

Alcohol Use Among Adults: United States, 1997–98
Advance Data No. 324:
Companion Tables - Unadjusted
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Advance Data No. 324, “Alcohol Use Among Adults: United States, 1997–98,” published by the National Center for Health Statistics on September 14, 2001, includes four detailed tables that show selected measures of alcohol use among U.S. adults. Each table in the published report presents crude rates for the total population and age-specific rates. All other statistics included in the published tables are age-adjusted to the 2000 Projected U.S. population.

The following four tables are designed as companions to [tables 1–4](#) of the published report. They provide the crude (unadjusted) estimates for each of the published tables. A subtitle on each table identifies them as “INTERNET RELEASE ONLY.” Together with the population table ([table X](#)), these tables can be used to estimate the actual number and percent of persons in the various drinking categories but should not be used for analysis of differences between subgroups except insofar as variations in age composition of the groups are considered. The tables are:

[Table 1](#). Percent distribution of lifetime alcohol drinking status for adults 18 years of age and older according to selected characteristics: United States, average annual, 1997–98. [CRUDE (unadjusted) estimates, with age-adjusted totals. Companion to Advance Data No. 324. INTERNET RELEASE ONLY]

[Table 2](#). Percent distribution of current alcohol drinking status for adults 18 years of age and older according to selected characteristics: United States, average annual, 1997–98. [CRUDE (unadjusted) estimates, with age-adjusted totals. Companion to Advance Data No. 324. INTERNET RELEASE ONLY]

[Table 3](#). Percent of adults 18 years of age and older who had five or more drinks in a day at least once in the past year and percent of adults 18 years of age and older who had five or more drinks in a day on at least 12 days in the past year, by selected characteristics: United States, average annual, 1997–98. [CRUDE (unadjusted) estimates, with age-adjusted totals. Companion to Advance Data No. 324. INTERNET RELEASE ONLY]

[Table 4](#). Percent of current drinkers 18 years of age and older who had five or more drinks in a day at least once in the past year and percent who had five or more drinks in a day on at least 12 days in the past year, by selected characteristics: United States, average annual, 1997–98. [CRUDE (unadjusted) estimates, with age-adjusted totals. Companion to Advance Data No. 324. INTERNET RELEASE ONLY]

[Table X](#). Number of adults 18 years of age and older, by selected characteristics, United States, average annual, 1997–98. [Companion to Advance Data No. 324. INTERNET RELEASE ONLY]

Table 1. Percent distribution of lifetime alcohol drinking status for adults 18 years of age and older according to selected characteristics: United States, average annual, 1997–98CRUDE (unadjusted) estimates, with age-adjusted totals. Companion to Advance Data No. 324
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| Selected characteristic | Total | Lifetime alcohol drinking status ¹ | | | |
|---|--------|---|-------------------|----------------|-------------|
