER						
Male	102,824	103,887	83,583	84,960	68,088 ^a	69,989
Female	101,152	101,517	79,293	80,111	58,672	58,986
HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE						
Not Hispanic or Latino	179,324	179,512	143,278	144,528	112,348	113,836
White	147,074	146,581	119,080	119,200	94,884	95,290
Black or African American	21,845	22,122	15,920 ^a	16,810	11,501	12,374
American Indian or Alaska Native	1,021	843	751	599	566	469
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	599	*	512	*	*	*
Asian	6,546	6,931	5,255	5,639	3,727	3,991
Two or More Races	2,239	2,477	1,760	1,830	1,301	1,432
Hispanic or Latino	24,652 ^b	25,891	19,598 ^a	20,543	14,412	15,138

*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.

Source: SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2007 and 2008.

Table 2.37B Alcohol Use in Lifetime, Past Year, and Past Month among Persons Aged 12 or Older, by Demographic Characteristics: Percentages, 2007 and 2008

Demographic Characteristic	Lifetime (2007)	Lifetime (2008)	Past Year (2007)	Past Year (2008)	Past Month (2007)	Past Month (2008)
TOTAL	82.3	82.2	65.7	66.1	51.1	51.6
AGE						
12-17	39.4	38.3	31.8	30.8	15.9 ^b	14.6
18-25	85.2	85.6	77.9	78.0	61.2	61.2
26 or Older	87.5	87.3	68.1	68.6	54.1	54.8
GENDER						
Male	85.5	85.7	69.5	70.1	56.6	57.7
Female	79.3	79.0	62.2	62.3	46.0	45.9
HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE						
Not Hispanic or Latino	84.0	83.6	67.1	67.3	52.6	53.0
White	87.0	86.5	70.4	70.4	56.1	56.2
Black or African American	74.7	74.8	54.5	56.9	39.3	41.9
American Indian or Alaska Native	80.6	77.8	59.3	55.3	44.7	43.3
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	84.6	*	72.3	*	*	*
Asian	61.8	64.3	49.6	52.3	35.2	37.0
Two or More Races	81.8	82.2	64.3	60.7	47.5	47.5
Hispanic or Latino	72.0	73.8	57.2	58.6	42.1	43.2

*Low precision; no estimate reported.

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

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Source: SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2007 and 2008.

Table 2.38A Alcohol Use in Lifetime, Past Year, and Past Month among Persons Aged 12 to 17, by Demographic Characteristics: Numbers in Thousands, 2007 and 2008

Demographic Characteristic	Lifetime (2007)	Lifetime (2008)	Past Year (2007)	Past Year (2008)	Past Month (2007)	Past Month (2008)
TOTAL	9,949 ^b	9,540	8,016 ^a	7,668	4,021 ^b	3,635
GENDER						
Male	5,114 ^b	4,781	4,056 ^b	3,762	2,045 ^b	1,810
Female	4,836	4,759	3,960	3,906	1,975	1,825
HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE						
Not Hispanic or Latino	8,125 ^b	7,682	6,540 ^b	6,203	3,312 ^b	2,935
White	6,304 ^b	5,839	5,243 ^a	4,859	2,739 ^b	2,397
Black or African American	1,307	1,302	926	963	390	382
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	64	*	57	*	23
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*
Asian	258	243	175	150	83	55
Two or More Races	162	198	116	153	52	68
Hispanic or Latino	1,824	1,858	1,476	1,465	709	700
GENDER/RACE/HISPANIC ORIGIN						
Male, White, Not Hispanic	3,256 ^b	2,892	2,666 ^b	2,380	1,407 ^b	1,186
Female, White, Not Hispanic	3,048	2,948	2,577	2,479	1,332	1,211
Male, Black, Not Hispanic	656	659	456	454	186	184
Female, Black, Not Hispanic	651	643	469	509	204	198
Male, Hispanic	930	973	742	756	353	374
Female, Hispanic	894	884	735	709	356	326

*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.

Source: SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2007 and 2008.

