

Table 2.8A Alcohol Use in Lifetime, Past Year, and Past Month: Among People Aged 12 or Older; by Detailed Age Category, Numbers in Thousands, 2019 and 2020

Age Category	Lifetime (2019)	Lifetime (2020)	Past Year (2019)	Past Year (2020)	Past Month (2019)	Past Month (2020)
TOTAL	220,958	<i>220,231</i>	179,144	<i>177,718</i>	139,727	<i>138,522</i>
12-20	15,099	<i>12,966</i>	12,765	<i>11,114</i>	7,046	<i>6,033</i>
21 or Older	205,859	<i>207,264</i>	166,379	<i>166,604</i>	132,681	<i>132,489</i>
12-17	6,641	<i>5,702</i>	5,274	<i>4,633</i>	2,346	<i>2,061</i>
12-13	735	<i>571</i>	429	<i>385</i>	135	<i>76</i>
14-15	2,086	<i>1,868</i>	1,620	<i>1,516</i>	619	<i>649</i>
16-17	3,819	<i>3,264</i>	3,225	<i>2,732</i>	1,592	<i>1,336</i>
18 or Older	214,317	<i>214,528</i>	173,870	<i>173,084</i>	137,381	<i>136,461</i>
18-25	26,622	<i>25,246</i>	24,279	<i>23,286</i>	18,323	<i>17,260</i>
18-20	8,458	<i>7,264</i>	7,491	<i>6,481</i>	4,700	<i>3,972</i>
21-25	18,164	<i>17,982</i>	16,788	<i>16,805</i>	13,622	<i>13,288</i>
26 or Older	187,695	<i>189,283</i>	149,591	<i>149,799</i>	119,058	<i>119,201</i>
26-49	90,020	<i>88,710</i>	77,609	<i>76,121</i>	62,340	<i>60,553</i>
26-29	16,187	<i>15,450</i>	14,528	<i>13,889</i>	11,717	<i>10,897</i>
30-34	19,983	<i>19,914</i>	17,640	<i>16,969</i>	14,204	<i>13,781</i>
35-39	18,972	<i>19,559</i>	16,305	<i>16,814</i>	13,221	<i>13,102</i>
40-44	17,207	<i>16,717</i>	14,620	<i>14,262</i>	11,668	<i>11,452</i>
45-49	17,670	<i>17,070</i>	14,516	<i>14,187</i>	11,530	<i>11,322</i>
50 or Older	97,675	<i>100,572</i>	71,982	<i>73,678</i>	56,719	<i>58,647</i>
50-54	18,083	<i>17,078</i>	14,435	<i>13,898</i>	11,567	<i>11,307</i>
55-59	18,387	<i>19,055</i>	14,277	<i>14,023</i>	11,111	<i>10,813</i>
60-64	17,928	<i>18,954</i>	13,602	<i>14,305</i>	10,858	<i>11,817</i>
65 or Older	43,278	<i>45,485</i>	29,668	<i>31,451</i>	23,182	<i>24,711</i>

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Table 2.8B Alcohol Use in Lifetime, Past Year, and Past Month: Among People Aged 12 or Older; by Detailed Age Category, Percentages, 2019 and 2020

Age Category	Lifetime (2019)	Lifetime (2020)	Past Year (2019)	Past Year (2020)	Past Month (2019)	Past Month (2020)
TOTAL	80.3	79.5	65.1	64.2	50.8	50.0
12-20	39.7	34.6	33.5	29.7	18.5	16.1
21 or Older	86.8	86.5	70.2	69.6	55.9	55.3
12-17	26.7	22.8	21.2	18.5	9.4	8.2
12-13	9.0	6.8	5.3	4.6	1.7	0.9
14-15	24.6	21.6	19.1	17.5	7.3	7.5
16-17	46.2	41.4	39.0	34.7	19.3	17.0
18 or Older	85.6	85.2	69.5	68.7	54.9	54.2
18-25	78.9	75.4	72.0	69.5	54.3	51.5
18-20	64.2	58.4	56.9	52.1	35.7	31.9
21-25	88.3	85.4	81.6	79.8	66.2	63.1
26 or Older	86.7	86.7	69.1	68.6	55.0	54.6
26-49	88.9	87.4	76.6	75.0	61.6	59.6
26-29	89.7	86.8	80.5	78.0	64.9	61.2
30-34	89.7	87.7	79.2	74.7	63.8	60.7
35-39	88.6	87.7	76.1	75.4	61.7	58.7
40-44	89.2	86.3	75.8	73.6	60.5	59.1
45-49	87.2	88.4	71.7	73.4	56.9	58.6
50 or Older	84.7	86.0	62.4	63.0	49.2	50.2
50-54	87.7	85.8	70.0	69.8	56.1	56.8
55-59	86.5	88.5	67.1	65.1	52.2	50.2
60-64	87.1	90.7	66.1	68.4	52.8	56.5
65 or Older	81.9	83.4	56.1	57.7	43.9	45.3

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Table 2.9A Alcohol, Binge Alcohol, and Heavy Alcohol Use in Past Month: Among People Aged 12 or Older; by Detailed Age Category, Numbers in Thousands, 2019 and 2020