| | | Lifetime abstainer | Former infrequent | Former regular | Current |
| Percent distribution (standard error) | | | | | |
| Both sexes | | | | | |
| Ages 18 years and older (crude) ² | 100.00 | 21.5 (0.24) | 9.0 (0.15) | 6.7 (0.14) | 62.8 (0.29) |
| Ages 18 years and older (age-adjusted) ^{2,3} | 100.00 | 21.7 (0.24) | 9.1 (0.15) | 6.8 (0.14) | 62.4 (0.29) |
| Age | | | | | |
| 18–24 years | 100.00 | 32.4 (0.72) | 3.7 (0.27) | 2.5 (0.23) | 61.4 (0.77) |
| 25–44 years | 100.00 | 16.4 (0.30) | 7.1 (0.18) | 5.1 (0.17) | 71.3 (0.35) |
| 45–64 years | 100.00 | 18.8 (0.37) | 10.7 (0.29) | 8.0 (0.27) | 62.4 (0.49) |
| 65–74 years | 100.00 | 26.6 (0.64) | 14.2 (0.45) | 11.2 (0.45) | 48.0 (0.69) |
| 75 years and older | 100.00 | 35.5 (0.74) | 15.8 (0.55) | 13.1 (0.55) | 35.7 (0.74) |
| Race-ethnicity | | | | | |
| Hispanic | 100.00 | 32.3 (0.62) | 7.6 (0.33) | 4.7 (0.26) | 55.3 (0.60) |
| White, non-Hispanic | 100.00 | 17.5 (0.28) | 8.7 (0.18) | 7.2 (0.17) | 66.6 (0.36) |
| Black, non-Hispanic | 100.00 | 32.0 (0.74) | 11.8 (0.38) | 7.0 (0.34) | 49.3 (0.78) |
| Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic | 100.00 | 45.0 (1.50) | 7.2 (0.72) | 2.2 (0.34) | 45.6 (1.42) |
| Education | | | | | |
| Less than high school graduate | 100.00 | 33.9 (0.52) | 12.8 (0.36) | 9.7 (0.32) | 43.6 (0.55) |
| GED diploma ⁴ | 100.00 | 17.5 (1.08) | 9.5 (0.80) | 9.1 (0.71) | 63.8 (1.36) |
| High school graduate | 100.00 | 23.0 (0.43) | 10.5 (0.27) | 6.9 (0.25) | 59.6 (0.47) |
| Some college - no degree | 100.00 | 18.1 (0.49) | 7.1 (0.27) | 6.1 (0.24) | 68.6 (0.54) |
| Associate of Arts degree | 100.00 | 16.2 (0.58) | 7.5 (0.39) | 6.4 (0.36) | 70.0 (0.66) |
| Bachelor of Arts, Science degree | 100.00 | 13.9 (0.44) | 5.9 (0.28) | 4.5 (0.25) | 75.7 (0.53) |
| Masters, doctorate, medical degree | 100.00 | 13.5 (0.58) | 6.0 (0.34) | 4.1 (0.32) | 76.4 (0.69) |
| Poverty status | | | | | |
| Below poverty | 100.00 | 33.9 (0.77) | 11.0 (0.46) | 7.6 (0.41) | 47.5 (0.78) |
| Poverty-199% above | 100.00 | 28.3 (0.58) | 11.5 (0.37) | 8.5 (0.33) | 51.7 (0.62) |
| 200–399% above | 100.00 | 19.7 (0.39) | 9.1 (0.27) | 7.1 (0.23) | 64.1 (0.49) |
| 400% or more above | 100.00 | 11.4 (0.30) | 6.3 (0.21) | 5.1 (0.19) | 77.3 (0.39) |
| Marital status | | | | | |
| Never married | 100.00 | 27.6 (0.54) | 4.5 (0.21) | 3.8 (0.20) | 64.1 (0.60) |
| Married | 100.00 | 19.4 (0.30) | 9.5 (0.19) | 7.2 (0.19) | 63.8 (0.36) |
| Cohabiting | 100.00 | 10.0 (0.64) | 6.6 (0.47) | 5.1 (0.44) | 78.4 (0.87) |
| Divorced or separated | 100.00 | 16.6 (0.46) | 10.2 (0.35) | 8.4 (0.33) | 64.7 (0.56) |
| Widowed | 100.00 | 36.8 (0.69) | 15.8 (0.52) | 9.9 (0.42) | 37.4 (0.69) |
| Geographic region | | | | | |
| Northeast | 100.00 | 16.7 (0.41) | 9.2 (0.33) | 5.6 (0.31) | 68.5 (0.58) |
| Midwest | 100.00 | 17.5 (0.53) | 8.9 (0.26) | 6.4 (0.24) | 67.2 (0.58) |
| South | 100.00 | 27.0 (0.44) | 9.6 (0.30) | 7.6 (0.26) | 55.7 (0.55) |
| West | 100.00 | 21.2 (0.50) | 7.6 (0.29) | 6.8 (0.26) | 64.5 (0.52) |
| Place of residence ⁵ | | | | | |
| MSA, central city | 100.00 | 23.4 (0.44) | 8.6 (0.23) | 6.2 (0.21) | 61.8 (0.50) |
| MSA, not central city | 100.00 | 18.5 (0.34) | 8.4 (0.20) | 6.2 (0.19) | 66.9 (0.45) |
| Not MSA | 100.00 | 25.8 (0.56) | 10.7 (0.40) | 8.8 (0.35) | 54.8 (0.62) |