Table 2.38B Alcohol Use in Lifetime, Past Year, and Past Month among Persons Aged 12 to 17, by Demographic Characteristics: Percentages, 2007 and 2008

Demographic Characteristic	Lifetime (2007)	Lifetime (2008)	Past Year (2007)	Past Year (2008)	Past Month (2007)	Past Month (2008)
TOTAL	39.4	38.3	31.8	30.8	15.9 ^b	14.6
GENDER						
Male	39.7 ^a	37.6	31.5 ^a	29.6	15.9 ^b	14.2
Female	39.2	39.1	32.1	32.1	16.0	15.0
HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE						
Not Hispanic or Latino	39.5 ^a	38.1	31.8	30.8	16.1 ^b	14.6
White	41.9 ^b	39.8	34.8 ^a	33.1	18.2 ^b	16.3
Black or African American	34.0	34.5	24.1	25.5	10.1	10.1
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	46.6	*	41.7	*	17.2
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*
Asian	25.3	25.2	17.2	15.5	8.1	5.7
Two or More Races	38.7	39.4	27.7	30.3	12.5	13.6
Hispanic or Latino	39.1	39.3	31.6	31.0	15.2	14.8
GENDER/RACE/HISPANIC ORIGIN						
Male, White, Not Hispanic	42.2 ^b	38.4	34.6 ^b	31.6	18.3 ^b	15.8
Female, White, Not Hispanic	41.5	41.2	35.1	34.6	18.1	16.9
Male, Black, Not Hispanic	33.7	34.7	23.5	23.9	9.5	9.7
Female, Black, Not Hispanic	34.2	34.3	24.6	27.1	10.7	10.6
Male, Hispanic	39.0	40.3	31.1	31.3	14.8	15.5
Female, Hispanic	39.1	38.3	32.2	30.7	15.6	14.1

*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.

Source: SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2007 and 2008.

Table 2.39A Alcohol Use in Lifetime, Past Year, and Past Month among Persons Aged 18 to 25, by Demographic Characteristics: Numbers in Thousands, 2007 and 2008

Demographic Characteristic	Lifetime (2007)	Lifetime (2008)	Past Year (2007)	Past Year (2008)	Past Month (2007)	Past Month (2008)
TOTAL	27,886	28,187	25,504	25,701	20,034	20,148
GENDER						
Male	14,137	14,195	13,119	13,048	10,757	10,660
Female	13,749 ^a	13,992	12,385 ^a	12,653	9,277	9,489
HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE						
Not Hispanic or Latino	23,331	23,461	21,580	21,596	17,102	17,164
White	18,107	18,105	16,921	16,875	13,656	13,740
Black or African American	3,508	3,626	3,078	3,145	2,267	2,293
American Indian or Alaska Native	152	153	143	124	*	86
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*
Asian	1,064	1,123	970	1,038	725	724
Two or More Races	384	360	362	330	279	266
Hispanic or Latino	4,555 ^a	4,727	3,923	4,105	2,932	2,984
EDUCATION						
< High School	4,787	4,567	4,080	3,868	2,882	2,757
High School Graduate	9,147 ^a	9,662	8,211	8,623	6,145	6,391
Some College	9,858	9,631	9,295	9,054	7,549	7,306
College Graduate	4,094	4,327	3,917	4,156	3,458	3,695
CURRENT EMPLOYMENT						
Full-Time	13,692	13,481	12,720	12,484	10,301	10,196
Part-Time	7,148	7,218	6,617	6,659	5,148	5,119
Unemployed	2,143 ^b	2,556	1,918 ^b	2,315	1,448 ^b	1,767
Other ¹	4,902	4,933	4,249	4,243	3,137	3,067

*Low precision; no estimate reported.

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

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¹ The Other Employment category includes retired persons, disabled persons, homemakers, students, or other persons not in the labor force.

Source: SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2007 and 2008.

Table 2.39B Alcohol Use in Lifetime, Past Year, and Past Month among Persons Aged 18 to 25, by Demographic Characteristics: Percentages, 2007 and 2008

Demographic Characteristic	Lifetime (2007)	Lifetime (2008)	Past Year (2007)	Past Year (2008)	Past Month (2007)	Past Month (2008)
TOTAL	85.2	85.6	77.9	78.0	61.2	61.2
GENDER						
Male	85.8	85.7	79.6	78.8	65.3	64.3
Female	84.6	85.5	76.2	77.3	57.1	58.0
HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE						
Not Hispanic or Latino	86.6	86.4	80.1	79.6	63.5	63.2
White	89.5	89.2	83.6	83.1	67.5	67.7
Black or African American	77.6	78.0	68.1	67.7	50.2	49.3
American Indian or Alaska Native	90.5	89.0	85.0 ^a	71.9	*	49.9
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*
Asian	73.5	75.2	67.1	69.5	50.1	48.5
Two or More Races	86.8	87.6	82.1	80.3	63.1	64.8
Hispanic or Latino	78.7 ^a	81.6	67.8	70.8	50.7	51.5
EDUCATION						
< High School	77.0	77.6	65.6	65.7	46.4	46.8
High School Graduate	82.1	83.1	73.7	74.2	55.2	55.0
Some College	89.9	88.8	84.8	83.4	68.9	67.3
College Graduate	92.7 ^a	94.5	88.7	90.7	78.3	80.7
CURRENT EMPLOYMENT						
Full-Time	89.3	90.0	83.0	83.3	67.2	68.1
Part-Time	84.9	84.4	78.6	77.9	61.1	59.8
Unemployed	82.0	83.6	73.4	75.7	55.4	57.8
Other ¹	77.0	77.7	66.8	66.9	49.3	48.3

