

Table 7.16A Alcohol Use in Lifetime, Past Year, and Past Month: Among People Aged 12 to 20; by Gender, Numbers in Thousands, 2002-2020

Gender/Alcohol Use	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
TOTAL																			
Lifetime	20,911	20,936	20,709	20,671	20,584	20,380	19,929	20,145	19,196	18,669	17,917	17,251	16,749	16,028	15,408	15,526	15,120	15,099	<i>12,966</i>
Past Year	17,492	17,554	17,568	17,729	17,605	17,366	16,904	17,081	16,434	15,938	15,372	14,692	14,305	13,602	13,055	13,184	12,819	12,765	<i>11,114</i>
Past Month	10,713	10,876	10,838	10,819	10,831	10,750	10,083	10,392	9,934	9,654	9,294	8,651	8,661	7,701	7,268	7,440	7,146	7,046	<i>6,033</i>
Binge Alcohol Use ¹	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	5,059	4,541	4,515	4,322	4,222	<i>3,433</i>
Heavy Alcohol Use	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	1,260	1,069	932	861	825	<i>669</i>
MALE																			
Lifetime	10,719	10,537	10,624	10,500	10,644	10,471	10,180	10,576	10,048	9,484	9,114	8,791	8,334	8,189	7,646	7,772	7,620	7,395	<i>6,280</i>
Past Year	8,847	8,735	8,946	8,927	9,056	8,903	8,520	8,949	8,638	8,004	7,821	7,425	7,041	6,806	6,317	6,591	6,368	6,074	<i>5,352</i>
Past Month	5,619	5,720	5,723	5,658	5,749	5,618	5,290	5,591	5,517	5,002	4,813	4,482	4,424	3,859	3,596	3,831	3,560	3,344	<i>2,991</i>
Binge Alcohol Use ¹	4,140	4,162	4,271	4,175	4,193	4,172	3,765	4,046	3,856	3,416	3,229	3,094	2,999	2,615	2,232	2,338	2,218	2,026	<i>1,689</i>
Heavy Alcohol Use	1,544	1,506	1,582	1,492	1,559	1,537	1,370	1,374	1,307	1,088	1,017	908	829	707	586	515	517	403	<i>386</i>
FEMALE																			
Lifetime	10,192	10,399	10,085	10,171	9,940	9,909	9,750	9,570	9,148	9,185	8,803	8,459	8,415	7,839	7,762	7,754	7,500	7,704	<i>6,687</i>
Past Year	8,645	8,819	8,622	8,802	8,549	8,463	8,384	8,132	7,797	7,934	7,551	7,267	7,263	6,795	6,738	6,593	6,451	6,691	<i>5,762</i>
Past Month	5,094	5,156	5,115	5,160	5,082	5,132	4,793	4,801	4,417	4,652	4,481	4,170	4,236	3,842	3,672	3,609	3,586	3,702	<i>3,042</i>
Binge Alcohol Use ¹	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	2,444	2,309	2,176	2,104	2,195	<i>1,744</i>
Heavy Alcohol Use	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	554	483	417	344	423	<i>282</i>

* = low precision; -- = not available; da = does not apply; nc = not comparable due to methodological changes; nr = not reported due to measurement issues.

NOTE: Estimates in the 2020 column are italicized to indicate caution should be used when comparing estimates between 2020 and prior years because of methodological changes for 2020. Due to these changes, significance testing between 2020 and prior years was not performed. See the *2020 National Survey on Drug Use and Health: Methodological Summary and Definitions* for details.

NOTE: Some 2006 to 2010 estimates may differ from previously published estimates due to updates (see Chapter 3 of the *2020 National Survey on Drug Use and Health: Methodological Summary and Definitions*).

¹ Estimates of binge alcohol use include use by those who were heavy alcohol users.

Definitions: Measures and terms are defined in Appendix A.

Source: SAMHSA, Center for Behavioral Health Statistics and Quality, National Survey on Drug Use and Health, 2002-2019, and Quarters 1 and 4, 2020.

Table 7.16B Alcohol Use in Lifetime, Past Year, and Past Month: Among People Aged 12 to 20; by Gender, Percentages, 2002-2020

Gender/Alcohol Use	2002	2003	2004	2005	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019	2020
TOTAL																			
Lifetime	56.2	55.8	54.9	53.9	53.9	53.0	52.3	52.7	50.5	48.5	46.9	45.3	44.1	42.3	41.0	41.0	39.8	39.7	<i>34.6</i>
Past Year	47.0	46.8	46.6	46.3	46.1	45.2	44.4	44.7	43.3	41.4	40.2	38.6	37.7	35.9	34.7	34.9	33.8	33.5	<i>29.7</i>
Past Month	28.8	29.0	28.7	28.2	28.4	28.0	26.5	27.2	26.2	25.1	24.3	22.7	22.8	20.3	19.3	19.7	18.8	18.5	<i>16.1</i>
Binge Alcohol Use ¹	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	13.4	12.1	11.9	11.4	11.1	<i>9.2</i>
Heavy Alcohol Use	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	3.3	2.8	2.5	2.3	2.2	<i>1.8</i>
MALE																			
Lifetime	56.5	55.0	54.9	53.7	54.1	53.1	52.1	53.8	51.3	48.5	46.7	45.0	42.9	42.1	39.5	39.9	38.9	38.1	<i>32.7</i>
Past Year	46.6	45.6	46.3	45.6	46.0	45.2	43.6	45.6	44.1	40.9	40.1	38.0	36.2	35.0	32.6	33.8	32.5	31.3	<i>27.9</i>
Past Month	29.6	29.9	29.6	28.9	29.2	28.5	27.1	28.5	28.1	25.6	24.7	23.0	22.8	19.8	18.6	19.7	18.2	17.2	<i>15.6</i>
Binge Alcohol Use ¹	21.8	21.7	22.1	21.3	21.3	21.2	19.3	20.6	19.7	17.5	16.5	15.8	15.4	13.4	11.5	12.0	11.3	10.4	<i>8.8</i>
Heavy Alcohol Use	8.1	7.9	8.2	7.6	7.9	7.8	7.0	7.0	6.7	5.6	5.2	4.6	4.3	3.6	3.0	2.6	2.6	2.1	<i>2.0</i>
FEMALE																			
Lifetime	56.0	56.6	54.8	54.2	53.8	52.9	52.5	51.4	49.8	48.5	47.1	45.6	45.4	42.5	42.5	42.3	40.8	41.3	<i>36.7</i>
Past Year	47.5	48.0	46.9	46.9	46.2	45.2	45.2	43.7	42.4	41.9	40.4	39.2	39.2	36.9	36.9	35.9	35.1	35.9	<i>31.6</i>
Past Month	28.0	28.1	27.8	27.5	27.5	27.4	25.8	25.8	24.0	24.6	24.0	22.5	22.9	20.8	20.1	19.7	19.5	19.9	<i>16.7</i>
Binge Alcohol Use ¹	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	13.3	12.6	11.9	11.4	11.8	<i>9.6</i>
Heavy Alcohol Use	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	nc	3.0	2.6	2.3	1.9	2.3	<i>1.5</i>

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