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 1. Percent distribution of lifetime alcohol drinking status for adults 18 years of age and older according to selected characteristics: United States, average annual, 1997–98—ConCRUDE (unadjusted) estimates, with age-adjusted totals. Companion to Advance Data No. 324
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| Selected characteristic | Total | Lifetime alcohol drinking status ¹ | | | |
|---|--------|---|-------------------|----------------|-------------|
| | | Lifetime abstainer | Former infrequent | Former regular | Current |
| Percent distribution (standard error) | | | | | |
| Men | | | | | |
| Ages 18 years and older (crude) ² | 100.00 | 14.2 (0.27) | 7.5 (0.18) | 8.4 (0.20) | 69.9 (0.34) |
| Ages 18 years and older (age-adjusted) ^{2,3} | 100.00 | 14.3 (0.27) | 7.7 (0.19) | 8.9 (0.21) | 69.1 (0.34) |
| Age | | | | | |
| 18–24 years | 100.00 | 27.7 (1.02) | 2.9 (0.38) | 2.2 (0.35) | 67.2 (1.10) |
| 25–44 years | 100.00 | 11.5 (0.35) | 5.9 (0.25) | 5.8 (0.25) | 76.9 (0.46) |
| 45–64 years | 100.00 | 10.8 (0.41) | 9.1 (0.38) | 10.6 (0.40) | 69.6 (0.62) |
| 65–74 years | 100.00 | 14.6 (0.68) | 12.8 (0.63) | 16.1 (0.77) | 56.5 (1.00) |
| 75 years and older | 100.00 | 19.9 (1.05) | 14.2 (0.88) | 20.7 (1.09) | 45.2 (1.29) |
| Race-ethnicity | | | | | |
| Hispanic | 100.00 | 18.7 (0.78) | 7.2 (0.45) | 5.8 (0.43) | 68.2 (0.84) |
| White, non-Hispanic | 100.00 | 11.7 (0.31) | 7.1 (0.21) | 9.0 (0.25) | 72.2 (0.41) |
| Black, non-Hispanic | 100.00 | 22.4 (0.97) | 10.4 (0.61) | 9.0 (0.56) | 58.2 (1.20) |
| Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic | 100.00 | 31.1 (2.16) | 7.1 (1.01) | 2.8 (0.60) | 59.0 (2.17) |
| Education | | | | | |
| Less than high school graduate | 100.00 | 19.8 (0.62) | 11.6 (0.48) | 13.1 (0.51) | 55.5 (0.79) |
| GED diploma ⁴ | 100.00 | 8.7 (1.02) | 8.9 (1.09) | 11.2 (1.13) | 71.2 (1.73) |
| High school graduate | 100.00 | 15.2 (0.57) | 8.2 (0.36) | 9.1 (0.39) | 67.5 (0.64) |
| Some college - no degree | 100.00 | 13.3 (0.61) | 5.5 (0.33) | 7.7 (0.41) | 73.5 (0.76) |
| Associate of Arts degree | 100.00 | 10.7 (0.75) | 5.7 (0.55) | 7.6 (0.62) | 76.0 (0.96) |
| Bachelor of Arts, Science degree | 100.00 | 10.5 (0.52) | 5.3 (0.38) | 4.9 (0.37) | 79.3 (0.66) |
| Masters, doctorate, medical degree | 100.00 | 11.6 (0.76) | 5.3 (0.45) | 4.5 (0.44) | 78.6 (0.88) |
| Poverty status | | | | | |
| Below poverty | 100.00 | 22.7 (1.12) | 9.3 (0.66) | 9.2 (0.71) | 58.9 (1.21) |
| Poverty-199% above | 100.00 | 18.1 (0.69) | 9.9 (0.51) | 11.0 (0.53) | 60.9 (0.86) |
| 200–399% above | 100.00 | 13.6 (0.44) | 8.1 (0.36) | 9.2 (0.35) | 69.1 (0.59) |
| 400% or more above | 100.00 | 8.4 (0.37) | 5.0 (0.25) | 6.1 (0.28) | 80.4 (0.48) |
| Marital status | | | | | |
| Never married | 100.00 | 22.5 (0.70) | 4.1 (0.31) | 4.3 (0.30) | 69.1 (0.81) |
| Married | 100.00 | 12.7 (0.33) | 8.7 (0.24) | 9.3 (0.27) | 69.4 (0.41) |
| Cohabiting | 100.00 | 7.1 (0.77) | 5.0 (0.65) | 5.7 (0.67) | 82.1 (1.18) |
| Divorced or separated | 100.00 | 8.3 (0.55) | 7.1 (0.48) | 11.0 (0.58) | 73.6 (0.89) |
| Widowed | 100.00 | 15.9 (1.14) | 11.7 (0.94) | 19.6 (1.19) | 52.8 (1.57) |
| Geographic region | | | | | |
| Northeast | 100.00 | 10.9 (0.51) | 6.7 (0.37) | 7.2 (0.45) | 75.3 (0.71) |
| Midwest | 100.00 | 12.5 (0.58) | 6.8 (0.32) | 7.5 (0.37) | 73.2 (0.61) |
| South | 100.00 | 17.3 (0.50) | 9.0 (0.36) | 10.0 (0.38) | 63.7 (0.64) |
| West | 100.00 | 14.1 (0.49) | 6.4 (0.36) | 8.0 (0.41) | 71.5 (0.66) |
| Place of residence⁵ | | | | | |
| MSA, central city | 100.00 | 15.2 (0.53) | 7.2 (0.32) | 7.6 (0.31) | 69.9 (0.62) |
| MSA, not central city | 100.00 | 12.6 (0.36) | 6.8 (0.24) | 7.7 (0.28) | 72.8 (0.51) |
| Not MSA | 100.00 | 16.6 (0.64) | 9.2 (0.42) | 11.2 (0.50) | 63.0 (0.73) |