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Table 2.40A Alcohol Use in Lifetime, Past Year, and Past Month among Persons Aged 26 or Older, by Demographic Characteristics: Numbers in Thousands, 2007 and 2008

Demographic Characteristic	Lifetime (2007)	Lifetime (2008)	Past Year (2007)	Past Year (2008)	Past Month (2007)	Past Month (2008)
TOTAL	166,141	167,676	129,356	131,702	102,705	105,191
GENDER						
Male	83,573 ^b	84,911	66,409 ^a	68,149	55,286 ^a	57,519
Female	82,568	82,766	62,948	63,553	47,419	47,671
HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE						
Not Hispanic or Latino	147,868	148,370	115,158	116,729	91,934	93,737
White	122,662	122,637	96,916	97,466	78,489	79,153
Black or African American	17,030	17,194	11,916	12,701	8,844	9,699
American Indian or Alaska Native	802	*	*	*	*	*
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*
Asian	5,224	5,565	4,110	4,450	2,920	3,212
Two or More Races	1,694	1,918	1,281	1,348	969	1,097
Hispanic or Latino	18,273 ^a	19,307	14,198	14,973	10,771	11,453
EDUCATION						
< High School	22,273	21,269	14,340	13,621	10,391	10,122
High School Graduate	49,369	50,593	36,108	38,106	27,953	29,207
Some College	42,547	42,497	33,747	34,508	26,271	27,118
College Graduate	51,952	53,318	45,162	45,468	38,090	38,744
CURRENT EMPLOYMENT						
Full-Time	97,309	98,075	80,973	82,028	65,949	66,813
Part-Time	18,201	18,983	14,837	15,234	11,489	12,201
Unemployed	3,932 ^b	5,168	3,182 ^b	4,197	2,594 ^a	3,216
Other ¹	46,700	45,450	30,364	30,243	22,673	22,961

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Source: SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2007 and 2008.

Table 2.40B Alcohol Use in Lifetime, Past Year, and Past Month among Persons Aged 26 or Older, by Demographic Characteristics: Percentages, 2007 and 2008

Demographic Characteristic	Lifetime (2007)	Lifetime (2008)	Past Year (2007)	Past Year (2008)	Past Month (2007)	Past Month (2008)
TOTAL	87.5	87.3	68.1	68.6	54.1	54.8
GENDER						
Male	91.9	92.3	73.1	74.1	60.8	62.5
Female	83.4	82.8	63.6	63.6	47.9	47.7
HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE						
Not Hispanic or Latino	89.0	88.6	69.3	69.7	55.4	56.0
White	91.7	91.2	72.5	72.5	58.7	58.9
Black or African American	81.6	81.4	57.1	60.1	42.4	45.9
American Indian or Alaska Native	85.9	*	*	*	*	*
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*
Asian	64.2	66.9	50.5	53.5	35.9	38.6
Two or More Races	90.3	91.4	68.3	64.2	51.7	52.3
Hispanic or Latino	76.8	78.7	59.7	61.0	45.3	46.7
EDUCATION						
< High School	73.9	72.9	47.6	46.7	34.5	34.7
High School Graduate	86.6	86.4	63.3	65.1	49.0	49.9
Some College	91.5	91.7	72.6	74.4	56.5	58.5
College Graduate	92.4	92.1	80.3	78.5	67.7	66.9
CURRENT EMPLOYMENT						
Full-Time	91.7	91.4	76.3	76.5	62.1	62.3
Part-Time	86.3	87.6	70.4	70.3	54.5	56.3
Unemployed	87.6	87.2	70.9	70.9	57.8	54.3
Other ¹	80.3	79.6	52.2	52.9	39.0	40.2

*Low precision; no estimate reported.

