

Table 2.40A Alcohol Use in Past Year: Among People Aged 12 or Older; by Age Group and Geographic and Socioeconomic Characteristics, Numbers in Thousands, 2021

Geographic/Socioeconomic Characteristic	Aged 12+ (2021)	Aged 12-17 (2021)	Aged 18+ (2021)	Aged 18-25 (2021)	Aged 26+ (2021)	Aged 12-20¹ (2021)	Aged 21+¹ (2021)
TOTAL	174,339	4,624	169,715	22,438	147,277	11,135	163,204
GEOGRAPHIC REGION							
Northeast	31,620	827	30,793	3,997	26,796	2,094	29,527
Midwest	38,530	1,096	37,433	5,123	32,310	2,550	35,980
South	63,915	1,644	62,271	8,289	53,982	3,920	59,996
West	40,274	1,057	39,218	5,030	34,188	2,571	37,703
COUNTY TYPE							
Large Metro	97,094	2,486	94,607	11,994	82,614	6,028	91,066
Small Metro	53,372	1,368	52,004	7,401	44,603	3,449	49,924
Nonmetro	23,873	769	23,104	3,044	20,060	1,658	22,215
Urbanized	9,464	372	9,092	1,353	7,740	787	8,677
Less Urbanized	12,140	331	11,810	1,396	10,414	742	11,399
Completely Rural	2,268	67	2,202	295	1,906	129	2,139
POVERTY LEVEL²							
Less Than 100%	20,202	793	19,409	5,175	14,234	2,604	17,598
100-199%	29,593	933	28,660	5,087	23,573	2,277	27,316
200% or More	124,515	2,898	121,617	12,148	109,469	6,228	118,287
HEALTH INSURANCE³							
Private	115,007	2,660	112,347	13,783	98,564	6,564	108,443
Medicaid/CHIP	26,842	1,694	25,148	4,649	20,499	3,430	23,411
Other ⁴	43,137	171	42,966	1,670	41,296	604	42,533
No Coverage	16,159	325	15,834	3,152	12,682	1,029	15,130

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Table 2.40B Alcohol Use in Past Year: Among People Aged 12 or Older; by Age Group and Geographic and Socioeconomic Characteristics, Percentages, 2021

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TOTAL	62.3	17.8	66.9	67.1	66.8	28.5	67.8
GEOGRAPHIC REGION							
Northeast	64.6	20.0	68.8	69.8	68.6	32.3	69.5
Midwest	66.4	20.0	71.2	72.1	71.1	31.3	72.1
South	60.0	16.2	64.6	65.3	64.5	26.0	65.6
West	60.7	16.9	65.3	63.4	65.6	27.4	66.2
COUNTY TYPE							
Large Metro	63.5	17.3	68.3	66.7	68.5	28.1	69.3
Small Metro	62.4	17.3	67.0	67.5	66.9	28.5	68.0
Nonmetro	57.5	20.5	61.2	67.4	60.4	29.8	61.8
Urbanized	60.0	25.9	63.4	69.7	62.4	35.4	64.0
Less Urbanized	57.1	17.1	61.1	65.7	60.6	26.6	61.8
Completely Rural	51.0	17.5	54.2	65.1	52.8	23.7	54.9
POVERTY LEVEL²							
Less Than 100%	47.0	14.8	51.6	60.8	48.9	28.5	52.0
100-199%	53.0	16.8	57.0	64.2	55.7	26.6	57.8
200% or More	68.8	19.2	73.3	71.8	73.5	29.2	74.1
HEALTH INSURANCE³							
Private	68.2	18.9	72.7	72.5	72.8	31.1	73.5
Medicaid/CHIP	47.1	16.1	54.1	54.9	53.9	23.3	55.3
Other ⁴	56.3	11.8	57.2	66.0	56.9	25.2	57.3
No Coverage	60.2	23.6	62.2	63.3	62.0	34.2	63.5

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TOTAL	133,058	1,820	131,239	16,774	114,464	5,917	127,141
GEOGRAPHIC REGION							
Northeast	24,504	305	24,199	3,112	21,087	1,136	23,369
Midwest	29,674	451	29,223	3,942	25,281	1,412	28,261
South	47,920	655	47,265	5,956	41,309	2,020	45,900
West	30,960	409	30,551	3,764	26,787	1,349	29,611
COUNTY TYPE							
Large Metro	75,972	916	75,056	9,060	65,996	3,181	72,791
Small Metro	40,368	590	39,778	5,548	34,231	1,900	38,468
Nonmetro	16,718	314	16,404	2,167	14,237	837	15,882
Urbanized	7,088	151	6,937	1,031	5,906	414	6,673
Less Urbanized	8,195	145	8,050	956	7,094	376	7,819
Completely Rural	1,436	19	1,418	180	1,237	46	1,390
POVERTY LEVEL²							
Less Than 100%	13,806	257	13,549	3,839	9,709	1,457	12,349
100-199%	20,666	399	20,268	3,742	16,526	1,282	19,384
200% or More	98,568	1,164	97,404	9,175	88,229	3,162	95,406
HEALTH INSURANCE³							
Private	91,099	1,075	90,024	10,862	79,162	3,729	87,370
Medicaid/CHIP	17,740	665	17,075	3,075	14,000	1,670	16,070
Other ⁴	32,356	62	32,293	1,184	31,110	300	32,056
No Coverage	11,858	113	11,745	2,253	9,492	515	11,343