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Table 1. Percent distribution of lifetime alcohol drinking status for adults 18 years of age and older according to selected characteristics: United States, average annual, 1997–98—Con.CRUDE (unadjusted) estimates, with age-adjusted totals. Companion to Advance Data No. 324
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| Selected characteristic | Total | Lifetime alcohol drinking status ¹ | | | |
|---|--------|---|-------------------|----------------|-------------|
| | | Lifetime abstainer | Former infrequent | Former regular | Current |
| Percent distribution (standard error) | | | | | |
| Women | | | | | |
| Ages 18 years and older (crude) ² | 100.00 | 28.1 (0.34) | 10.3 (0.20) | 5.2 (0.16) | 56.4 (0.38) |
| Ages 18 years and older (age-adjusted) ^{2,3} | 100.00 | 28.1 (0.34) | 10.3 (0.19) | 5.2 (0.16) | 56.4 (0.38) |
| Age | | | | | |
| 18–24 years | 100.00 | 37.2 (1.03) | 4.4 (0.40) | 2.8 (0.31) | 55.6 (1.08) |
| 25–44 years | 100.00 | 21.2 (0.41) | 8.3 (0.26) | 4.5 (0.21) | 66.0 (0.48) |
| 45–64 years | 100.00 | 26.4 (0.54) | 12.2 (0.39) | 5.6 (0.28) | 55.8 (0.64) |
| 65–74 years | 100.00 | 36.2 (0.88) | 15.4 (0.62) | 7.3 (0.47) | 41.1 (0.85) |
| 75 years and older | 100.00 | 45.4 (0.98) | 16.8 (0.69) | 8.2 (0.50) | 29.5 (0.85) |
| Race-ethnicity | | | | | |
| Hispanic | 100.00 | 46.4 (0.86) | 8.1 (0.41) | 3.5 (0.28) | 42.0 (0.82) |
| White, non-Hispanic | 100.00 | 22.8 (0.40) | 10.3 (0.24) | 5.5 (0.19) | 61.5 (0.46) |
| Black, non-Hispanic | 100.00 | 39.6 (0.89) | 12.9 (0.55) | 5.4 (0.39) | 42.1 (0.92) |
| Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic | 100.00 | 58.1 (1.92) | 7.3 (0.97) | 1.7 (0.42) | 32.9 (1.84) |
| Education | | | | | |
| Less than high school graduate | 100.00 | 46.7 (0.74) | 13.9 (0.45) | 6.7 (0.34) | 32.7 (0.63) |
| GED diploma ⁴ | 100.00 | 27.5 (1.75) | 10.2 (1.27) | 6.8 (0.93) | 55.4 (1.94) |
| High school graduate | 100.00 | 29.4 (0.56) | 12.3 (0.38) | 5.2 (0.26) | 53.0 (0.61) |
| Some college - no degree | 100.00 | 22.5 (0.68) | 8.7 (0.39) | 4.7 (0.27) | 64.1 (0.72) |
| Associate of Arts degree | 100.00 | 20.8 (0.82) | 9.0 (0.52) | 5.4 (0.47) | 64.9 (0.94) |
| Bachelor of Arts, Science degree | 100.00 | 17.4 (0.62) | 6.4 (0.40) | 4.1 (0.31) | 72.1 (0.77) |
| Masters, doctorate, medical degree | 100.00 | 15.8 (0.85) | 6.9 (0.54) | 3.6 (0.42) | 73.7 (1.03) |
| Poverty status | | | | | |
| Below poverty | 100.00 | 41.1 (0.86) | 12.1 (0.56) | 6.6 (0.44) | 40.2 (0.86) |
| Poverty-199% above | 100.00 | 36.8 (0.79) | 12.8 (0.48) | 6.4 (0.37) | 44.0 (0.77) |
| 200–399% above | 100.00 | 25.7 (0.58) | 10.1 (0.35) | 5.1 (0.27) | 59.1 (0.69) |
| 400% or more above | 100.00 | 14.6 (0.44) | 7.7 (0.33) | 3.9 (0.23) | 73.9 (0.56) |
| Marital status | | | | | |
| Never married | 100.00 | 33.8 (0.77) | 5.0 (0.29) | 3.1 (0.25) | 58.1 (0.80) |
| Married | 100.00 | 26.3 (0.43) | 10.4 (0.27) | 5.1 (0.21) | 58.2 (0.48) |
| Cohabiting | 100.00 | 12.9 (1.01) | 8.2 (0.77) | 4.4 (0.57) | 74.5 (1.27) |
| Divorced or separated | 100.00 | 22.1 (0.63) | 12.3 (0.47) | 6.8 (0.37) | 58.9 (0.72) |
| Widowed | 100.00 | 41.6 (0.78) | 16.8 (0.59) | 7.7 (0.44) | 33.9 (0.74) |
| Geographic region | | | | | |
| Northeast | 100.00 | 21.9 (0.54) | 11.4 (0.44) | 4.3 (0.37) | 62.5 (0.74) |
| Midwest | 100.00 | 22.2 (0.69) | 10.9 (0.40) | 5.3 (0.30) | 61.6 (0.82) |
| South | 100.00 | 36.0 (0.61) | 10.2 (0.36) | 5.4 (0.27) | 48.4 (0.68) |
| West | 100.00 | 27.8 (0.77) | 8.7 (0.37) | 5.6 (0.30) | 57.9 (0.76) |
| Place of residence ⁵ | | | | | |
| MSA, central city | 100.00 | 30.7 (0.57) | 9.9 (0.32) | 4.8 (0.23) | 54.6 (0.63) |
| MSA, not central city | 100.00 | 23.9 (0.46) | 9.9 (0.26) | 4.9 (0.22) | 61.4 (0.58) |
| Not MSA | 100.00 | 34.4 (0.85) | 12.0 (0.54) | 6.5 (0.38) | 47.1 (0.89) |