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

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Table 2.41A Alcohol Use in Lifetime, Past Year, and Past Month among Persons Aged 18 or Older, by Demographic Characteristics: Numbers in Thousands, 2007 and 2008

Demographic Characteristic	Lifetime (2007)	Lifetime (2008)	Past Year (2007)	Past Year (2008)	Past Month (2007)	Past Month (2008)
TOTAL	194,026	195,864	154,860	157,403	122,739	125,339
GENDER						
Male	97,710 ^b	99,106	79,527 ^a	81,198	66,043 ^a	68,179
Female	96,316	96,758	75,333	76,206	56,697	57,160
HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE						
Not Hispanic or Latino	171,199	171,830	136,738	138,325	109,036	110,901
White	140,769	140,741	113,837	114,341	92,145	92,893
Black or African American	20,538	20,820	14,995	15,846	11,111	11,992
American Indian or Alaska Native	954	780	692	542	527	445
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*
Asian	6,288	6,688	5,080	5,489	3,645	3,936
Two or More Races	2,077	2,278	1,644	1,678	1,248	1,364
Hispanic or Latino	22,828 ^b	24,034	18,122 ^a	19,078	13,703	14,438
EDUCATION						
< High School	27,060	25,835	18,420	17,489	13,274	12,879
High School Graduate	58,515	60,255	44,319 ^a	46,729	34,098	35,597
Some College	52,406	52,128	43,042	43,561	33,820	34,424
College Graduate	56,046	57,645	49,079	49,624	41,548	42,439
CURRENT EMPLOYMENT						
Full-Time	111,001	111,556	93,692	94,512	76,250	77,009
Part-Time	25,348	26,201	21,454	21,893	16,637	17,319
Unemployed	6,075 ^b	7,724	5,100 ^b	6,512	4,042 ^b	4,983
Other ¹	51,602	50,383	34,613	34,486	25,810	26,028

*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.

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Table 2.41B Alcohol Use in Lifetime, Past Year, and Past Month among Persons Aged 18 or Older, by Demographic Characteristics: Percentages, 2007 and 2008

Demographic Characteristic	Lifetime (2007)	Lifetime (2008)	Past Year (2007)	Past Year (2008)	Past Month (2007)	Past Month (2008)
TOTAL	87.2	87.1	69.6	70.0	55.1	55.7
GENDER						
Male	91.0	91.3	74.1	74.8	61.5	62.8
Female	83.6	83.1	65.4	65.5	49.2	49.1
HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE						
Not Hispanic or Latino	88.7	88.3	70.8	71.1	56.5	57.0
White	91.4	91.0	73.9	73.9	59.8	60.0
Black or African American	80.9	80.8	59.1	61.5	43.8	46.5
American Indian or Alaska Native	86.6	82.3	62.8	57.2	47.8	47.0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*
Asian	65.6	68.2	53.0	55.9	38.0	40.1
Two or More Races	89.6	90.8	70.9	66.8	53.9	54.3
Hispanic or Latino	77.2	79.2	61.3	62.9	46.3	47.6
EDUCATION						
< High School	74.5	73.7	50.7	49.9	36.5	36.8
High School Graduate	85.9	85.9	65.0	66.6	50.0	50.7
Some College	91.2	91.1	74.9	76.1	58.9	60.2
College Graduate	92.4	92.2	80.9	79.4	68.5	67.9
CURRENT EMPLOYMENT						
Full-Time	91.4	91.3	77.1	77.3	62.8	63.0
Part-Time	85.9	86.7	72.7	72.4	56.4	57.3
Unemployed	85.5	86.0	71.8	72.5	56.9	55.5
Other ¹	80.0	79.4	53.6	54.3	40.0	41.0

*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 The Other Employment category includes retired persons, disabled persons, homemakers, students, or other persons not in the labor force.

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Table 2.42A Alcohol Use, Binge Alcohol Use, and Heavy Alcohol Use in the Past Month among Persons Aged 12 or Older, by Demographic Characteristics: Numbers in Thousands, 2007 and 2008