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Table 2.41B Alcohol Use in Past Month: Among People Aged 12 or Older; by Age Group and Geographic and Socioeconomic Characteristics, Percentages, 2021

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TOTAL	47.5	7.0	51.7	50.1	51.9	15.1	52.8
GEOGRAPHIC REGION							
Northeast	50.1	7.4	54.0	54.4	54.0	17.5	55.0
Midwest	51.1	8.2	55.6	55.5	55.6	17.3	56.7
South	45.0	6.4	49.0	46.9	49.3	13.4	50.2
West	46.7	6.6	50.9	47.4	51.4	14.4	52.0
COUNTY TYPE							
Large Metro	49.7	6.4	54.2	50.4	54.8	14.9	55.4
Small Metro	47.2	7.5	51.3	50.6	51.4	15.7	52.4
Nonmetro	40.3	8.4	43.5	48.0	42.9	15.0	44.2
Urbanized	44.9	10.5	48.3	53.1	47.6	18.6	49.2
Less Urbanized	38.6	7.5	41.7	45.0	41.3	13.5	42.4
Completely Rural	32.3	4.8	34.9	39.7	34.3	8.4	35.7
POVERTY LEVEL²							
Less Than 100%	32.1	4.8	36.0	45.1	33.4	16.0	36.5
100-199%	37.0	7.2	40.3	47.2	39.0	15.0	41.0
200% or More	54.5	7.7	58.7	54.2	59.2	14.8	59.8
HEALTH INSURANCE³							
Private	54.0	7.6	58.3	57.1	58.4	17.7	59.2
Medicaid/CHIP	31.1	6.3	36.7	36.3	36.8	11.3	38.0
Other ⁴	42.2	4.3	43.0	46.8	42.8	12.5	43.2
No Coverage	44.2	8.2	46.2	45.2	46.4	17.1	47.6

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Table 2.42A Binge Alcohol Use in Past Month: Among People Aged 12 or Older; by Age Group and Geographic and Socioeconomic Characteristics, Numbers in Thousands, 2021

Geographic/Socioeconomic Characteristic	Aged 12+ (2021)	Aged 12-17 (2021)	Aged 18+ (2021)	Aged 18-25 (2021)	Aged 26+ (2021)	Aged 12-20¹ (2021)	Aged 21+¹ (2021)
TOTAL	60,039	995	59,045	9,754	49,290	3,242	56,797
GEOGRAPHIC REGION							
Northeast	10,565	177	10,389	1,734	8,655	600	9,966
Midwest	13,806	251	13,556	2,428	11,127	806	13,000
South	21,795	340	21,456	3,295	18,161	1,084	20,711
West	13,873	228	13,645	2,298	11,347	752	13,120
COUNTY TYPE							
Large Metro	33,297	509	32,788	5,229	27,560	1,711	31,586
Small Metro	18,719	343	18,376	3,191	15,185	1,106	17,614
Nonmetro	8,023	143	7,880	1,335	6,545	426	7,597
Urbanized	3,349	73	3,276	637	2,639	237	3,112
Less Urbanized	3,982	62	3,919	578	3,342	164	3,818
Completely Rural	692	8	685	120	565	26	667
POVERTY LEVEL²							
Less Than 100%	8,724	139	8,586	2,388	6,198	957	7,768
100-199%	11,141	218	10,923	2,251	8,672	679	10,462
200% or More	40,162	637	39,525	5,104	34,421	1,596	38,566
HEALTH INSURANCE³							
Private	37,943	610	37,333	6,232	31,100	2,063	35,880
Medicaid/CHIP	10,751	340	10,411	1,786	8,625	858	9,893
Other ⁴	10,789	33	10,755	658	10,097	179	10,610
No Coverage	7,312	57	7,255	1,416	5,839	311	7,001