¹Lifetime alcohol drinking status: Lifetime abstainer is defined as a person who had less than 12 drinks in lifetime; former infrequent is defined as having had 12 or more drinks in lifetime, but less than 12 in 1 year, and none in past year; former regular is defined as having had 12 or more drinks in 1 year but none in past year; current is defined as having had 12 or more drinks in lifetime and 1 or more drinks in past year.²Persons of other races and unknown race and ethnicity, unknown education, unknown poverty status, and unknown marital status are included in the totals.³Age adjusted to the 2000 projected U.S. population using age groups 18–24 years, 25–44 years, 45–64 years, 65–74 years, and 75 years and over.⁴GED is General Educational Development high school equivalency diploma.⁵MSA is metropolitan statistical area (see Technical notes).

NOTE: Denominator for each percent distribution excludes persons with unknown lifetime drinking status.

Table 2. Percent distribution of current alcohol drinking status for adults 18 years of age and older according to selected characteristics: United States, average annual, 1997–98CRUDE (unadjusted) estimates, with age-adjusted totals. Companion to Advance Data No. 324
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| Selected characteristic | Total | Current alcohol drinking status ¹ | | | | |
|---|--------|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|------------|
| | | Nondrinker | Infrequent | Light | Moderate | Heavier |
| Percent distribution (standard error) | | | | | | |
| Both sexes | | | | | | |
| Ages 18 years and older (crude) ² | 100.00 | 37.2 (0.29) | 14.8 (0.16) | 29.4 (0.24) | 13.9 (0.18) | 4.7 (0.10) |
| Ages 18 years and older (age-adjusted) ^{2,3} | 100.00 | 37.6 (0.29) | 14.7 (0.16) | 29.1 (0.24) | 13.8 (0.18) | 4.7 (0.10) |
| Age | | | | | | |
| 18–24 years | 100.00 | 38.6 (0.77) | 12.2 (0.49) | 31.4 (0.71) | 12.7 (0.52) | 5.1 (0.34) |
| 25–44 years | 100.00 | 28.7 (0.35) | 15.9 (0.23) | 35.3 (0.33) | 15.4 (0.27) | 4.9 (0.15) |
| 45–64 years | 100.00 | 37.6 (0.49) | 15.5 (0.32) | 27.5 (0.39) | 14.1 (0.32) | 5.3 (0.18) |
| 65–74 years | 100.00 | 52.0 (0.69) | 13.7 (0.48) | 18.5 (0.57) | 11.9 (0.44) | 3.9 (0.26) |
| 75 years and older | 100.00 | 64.3 (0.74) | 11.8 (0.48) | 13.0 (0.47) | 9.1 (0.45) | 1.8 (0.19) |
| Race-ethnicity | | | | | | |
| Hispanic | 100.00 | 44.7 (0.60) | 13.0 (0.41) | 27.4 (0.56) | 11.2 (0.39) | 3.7 (0.26) |
| White, non-Hispanic | 100.00 | 33.4 (0.36) | 15.3 (0.20) | 31.1 (0.30) | 15.2 (0.22) | 5.1 (0.12) |
| Black, non-Hispanic | 100.00 | 50.7 (0.78) | 13.4 (0.47) | 22.2 (0.59) | 10.0 (0.43) | 3.7 (0.22) |
| Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic | 100.00 | 54.4 (1.42) | 14.2 (0.96) | 23.0 (1.23) | 7.1 (0.70) | 1.4 (0.26) |
| Education | | | | | | |
| Less than high school graduate | 100.00 | 56.4 (0.55) | 12.3 (0.34) | 17.8 (0.42) | 9.0 (0.29) | 4.5 (0.21) |
| GED diploma ⁴ | 100.00 | 36.2 (1.36) | 16.3 (1.05) | 26.2 (1.20) | 13.7 (0.98) | 7.6 (0.73) |
| High school graduate | 100.00 | 40.4 (0.47) | 16.2 (0.34) | 25.8 (0.41) | 12.6 (0.31) | 4.9 (0.19) |
| Some college - no degree | 100.00 | 31.4 (0.54) | 16.0 (0.37) | 32.3 (0.51) | 15.0 (0.37) | 5.3 (0.24) |
| Associate of arts degree | 100.00 | 30.0 (0.66) | 16.5 (0.59) | 34.4 (0.67) | 14.7 (0.51) | 4.4 (0.29) |
| Bachelor of arts, science degree | 100.00 | 24.3 (0.53) | 13.7 (0.37) | 40.0 (0.57) | 18.0 (0.45) | 4.0 (0.23) |
| Masters, doctorate, medical degree | 100.00 | 23.6 (0.69) | 12.5 (0.55) | 40.4 (0.79) | 19.9 (0.69) | 3.7 (0.30) |
| Poverty status | | | | | | |
| Below poverty | 100.00 | 52.5 (0.78) | 11.5 (0.43) | 21.7 (0.57) | 9.6 (0.43) | 4.7 (0.29) |
| Poverty-199% above | 100.00 | 48.3 (0.62) | 14.2 (0.39) | 22.8 (0.46) | 10.1 (0.36) | 4.5 (0.23) |
| 200–399% above | 100.00 | 35.9 (0.49) | 16.5 (0.33) | 29.5 (0.43) | 13.3 (0.31) | 4.8 (0.18) |
| 400% or more above | 100.00 | 22.7 (0.39) | 14.5 (0.28) | 37.8 (0.41) | 19.7 (0.35) | 5.4 (0.19) |
| Marital status | | | | | | |
| Never married | 100.00 | 35.9 (0.60) | 11.8 (0.36) | 30.9 (0.53) | 15.7 (0.41) | 5.7 (0.27) |
| Married | 100.00 | 36.2 (0.36) | 15.9 (0.22) | 30.2 (0.32) | 13.8 (0.24) | 4.0 (0.13) |
| Cohabiting | 100.00 | 21.6 (0.87) | 13.8 (0.70) | 36.8 (1.02) | 18.4 (0.88) | 9.4 (0.62) |
| Divorced or separated | 100.00 | 35.3 (0.56) | 15.5 (0.40) | 28.8 (0.50) | 14.1 (0.38) | 6.4 (0.28) |
| Widowed | 100.00 | 62.6 (0.69) | 13.1 (0.45) | 14.9 (0.53) | 6.6 (0.33) | 2.8 (0.21) |
| Geographic Region | | | | | | |
| Northeast | 100.00 | 31.5 (0.58) | 16.0 (0.45) | 33.2 (0.59) | 15.4 (0.43) | 3.9 (0.21) |
| Midwest | 100.00 | 32.8 (0.58) | 16.4 (0.31) | 31.6 (0.57) | 14.6 (0.35) | 4.7 (0.18) |
| South | 100.00 | 44.3 (0.55) | 13.2 (0.26) | 25.5 (0.39) | 12.2 (0.30) | 4.8 (0.18) |
| West | 100.00 | 35.5 (0.52) | 14.4 (0.36) | 30.0 (0.43) | 14.8 (0.37) | 5.4 (0.25) |
| Place of residence ⁵ | | | | | | |
| MSA, central city | 100.00 | 38.2 (0.50) | 13.7 (0.30) | 28.5 (0.39) | 14.4 (0.35) | 5.3 (0.19) |
| MSA, not central city | 100.00 | 33.1 (0.45) | 15.5 (0.25) | 32.2 (0.37) | 14.7 (0.27) | 4.5 (0.15) |
| Not MSA | 100.00 | 45.2 (0.62) | 14.6 (0.32) | 24.3 (0.49) | 11.5 (0.33) | 4.4 (0.20) |