Demographic Characteristic	Alcohol Use (2007)	Alcohol Use (2008)	Binge Alcohol Use (2007)	Binge Alcohol Use (2008)	Heavy Alcohol Use (2007)	Heavy Alcohol Use (2008)
TOTAL	126,760	128,974	57,778	58,096	17,010	17,292
AGE						
12-17	4,021 ^b	3,635	2,447 ^b	2,189	591 ^a	491
18-25	20,034	20,148	13,675	13,510	4,819	4,761
26 or Older	102,705	105,191	41,656	42,397	11,600	12,040
GENDER						
Male	68,088 ^a	69,989	38,128	38,292	12,786	12,882
Female	58,672	58,986	19,651	19,805	4,225	4,410
HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE						
Not Hispanic or Latino	112,348	113,836	49,768	49,124	15,139	15,287
White	94,884	95,290	41,653	40,675	13,256	13,049
Black or African American	11,501	12,374	5,589	6,030	1,213 ^a	1,661
American Indian or Alaska Native	566	469	357	264	146 ^a	62
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	31
Asian	3,727	3,991	1,331	1,282	274	260
Two or More Races	1,301	1,432	634	663	200	223
Hispanic or Latino	14,412	15,138	8,010 ^a	8,973	1,871	2,005

*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.

^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.

Source: SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2007 and 2008.

Table 2.42B Alcohol Use, Binge Alcohol Use, and Heavy Alcohol Use in the Past Month among Persons Aged 12 or Older, by Demographic Characteristics: Percentages, 2007 and 2008

Demographic Characteristic	Alcohol Use (2007)	Alcohol Use (2008)	Binge Alcohol Use (2007)	Binge Alcohol Use (2008)	Heavy Alcohol Use (2007)	Heavy Alcohol Use (2008)
TOTAL	51.1	51.6	23.3	23.3	6.9	6.9
AGE						
12-17	15.9 ^b	14.6	9.7 ^b	8.8	2.3	2.0
18-25	61.2	61.2	41.8	41.0	14.7	14.5
26 or Older	54.1	54.8	21.9	22.1	6.1	6.3
GENDER						
Male	56.6	57.7	31.7	31.6	10.6	10.6
Female	46.0	45.9	15.4	15.4	3.3	3.4
HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE						
Not Hispanic or Latino	52.6	53.0	23.3	22.9	7.1	7.1
White	56.1	56.2	24.6	24.0	7.8	7.7
Black or African American	39.3	41.9	19.1	20.4	4.1 ^a	5.6
American Indian or Alaska Native	44.7	43.3	28.2	24.4	11.6	5.7
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	3.5
Asian	35.2	37.0	12.6	11.9	2.6	2.4
Two or More Races	47.5	47.5	23.2	22.0	7.3	7.4
Hispanic or Latino	42.1	43.2	23.4	25.6	5.5	5.7

*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.

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^b Difference between estimate and 2008 estimate is statistically significant at the 0.01 level.

Source: SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2007 and 2008.

Table 2.43A Alcohol Use, Binge Alcohol Use, and Heavy Alcohol Use in the Past Month among Persons Aged 12 to 17, by Demographic Characteristics: Numbers in Thousands, 2007 and 2008

Demographic Characteristic	Alcohol Use (2007)	Alcohol Use (2008)	Binge Alcohol Use (2007)	Binge Alcohol Use (2008)	Heavy Alcohol Use (2007)	Heavy Alcohol Use (2008)
TOTAL	4,021 ^b	3,635	2,447 ^b	2,189	591 ^a	491
GENDER						
Male	2,045 ^b	1,810	1,366 ^b	1,131	366 ^a	293
Female	1,975	1,825	1,082	1,058	225	198
HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE						
Not Hispanic or Latino	3,312 ^b	2,935	2,013 ^b	1,770	513 ^b	397
White	2,739 ^b	2,397	1,737 ^b	1,533	462 ^a	370
Black or African American	390	382	164	150	20	17
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	23	*	*	*	1
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*
Asian	83	55	53	19	12	*
Two or More Races	52	68	27	45	6	8
Hispanic or Latino	709	700	434	419	78	94
GENDER/RACE/HISPANIC ORIGIN						
Male, White, Not Hispanic	1,407 ^b	1,186	973 ^b	783	287 ^b	207
Female, White, Not Hispanic	1,332	1,211	764	750	175	163
Male, Black, Not Hispanic	186	184	90	79	12	13
Female, Black, Not Hispanic	204	198	74	72	8	4
Male, Hispanic	353	374	235	226	51	65
Female, Hispanic	356	326	199	192	27	29

*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.

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Source: SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2007 and 2008.