Age Category	Alcohol Use (2019)	Alcohol Use (2020)	Binge Alcohol Use (2019)	Binge Alcohol Use (2020)	Heavy Alcohol Use (2019)	Heavy Alcohol Use (2020)
TOTAL	139,727	<i>138,522</i>	65,845	<i>61,569</i>	16,044	<i>17,732</i>
12-20	7,046	<i>6,033</i>	4,222	<i>3,433</i>	825	<i>669</i>
21 or Older	132,681	<i>132,489</i>	61,623	<i>58,136</i>	15,218	<i>17,063</i>
12-17	2,346	<i>2,061</i>	1,212	<i>1,033</i>	208	<i>140</i>
12-13	135	<i>76</i>	45	<i>27</i>	*	<i>4</i>
14-15	619	<i>649</i>	272	<i>288</i>	45	<i>53</i>
16-17	1,592	<i>1,336</i>	896	<i>718</i>	163	<i>83</i>
18 or Older	137,381	<i>136,461</i>	64,633	<i>60,536</i>	15,835	<i>17,592</i>
18-25	18,323	<i>17,260</i>	11,559	<i>10,504</i>	2,844	<i>2,874</i>
18-20	4,700	<i>3,972</i>	3,010	<i>2,400</i>	617	<i>528</i>
21-25	13,622	<i>13,288</i>	8,550	<i>8,104</i>	2,228	<i>2,346</i>
26 or Older	119,058	<i>119,201</i>	53,073	<i>50,032</i>	12,991	<i>14,718</i>
26-49	62,340	<i>60,553</i>	33,413	<i>30,710</i>	7,816	<i>8,260</i>
26-29	11,717	<i>10,897</i>	6,968	<i>6,093</i>	1,709	<i>1,393</i>
30-34	14,204	<i>13,781</i>	8,124	<i>7,331</i>	1,797	<i>2,029</i>
35-39	13,221	<i>13,102</i>	6,925	<i>6,505</i>	1,594	<i>1,668</i>
40-44	11,668	<i>11,452</i>	5,812	<i>5,571</i>	1,298	<i>1,506</i>
45-49	11,530	<i>11,322</i>	5,584	<i>5,210</i>	1,418	<i>1,665</i>
50 or Older	56,719	<i>58,647</i>	19,660	<i>19,322</i>	5,174	<i>6,457</i>
50-54	11,567	<i>11,307</i>	5,293	<i>4,942</i>	1,580	<i>1,256</i>
55-59	11,111	<i>10,813</i>	4,684	<i>4,282</i>	1,215	<i>1,759</i>
60-64	10,858	<i>11,817</i>	4,044	<i>4,755</i>	922	<i>1,613</i>
65 or Older	23,182	<i>24,711</i>	5,639	<i>5,342</i>	1,458	<i>1,830</i>

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Table 2.9B Alcohol, Binge Alcohol, and Heavy Alcohol Use in Past Month: Among People Aged 12 or Older; by Detailed Age Category, Percentages, 2019 and 2020

Age Category	Alcohol Use (2019)	Alcohol Use (2020)	Binge Alcohol Use (2019)	Binge Alcohol Use (2020)	Heavy Alcohol Use (2019)	Heavy Alcohol Use (2020)
TOTAL	50.8	<i>50.0</i>	23.9	<i>22.2</i>	5.8	<i>6.4</i>
12-20	18.5	<i>16.1</i>	11.1	<i>9.2</i>	2.2	<i>1.8</i>
21 or Older	55.9	<i>55.3</i>	26.0	<i>24.3</i>	6.4	<i>7.1</i>
12-17	9.4	<i>8.2</i>	4.9	<i>4.1</i>	0.8	<i>0.6</i>
12-13	1.7	<i>0.9</i>	0.5	<i>0.3</i>	*	<i>0.1</i>
14-15	7.3	<i>7.5</i>	3.2	<i>3.3</i>	0.5	<i>0.6</i>
16-17	19.3	<i>17.0</i>	10.8	<i>9.1</i>	2.0	<i>1.1</i>
18 or Older	54.9	<i>54.2</i>	25.8	<i>24.0</i>	6.3	<i>7.0</i>
18-25	54.3	<i>51.5</i>	34.3	<i>31.4</i>	8.4	<i>8.6</i>
18-20	35.7	<i>31.9</i>	22.9	<i>19.3</i>	4.7	<i>4.2</i>
21-25	66.2	<i>63.1</i>	41.6	<i>38.5</i>	10.8	<i>11.1</i>
26 or Older	55.0	<i>54.6</i>	24.5	<i>22.9</i>	6.0	<i>6.7</i>
26-49	61.6	<i>59.6</i>	33.0	<i>30.2</i>	7.7	<i>8.1</i>
26-29	64.9	<i>61.2</i>	38.6	<i>34.2</i>	9.5	<i>7.8</i>
30-34	63.8	<i>60.7</i>	36.5	<i>32.3</i>	8.1	<i>8.9</i>
35-39	61.7	<i>58.7</i>	32.3	<i>29.2</i>	7.4	<i>7.5</i>
40-44	60.5	<i>59.1</i>	30.1	<i>28.7</i>	6.7	<i>7.8</i>
45-49	56.9	<i>58.6</i>	27.6	<i>27.0</i>	7.0	<i>8.6</i>
50 or Older	49.2	<i>50.2</i>	17.1	<i>16.5</i>	4.5	<i>5.5</i>
50-54	56.1	<i>56.8</i>	25.7	<i>24.8</i>	7.7	<i>6.3</i>
55-59	52.2	<i>50.2</i>	22.0	<i>19.9</i>	5.7	<i>8.2</i>
60-64	52.8	<i>56.5</i>	19.7	<i>22.7</i>	4.5	<i>7.7</i>
65 or Older	43.9	<i>45.3</i>	10.7	<i>9.8</i>	2.8	<i>3.4</i>

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