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Table 2. Percent distribution of current alcohol drinking status for adults 18 years of age and older according to selected characteristics: United States, average annual, 1997–98—Con.CRUDE (unadjusted) estimates, with age-adjusted totals. Companion to Advance Data No. 324
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| Selected characteristic | Total | Current alcohol drinking status ¹ | | | | |
|---|--------|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | | Nondrinker | Infrequent | Light | Moderate | Heavier |
| Percent distribution (standard error) | | | | | | |
| Men | | | | | | |
| Ages 18 years and older (crude) ² | 100.00 | 30.1 (0.34) | 11.3 (0.22) | 30.9 (0.33) | 21.9 (0.30) | 5.8 (0.15) |
| Ages 18 years and older (age-adjusted) ^{2,3} | 100.00 | 30.9 (0.34) | 11.3 (0.22) | 30.3 (0.32) | 21.7 (0.30) | 5.7 (0.15) |
| Age | | | | | | |
| 18–24 years | 100.00 | 32.8 (1.10) | 9.4 (0.66) | 32.1 (1.01) | 19.7 (0.89) | 6.0 (0.55) |
| 25–44 years | 100.00 | 23.1 (0.46) | 11.1 (0.31) | 35.8 (0.49) | 23.9 (0.44) | 6.0 (0.24) |
| 45–64 years | 100.00 | 30.4 (0.62) | 12.6 (0.43) | 28.8 (0.58) | 21.9 (0.54) | 6.4 (0.28) |
| 65–74 years | 100.00 | 43.5 (1.00) | 11.6 (0.69) | 21.1 (0.88) | 18.9 (0.80) | 4.8 (0.41) |
| 75 years and older | 100.00 | 54.8 (1.29) | 10.4 (0.78) | 16.4 (0.90) | 16.4 (0.92) | 2.0 (0.37) |
| Race-ethnicity | | | | | | |
| Hispanic | 100.00 | 31.8 (0.84) | 10.0 (0.47) | 33.9 (0.81) | 18.9 (0.66) | 5.4 (0.42) |
| White, non-Hispanic | 100.00 | 27.8 (0.41) | 11.6 (0.26) | 31.2 (0.40) | 23.3 (0.35) | 6.1 (0.18) |
| Black, non-Hispanic | 100.00 | 41.8 (1.20) | 10.1 (0.63) | 25.6 (0.92) | 17.8 (0.87) | 4.7 (0.35) |
| Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic | 100.00 | 41.0 (2.17) | 13.5 (1.38) | 31.7 (1.96) | 12.0 (1.38) | 1.9 (0.43) |
| Education | | | | | | |
| Less than high school graduate | 100.00 | 44.5 (0.79) | 10.7 (0.45) | 22.3 (0.64) | 15.5 (0.52) | 7.0 (0.38) |
| GED diploma ⁴ | 100.00 | 28.8 (1.73) | 12.2 (1.24) | 28.8 (1.66) | 20.4 (1.62) | 9.8 (1.13) |
| High school graduate | 100.00 | 32.5 (0.64) | 12.1 (0.45) | 27.9 (0.59) | 21.0 (0.61) | 6.5 (0.33) |
| Some college - no degree | 100.00 | 26.5 (0.76) | 11.9 (0.51) | 32.3 (0.75) | 23.0 (0.64) | 6.3 (0.38) |
| Associate of arts degree | 100.00 | 24.0 (0.96) | 11.7 (0.76) | 35.5 (1.03) | 24.1 (0.97) | 4.9 (0.44) |
| Bachelor of arts, science degree | 100.00 | 20.7 (0.66) | 10.4 (0.51) | 39.1 (0.77) | 26.2 (0.68) | 3.6 (0.31) |
| Masters, doctorate, medical degree | 100.00 | 21.4 (0.88) | 9.8 (0.66) | 38.5 (1.10) | 27.3 (1.03) | 3.0 (0.39) |
| Poverty status | | | | | | |
| Below poverty | 100.00 | 41.1 (1.21) | 9.2 (0.62) | 25.8 (0.96) | 17.3 (0.82) | 6.6 (0.56) |
| Poverty-199% above | 100.00 | 39.1 (0.86) | 10.9 (0.56) | 25.9 (0.72) | 17.5 (0.67) | 6.7 (0.39) |
| 200–399% above | 100.00 | 30.9 (0.59) | 11.5 (0.41) | 30.8 (0.62) | 20.6 (0.50) | 6.3 (0.32) |
| 400% or more above | 100.00 | 19.6 (0.48) | 10.7 (0.38) | 36.3 (0.56) | 28.0 (0.56) | 5.4 (0.26) |
| Marital status | | | | | | |
| Never married | 100.00 | 30.9 (0.81) | 9.1 (0.46) | 30.7 (0.71) | 22.6 (0.62) | 6.7 (0.41) |
| Married | 100.00 | 30.6 (0.41) | 12.3 (0.29) | 31.6 (0.43) | 20.9 (0.37) | 4.6 (0.18) |
| Cohabiting | 100.00 | 17.9 (1.18) | 11.4 (0.93) | 32.2 (1.45) | 27.6 (1.49) | 10.9 (0.95) |
| Divorced or separated | 100.00 | 26.4 (0.89) | 10.1 (0.56) | 28.8 (0.86) | 25.5 (0.75) | 9.1 (0.53) |
| Widowed | 100.00 | 47.2 (1.57) | 10.3 (0.95) | 20.0 (1.22) | 17.2 (1.13) | 5.3 (0.66) |
| Geographic Region | | | | | | |
| Northeast | 100.00 | 24.7 (0.71) | 12.1 (0.56) | 34.4 (0.83) | 24.3 (0.75) | 4.4 (0.32) |
| Midwest | 100.00 | 26.8 (0.61) | 12.5 (0.40) | 32.0 (0.71) | 22.7 (0.60) | 6.0 (0.28) |
| South | 100.00 | 36.3 (0.64) | 10.2 (0.37) | 27.7 (0.50) | 19.7 (0.48) | 6.1 (0.28) |
| West | 100.00 | 28.5 (0.66) | 10.9 (0.53) | 32.0 (0.68) | 22.5 (0.58) | 6.2 (0.31) |
| Place of residence⁵ | | | | | | |
| MSA, central city | 100.00 | 30.1 (0.62) | 10.3 (0.37) | 30.2 (0.55) | 22.9 (0.57) | 6.4 (0.28) |
| MSA, not central city | 100.00 | 27.2 (0.51) | 11.7 (0.33) | 33.1 (0.48) | 22.6 (0.44) | 5.4 (0.23) |
| Not MSA | 100.00 | 37.0 (0.73) | 11.7 (0.46) | 26.7 (0.67) | 18.7 (0.54) | 5.9 (0.31) |