Table 2.43B Alcohol Use, Binge Alcohol Use, and Heavy Alcohol Use in the Past Month among Persons Aged 12 to 17, by Demographic Characteristics: Percentages, 2007 and 2008

Demographic Characteristic	Alcohol Use (2007)	Alcohol Use (2008)	Binge Alcohol Use (2007)	Binge Alcohol Use (2008)	Heavy Alcohol Use (2007)	Heavy Alcohol Use (2008)
TOTAL	15.9 ^b	14.6	9.7 ^b	8.8	2.3	2.0
GENDER						
Male	15.9 ^b	14.2	10.6 ^b	8.9	2.8	2.3
Female	16.0	15.0	8.8	8.7	1.8	1.6
HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE						
Not Hispanic or Latino	16.1 ^b	14.6	9.8 ^b	8.8	2.5 ^a	2.0
White	18.2 ^b	16.3	11.5 ^a	10.4	3.1 ^a	2.5
Black or African American	10.1	10.1	4.3	4.0	0.5	0.4
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	17.2	*	*	*	1.0
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*
Asian	8.1	5.7	5.2	2.0	1.2	*
Two or More Races	12.5	13.6	6.6	9.0	1.4	1.6
Hispanic or Latino	15.2	14.8	9.3	8.9	1.7	2.0
GENDER/RACE/HISPANIC ORIGIN						
Male, White, Not Hispanic	18.3 ^b	15.8	12.6 ^b	10.4	3.7 ^a	2.7
Female, White, Not Hispanic	18.1	16.9	10.4	10.5	2.4	2.3
Male, Black, Not Hispanic	9.5	9.7	4.6	4.1	0.6	0.7
Female, Black, Not Hispanic	10.7	10.6	3.9	3.8	0.4	0.2
Male, Hispanic	14.8	15.5	9.9	9.4	2.1	2.7
Female, Hispanic	15.6	14.1	8.7	8.3	1.2	1.2

*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.

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Source: SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2007 and 2008.

Table 2.44A Alcohol Use, Binge Alcohol Use, and Heavy Alcohol Use in the Past Month among Persons Aged 18 to 25, by Demographic Characteristics: Numbers in Thousands, 2007 and 2008

Demographic Characteristic	Alcohol Use (2007)	Alcohol Use (2008)	Binge Alcohol Use (2007)	Binge Alcohol Use (2008)	Heavy Alcohol Use (2007)	Heavy Alcohol Use (2008)
TOTAL	20,034	20,148	13,675	13,510	4,819	4,761
GENDER						
Male	10,757	10,660	8,204	8,011	3,278	3,290
Female	9,277	9,489	5,471	5,499	1,541	1,471
HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE						
Not Hispanic or Latino	17,102	17,164	11,631	11,438	4,197	4,199
White	13,656	13,740	9,745	9,554	3,738	3,673
Black or African American	2,267	2,293	1,148	1,250	257 ^a	347
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	86	*	63	*	16
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	16	*
Asian	725	724	406	372	91	96
Two or More Races	279	266	195	154	67	53
Hispanic or Latino	2,932	2,984	2,044	2,072	622	561
EDUCATION						
< High School	2,882	2,757	2,173	2,000	695	626
High School Graduate	6,145	6,391	4,307	4,408	1,434	1,546
Some College	7,549	7,306	4,992	4,821	1,953	1,826
College Graduate	3,458	3,695	2,203	2,281	738	763
CURRENT EMPLOYMENT						
Full-Time	10,301	10,196	7,179	6,937	2,435	2,415
Part-Time	5,148	5,119	3,392	3,320	1,274	1,199
Unemployed	1,448 ^b	1,767	1,039 ^b	1,261	376 ^a	471
Other ¹	3,137	3,067	2,064	1,992	734	676

*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.

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¹ The Other Employment category includes retired persons, disabled persons, homemakers, students, or other persons not in the labor force.

Source: SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2007 and 2008.

Table 2.44B Alcohol Use, Binge Alcohol Use, and Heavy Alcohol Use in the Past Month among Persons Aged 18 to 25, by Demographic Characteristics: Percentages, 2007 and 2008