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TOTAL	21.5	3.8	23.3	29.2	22.4	8.3	23.6
GEOGRAPHIC REGION							
Northeast	21.6	4.3	23.2	30.3	22.2	9.3	23.5
Midwest	23.8	4.6	25.8	34.2	24.5	9.9	26.1
South	20.4	3.3	22.2	25.9	21.7	7.2	22.6
West	20.9	3.6	22.7	29.0	21.8	8.0	23.0
COUNTY TYPE							
Large Metro	21.8	3.5	23.7	29.1	22.9	8.0	24.0
Small Metro	21.9	4.3	23.7	29.1	22.8	9.1	24.0
Nonmetro	19.3	3.8	20.9	29.5	19.7	7.7	21.2
Urbanized	21.2	5.1	22.8	32.8	21.3	10.6	23.0
Less Urbanized	18.7	3.2	20.3	27.2	19.4	5.9	20.7
Completely Rural	15.6	2.0	16.9	26.5	15.6	4.7	17.1
POVERTY LEVEL²							
Less Than 100%	20.3	2.6	22.8	28.1	21.3	10.5	23.0
100-199%	20.0	3.9	21.7	28.4	20.5	7.9	22.1
200% or More	22.2	4.2	23.8	30.2	23.1	7.5	24.2
HEALTH INSURANCE³							
Private	22.5	4.3	24.2	32.8	23.0	9.8	24.3
Medicaid/CHIP	18.9	3.2	22.4	21.1	22.7	5.8	23.4
Other ⁴	14.1	2.3	14.3	26.0	13.9	7.5	14.3
No Coverage	27.3	4.2	28.5	28.4	28.5	10.3	29.4

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Table 2.43A Heavy Alcohol Use in Past Month: Among People Aged 12 or Older; by Age Group and Geographic and Socioeconomic Characteristics, Numbers in Thousands, 2021

Geographic/Socioeconomic Characteristic	Aged 12+ (2021)	Aged 12-17 (2021)	Aged 18+ (2021)	Aged 18-25 (2021)	Aged 26+ (2021)	Aged 12-20¹ (2021)	Aged 21+¹ (2021)
TOTAL	16,336	103	16,233	2,371	13,862	613	15,723
GEOGRAPHIC REGION							
Northeast	2,871	9	2,862	428	2,434	93	2,778
Midwest	3,943	21	3,922	647	3,276	184	3,760
South	5,848	38	5,810	785	5,025	192	5,656
West	3,673	35	3,639	512	3,127	144	3,529
COUNTY TYPE							
Large Metro	8,581	38	8,543	1,218	7,325	356	8,224
Small Metro	5,204	52	5,152	801	4,351	193	5,011
Nonmetro	2,551	13	2,538	352	2,186	63	2,488
Urbanized	1,103	2	1,101	182	920	35	1,068
Less Urbanized	1,162	11	1,151	142	1,009	25	1,136
Completely Rural	286	1	285	28	257	2	284
POVERTY LEVEL²							
Less Than 100%	2,249	21	2,228	559	1,669	175	2,074
100-199%	3,176	41	3,135	548	2,587	147	3,028
200% or More	10,912	42	10,870	1,264	9,606	291	10,621
HEALTH INSURANCE³							
Private	9,894	48	9,846	1,591	8,255	407	9,487
Medicaid/CHIP	2,995	55	2,940	350	2,590	151	2,845
Other ⁴	2,860	4	2,856	206	2,650	47	2,812
No Coverage	2,195	0	2,195	341	1,854	51	2,144

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TOTAL	5.8	0.4	6.4	7.1	6.3	1.6	6.5
GEOGRAPHIC REGION							
Northeast	5.9	0.2	6.4	7.5	6.2	1.4	6.5
Midwest	6.8	0.4	7.5	9.1	7.2	2.3	7.5
South	5.5	0.4	6.0	6.2	6.0	1.3	6.2
West	5.5	0.6	6.1	6.4	6.0	1.5	6.2
COUNTY TYPE							
Large Metro	5.6	0.3	6.2	6.8	6.1	1.7	6.3
Small Metro	6.1	0.7	6.6	7.3	6.5	1.6	6.8
Nonmetro	6.1	0.4	6.7	7.8	6.6	1.1	6.9
Urbanized	7.0	0.1	7.7	9.4	7.4	1.6	7.9
Less Urbanized	5.5	0.6	6.0	6.7	5.9	0.9	6.2
Completely Rural	6.4	0.3	7.0	6.2	7.1	0.4	7.3
POVERTY LEVEL²							
Less Than 100%	5.2	0.4	5.9	6.6	5.7	1.9	6.1
100-199%	5.7	0.7	6.2	6.9	6.1	1.7	6.4
200% or More	6.0	0.3	6.6	7.5	6.4	1.4	6.7
HEALTH INSURANCE³							
Private	5.9	0.3	6.4	8.4	6.1	1.9	6.4
Medicaid/CHIP	5.3	0.5	6.3	4.1	6.8	1.0	6.7
Other ⁴	3.7	0.3	3.8	8.1	3.6	2.0	3.8
No Coverage	8.2	0.0	8.6	6.8	9.1	1.7	9.0

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