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Table 2. Percent distribution of current alcohol drinking status for adults 18 years of age and older according to selected characteristics: United States, average annual, 1997–98—Con.CRUDE (unadjusted) estimates, with age-adjusted totals. Companion to Advance Data No. 324
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| Selected characteristic | Total | Current alcohol drinking status ¹ | | | | |
|---|--------|--|-------------|-------------|-------------|-------------|
| | | Nondrinker | Infrequent | Light | Moderate | Heavier |
| Percent distribution (standard error) | | | | | | |
| Women | | | | | | |
| Ages 18 years and older (crude) ² | 100.00 | 43.6 (0.38) | 18.0 (0.23) | 28.1 (0.32) | 6.6 (0.16) | 3.7 (0.13) |
| Ages 18 years and older (age-adjusted) ^{2,3} | 100.00 | 43.6 (0.38) | 18.0 (0.23) | 28.1 (0.32) | 6.6 (0.16) | 3.8 (0.13) |
| Age | | | | | | |
| 18–24 years | 100.00 | 44.4 (1.08) | 14.9 (0.72) | 30.8 (0.94) | 5.7 (0.48) | 4.2 (0.36) |
| 25–44 years | 100.00 | 34.0 (0.48) | 20.4 (0.36) | 34.7 (0.45) | 7.1 (0.24) | 3.8 (0.19) |
| 45–64 years | 100.00 | 44.2 (0.64) | 18.2 (0.44) | 26.3 (0.52) | 6.9 (0.28) | 4.3 (0.22) |
| 65–74 years | 100.00 | 58.9 (0.85) | 15.4 (0.61) | 16.3 (0.69) | 6.3 (0.40) | 3.2 (0.34) |
| 75 years and older | 100.00 | 70.5 (0.85) | 12.7 (0.60) | 10.8 (0.54) | 4.5 (0.38) | 1.6 (0.22) |
| Race-ethnicity | | | | | | |
| Hispanic | 100.00 | 58.0 (0.82) | 16.1 (0.62) | 20.7 (0.63) | 3.2 (0.29) | 2.0 (0.22) |
| White, non-Hispanic | 100.00 | 38.5 (0.46) | 18.7 (0.29) | 31.0 (0.39) | 7.7 (0.20) | 4.2 (0.16) |
| Black, non-Hispanic | 100.00 | 57.9 (0.92) | 16.1 (0.63) | 19.4 (0.69) | 3.7 (0.33) | 2.9 (0.28) |
| Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic | 100.00 | 67.1 (1.84) | 14.8 (1.31) | 14.7 (1.43) | 2.4 (0.56) | *0.9 (0.28) |
| Education | | | | | | |
| Less than high school graduate | 100.00 | 67.3 (0.63) | 13.8 (0.51) | 13.7 (0.47) | 2.9 (0.24) | 2.3 (0.19) |
| GED Diploma ⁴ | 100.00 | 44.6 (1.94) | 20.9 (1.66) | 23.2 (1.51) | 6.2 (0.88) | 5.1 (0.86) |
| High school graduate | 100.00 | 47.0 (0.61) | 19.6 (0.46) | 24.1 (0.53) | 5.7 (0.25) | 3.6 (0.22) |
| Some college - no degree | 100.00 | 35.9 (0.72) | 19.7 (0.53) | 32.4 (0.68) | 7.7 (0.40) | 4.4 (0.30) |
| Associate of arts degree | 100.00 | 35.1 (0.94) | 20.5 (0.83) | 33.5 (0.97) | 6.9 (0.49) | 4.0 (0.41) |
| Bachelor of arts, science degree | 100.00 | 27.9 (0.77) | 17.1 (0.59) | 40.9 (0.84) | 9.8 (0.46) | 4.4 (0.32) |
| Masters, doctorate, medical degree | 100.00 | 26.3 (1.03) | 16.0 (0.90) | 42.7 (1.10) | 10.6 (0.76) | 4.5 (0.44) |
| Poverty status | | | | | | |
| Below poverty | 100.00 | 59.8 (0.86) | 13.0 (0.56) | 19.0 (0.66) | 4.7 (0.35) | 3.5 (0.30) |
| Poverty-199% above | 100.00 | 56.0 (0.77) | 16.9 (0.53) | 20.3 (0.57) | 4.0 (0.30) | 2.8 (0.24) |
| 200–399% above | 100.00 | 40.9 (0.69) | 21.3 (0.52) | 28.2 (0.57) | 6.2 (0.29) | 3.4 (0.20) |
| 400% or more above | 100.00 | 26.1 (0.56) | 18.7 (0.48) | 39.5 (0.58) | 10.4 (0.36) | 5.3 (0.29) |
| Marital status | | | | | | |
| Never married | 100.00 | 41.9 (0.80) | 15.0 (0.53) | 31.1 (0.74) | 7.5 (0.42) | 4.4 (0.30) |
| Married | 100.00 | 41.8 (0.48) | 19.6 (0.33) | 28.7 (0.40) | 6.6 (0.21) | 3.3 (0.17) |
| Cohabiting | 100.00 | 25.5 (1.27) | 16.4 (1.04) | 41.6 (1.41) | 8.7 (0.76) | 7.8 (0.76) |
| Divorced or separated | 100.00 | 41.1 (0.72) | 19.1 (0.56) | 28.7 (0.62) | 6.5 (0.36) | 4.6 (0.29) |
| Widowed | 100.00 | 66.1 (0.74) | 13.7 (0.51) | 13.8 (0.56) | 4.2 (0.29) | 2.2 (0.21) |
| Geographic region | | | | | | |
| Northeast | 100.00 | 37.5 (0.74) | 19.4 (0.55) | 32.0 (0.72) | 7.5 (0.35) | 3.5 (0.25) |
| Midwest | 100.00 | 38.4 (0.82) | 19.9 (0.46) | 31.2 (0.76) | 7.0 (0.32) | 3.5 (0.24) |
| South | 100.00 | 51.6 (0.68) | 15.9 (0.37) | 23.6 (0.50) | 5.3 (0.26) | 3.6 (0.21) |
| West | 100.00 | 42.1 (0.76) | 17.7 (0.53) | 28.1 (0.60) | 7.5 (0.35) | 4.6 (0.37) |
| Place of residence ⁵ | | | | | | |
| MSA, central city | 100.00 | 45.4 (0.63) | 16.7 (0.42) | 26.9 (0.51) | 6.7 (0.29) | 4.2 (0.22) |
| MSA, not central city | 100.00 | 38.6 (0.58) | 19.1 (0.34) | 31.3 (0.47) | 7.3 (0.24) | 3.7 (0.18) |
| Not MSA | 100.00 | 52.9 (0.89) | 17.2 (0.42) | 22.1 (0.67) | 4.7 (0.28) | 3.0 (0.24) |

* Figure does not meet standards of reliability or precision (see Technical notes.)

¹Current alcohol drinking status: Nondrinker is defined as a person who had no drinks in past year (includes both former drinkers and lifetime abstainers); infrequent is defined as having had 12 or more drinks in lifetime and 1–11 drinks in past year; light is defined as having had 12 or more drinks in lifetime, at least 12 drinks in the past year, and 3 drinks or fewer per week, on average; moderate is defined as having had more than 3 drinks per week up to 14 drinks per week (for men) and more than 3 drinks per week up to 7 drinks per week (for women), on average; heavier is defined as having had more than 14 drinks per week (for men), and more than 7 drinks per week (for women), on average.²Persons of other races and unknown race and ethnicity, unknown education, unknown poverty status, and unknown marital status are included in the total.³Age adjusted to the 2000 projected U.S. population using age groups 18–24 years, 25–44 years, 45–64 years, 65–74 years, and 75 years and over.⁴GED is General Educational Development high school equivalency diploma.⁵MSA is metropolitan statistical area (see Technical Notes)

NOTE: Denominator for each percent distribution excludes persons with unknown lifetime and unknown current drinking status.