Demographic Characteristic	Alcohol Use (2007)	Alcohol Use (2008)	Binge Alcohol Use (2007)	Binge Alcohol Use (2008)	Heavy Alcohol Use (2007)	Heavy Alcohol Use (2008)
TOTAL	61.2	61.2	41.8	41.0	14.7	14.5
GENDER						
Male	65.3	64.3	49.8	48.4	19.9	19.9
Female	57.1	58.0	33.7	33.6	9.5	9.0
HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE						
Not Hispanic or Latino	63.5	63.2	43.2	42.1	15.6	15.5
White	67.5	67.7	48.2	47.1	18.5	18.1
Black or African American	50.2	49.3	25.4	26.9	5.7 ^a	7.5
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	49.9	*	36.8	*	9.3
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	11.6	*
Asian	50.1	48.5	28.1	24.9	6.3	6.4
Two or More Races	63.1	64.8	44.0	37.4	15.2	12.8
Hispanic or Latino	50.7	51.5	35.3	35.8	10.7	9.7
EDUCATION						
< High School	46.4	46.8	34.9	34.0	11.2	10.6
High School Graduate	55.2	55.0	38.7	37.9	12.9	13.3
Some College	68.9	67.3	45.5	44.4	17.8	16.8
College Graduate	78.3	80.7	49.9	49.8	16.7	16.6
CURRENT EMPLOYMENT						
Full-Time	67.2	68.1	46.8	46.3	15.9	16.1
Part-Time	61.1	59.8	40.3	38.8	15.1	14.0
Unemployed	55.4	57.8	39.8	41.3	14.4	15.4
Other ¹	49.3	48.3	32.4	31.4	11.5	10.6

*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.

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Source: SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2007 and 2008.

Table 2.45A Alcohol Use, Binge Alcohol Use, and Heavy Alcohol Use in the Past Month among Persons Aged 26 or Older, by Demographic Characteristics: Numbers in Thousands, 2007 and 2008

Demographic Characteristic	Alcohol Use (2007)	Alcohol Use (2008)	Binge Alcohol Use (2007)	Binge Alcohol Use (2008)	Heavy Alcohol Use (2007)	Heavy Alcohol Use (2008)
TOTAL	102,705	105,191	41,656	42,397	11,600	12,040
GENDER						
Male	55,286 ^a	57,519	28,558	29,150	9,142	9,299
Female	47,419	47,671	13,098	13,247	2,458	2,741
HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE						
Not Hispanic or Latino	91,934	93,737	36,124	35,916	10,429	10,690
White	78,489	79,153	30,170	29,588	9,056	9,006
Black or African American	8,844	9,699	4,277	4,630	935	1,297
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	248	186	105	44
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*
Asian	2,920	3,212	873	891	171	164
Two or More Races	969	1,097	412	464	127	163
Hispanic or Latino	10,771	11,453	5,532 ^a	6,481	1,171	1,350
EDUCATION						
< High School	10,391	10,122	6,241	6,172	1,776	1,757
High School Graduate	27,953	29,207	13,425	14,001	4,127	4,435
Some College	26,271	27,118	10,694	10,946	2,995	3,162
College Graduate	38,090	38,744	11,296	11,279	2,702	2,686
CURRENT EMPLOYMENT						
Full-Time	65,949	66,813	29,489	30,113	8,240	8,388
Part-Time	11,489	12,201	3,891	4,191	1,119	1,101
Unemployed	2,594 ^a	3,216	1,250 ^b	1,739	475	681
Other ¹	22,673	22,961	7,026	6,355	1,766	1,871

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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.

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Source: SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2007 and 2008.

Table 2.45B Alcohol Use, Binge Alcohol Use, and Heavy Alcohol Use in the Past Month among Persons Aged 26 or Older, by Demographic Characteristics: Percentages, 2007 and 2008

Demographic Characteristic	Alcohol Use (2007)	Alcohol Use (2008)	Binge Alcohol Use (2007)	Binge Alcohol Use (2008)	Heavy Alcohol Use (2007)	Heavy Alcohol Use (2008)
TOTAL	54.1	54.8	21.9	22.1	6.1	6.3
GENDER						
Male	60.8	62.5	31.4	31.7	10.1	10.1
Female	47.9	47.7	13.2	13.2	2.5	2.7
HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE						
Not Hispanic or Latino	55.4	56.0	21.8	21.4	6.3	6.4
White	58.7	58.9	22.6	22.0	6.8	6.7
Black or African American	42.4	45.9	20.5	21.9	4.5	6.1
American Indian or Alaska Native	*	*	26.6	24.0	11.2	5.7
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	*
Asian	35.9	38.6	10.7	10.7	2.1	2.0
Two or More Races	51.7	52.3	22.0	22.1	6.8	7.8
Hispanic or Latino	45.3	46.7	23.2 ^a	26.4	4.9	5.5
EDUCATION						
< High School	34.5	34.7	20.7	21.2	5.9	6.0
High School Graduate	49.0	49.9	23.5	23.9	7.2	7.6
Some College	56.5	58.5	23.0	23.6	6.4	6.8
College Graduate	67.7	66.9	20.1	19.5	4.8	4.6
CURRENT EMPLOYMENT						
Full-Time	62.1	62.3	27.8	28.1	7.8	7.8
Part-Time	54.5	56.3	18.5	19.3	5.3	5.1
Unemployed	57.8	54.3	27.8	29.4	10.6	11.5
Other ¹	39.0	40.2	12.1	11.1	3.0	3.3

*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.

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Table 2.46A Alcohol Use, Binge Alcohol Use, and Heavy Alcohol Use in the Past Month among Persons Aged 18 or Older, by Demographic Characteristics: Numbers in Thousands, 2007 and 2008

Demographic Characteristic	Alcohol Use (2007)	Alcohol Use (2008)	Binge Alcohol Use (2007)	Binge Alcohol Use (2008)	Heavy Alcohol Use (2007)	Heavy Alcohol Use (2008)
TOTAL	122,739	125,339	55,331	55,907	16,420	16,801
GENDER						
Male	66,043 ^a	68,179	36,762	37,161	12,420	12,589
Female	56,697	57,160	18,569	18,747	4,000	4,212
HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE						
Not Hispanic or Latino	109,036	110,901	47,755	47,354	14,626	14,890
White	92,145	92,893	39,916	39,142	12,794	12,679
Black or African American	11,111	11,992	5,425	5,880	1,193 ^a	1,644
American Indian or Alaska Native	527	445	326	249	133	60
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	31
Asian	3,645	3,936	1,279	1,262	262	260
Two or More Races	1,248	1,364	607	618	194	215
Hispanic or Latino	13,703	14,438	7,576 ^a	8,554	1,793	1,911
EDUCATION						
< High School	13,274	12,879	8,414	8,172	2,471	2,383
High School Graduate	34,098	35,597	17,732	18,408	5,561	5,981
Some College	33,820	34,424	15,686	15,767	4,948	4,988
College Graduate	41,548	42,439	13,499	13,561	3,440	3,449
CURRENT EMPLOYMENT						
Full-Time	76,250	77,009	36,667	37,049	10,676	10,803
Part-Time	16,637	17,319	7,283	7,511	2,392	2,300
Unemployed	4,042 ^b	4,983	2,289 ^b	3,000	851 ^a	1,152
Other ¹	25,810	26,028	9,091	8,347	2,501	2,546

*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.

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Source: SAMHSA, Office of Applied Studies, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2007 and 2008.

Table 2.46B Alcohol Use, Binge Alcohol Use, and Heavy Alcohol Use in the Past Month among Persons Aged 18 or Older, by Demographic Characteristics: Percentages, 2007 and 2008

Demographic Characteristic	Alcohol Use (2007)	Alcohol Use (2008)	Binge Alcohol Use (2007)	Binge Alcohol Use (2008)	Heavy Alcohol Use (2007)	Heavy Alcohol Use (2008)
TOTAL	55.1	55.7	24.9	24.9	7.4	7.5
GENDER						
Male	61.5	62.8	34.2	34.2	11.6	11.6
Female	49.2	49.1	16.1	16.1	3.5	3.6
HISPANIC ORIGIN AND RACE						
Not Hispanic or Latino	56.5	57.0	24.7	24.3	7.6	7.7
White	59.8	60.0	25.9	25.3	8.3	8.2
Black or African American	43.8	46.5	21.4	22.8	4.7 ^a	6.4
American Indian or Alaska Native	47.8	47.0	29.6	26.3	12.1	6.4
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	*	*	*	*	*	3.8
Asian	38.0	40.1	13.3	12.9	2.7	2.7
Two or More Races	53.9	54.3	26.2	24.6	8.4	8.6
Hispanic or Latino	46.3	47.6	25.6	28.2	6.1	6.3
EDUCATION						
< High School	36.5	36.8	23.2	23.3	6.8	6.8
High School Graduate	50.0	50.7	26.0	26.2	8.2	8.5
Some College	58.9	60.2	27.3	27.6	8.6	8.7
College Graduate	68.5	67.9	22.3	21.7	5.7	5.5
CURRENT EMPLOYMENT						
Full-Time	62.8	63.0	30.2	30.3	8.8	8.8
Part-Time	56.4	57.3	24.7	24.9	8.1	7.6
Unemployed	56.9	55.5	32.2	33.4	12.0	12.8
Other ¹	40.0	41.0	14.1	13.1	3.9	4.0

*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.

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