Table 3. Percent of adults 18 years of age and older who had five or more drinks in a day at least once in the past year and percent of adults 18 years of age and older who had five or more drinks in a day on at least 12 days in the past year, by selected characteristics: United States, average annual, 1997–98CRUDE (unadjusted) estimates, with age-adjusted totals. Companion to Advance Data No. 324
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| Selected characteristic | 5 or more drinks in a day at least once | | | 5 or more drinks in a day on at least 12 days | | |
|---|---|-------------|-------------|---|-------------|-------------|
| | Both sexes | Men | Women | Both sexes | Men | Women |
| | Percent of adults (standard error) | | | | | |
| Ages 18 years and older (crude) ¹ | 20.9 (0.25) | 30.9 (0.37) | 11.8 (0.24) | 9.3 (0.16) | 15.5 (0.27) | 3.7 (0.13) |
| Ages 18 years and older (age-adjusted) ^{1,2} | 20.5 (0.23) | 29.8 (0.35) | 11.9 (0.23) | 9.2 (0.15) | 15.0 (0.25) | 3.7 (0.12) |
| Age | | | | | | |
| 18–24 years | 31.8 (0.80) | 40.9 (1.22) | 22.7 (0.93) | 15.3 (0.61) | 23.0 (1.04) | 7.6 (0.54) |
| 25–44 years | 27.6 (0.35) | 39.3 (0.51) | 16.5 (0.38) | 11.9 (0.25) | 19.3 (0.42) | 4.8 (0.20) |
| 45–64 years | 15.4 (0.33) | 24.7 (0.58) | 6.9 (0.27) | 7.1 (0.22) | 12.1 (0.41) | 2.5 (0.17) |
| 65–74 years | 6.1 (0.33) | 11.3 (0.65) | 2.0 (0.25) | 2.8 (0.23) | 5.5 (0.49) | 0.6 (0.13) |
| 75 years and older | 2.2 (0.21) | 4.6 (0.52) | 0.7 (0.15) | 1.1 (0.14) | 2.3 (0.37) | *0.3 (0.09) |
| Race-ethnicity | | | | | | |
| Hispanic | 21.5 (0.60) | 33.5 (0.99) | 9.2 (0.44) | 12.0 (0.46) | 20.2 (0.84) | 3.6 (0.26) |
| White, non-Hispanic | 22.4 (0.30) | 32.5 (0.46) | 13.2 (0.30) | 9.6 (0.18) | 15.7 (0.30) | 3.9 (0.15) |
| Black, non-Hispanic | 12.5 (0.48) | 19.9 (0.87) | 6.6 (0.43) | 6.7 (0.37) | 11.4 (0.67) | 3.0 (0.33) |
| Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic | 10.9 (1.12) | 17.3 (1.80) | 4.9 (0.86) | 4.1 (0.68) | 6.9 (1.20) | *1.5 (0.54) |
| Education | | | | | | |
| Less than high school graduate | 15.9 (0.44) | 25.2 (0.74) | 7.5 (0.35) | 9.4 (0.35) | 16.1 (0.67) | 3.4 (0.23) |
| GED diploma ³ | 28.6 (1.34) | 39.0 (2.02) | 17.0 (1.41) | 15.9 (1.07) | 23.3 (1.61) | 7.7 (1.00) |
| High school graduate | 19.5 (0.37) | 30.6 (0.68) | 10.6 (0.35) | 9.5 (0.28) | 16.9 (0.57) | 3.5 (0.22) |
| Some college, no degree | 24.9 (0.49) | 35.3 (0.75) | 15.4 (0.57) | 10.8 (0.38) | 17.5 (0.60) | 4.7 (0.34) |
| Associate of Arts degree | 23.3 (0.64) | 35.6 (1.17) | 13.1 (0.65) | 9.5 (0.45) | 16.2 (0.91) | 3.9 (0.39) |
| Bachelor of Arts, Science degree | 23.8 (0.50) | 33.2 (0.77) | 14.6 (0.56) | 7.8 (0.32) | 12.5 (0.57) | 3.3 (0.28) |
| Masters, doctorate, medical degree | 17.5 (0.60) | 23.2 (0.84) | 10.4 (0.70) | 5.3 (0.35) | 8.2 (0.58) | 1.8 (0.31) |
| Poverty status | | | | | | |
| Below poverty | 19.5 (0.69) | 31.2 (1.12) | 12.2 (0.67) | 10.7 (0.51) | 18.7 (0.92) | 5.7 (0.44) |
| Poverty-199% above | 19.0 (0.53) | 29.3 (0.89) | 10.6 (0.51) | 10.0 (0.41) | 17.6 (0.74) | 3.8 (0.30) |
| 200–399% above | 22.4 (0.38) | 32.1 (0.60) | 12.9 (0.40) | 10.0 (0.27) | 16.1 (0.48) | 4.1 (0.22) |
| 400% or more above | 25.8 (0.40) | 35.7 (0.60) | 14.8 (0.45) | 9.9 (0.27) | 15.7 (0.45) | 3.6 (0.23) |
| Marital status | | | | | | |
| Never married | 30.4 (0.60) | 39.4 (0.85) | 19.8 (0.72) | 15.2 (0.47) | 22.1 (0.74) | 7.0 (0.43) |
| Married | 18.1 (0.25) | 26.4 (0.41) | 9.8 (0.27) | 7.2 (0.17) | 11.9 (0.31) | 2.6 (0.13) |
| Cohabiting | 38.8 (1.05) | 48.5 (1.48) | 28.9 (1.33) | 18.7 (0.84) | 27.1 (1.35) | 10.1 (0.85) |
| Divorced or separated | 22.2 (0.50) | 37.4 (0.97) | 12.4 (0.48) | 11.4 (0.38) | 21.9 (0.81) | 4.6 (0.29) |
| Widowed | 4.5 (0.28) | 13.2 (1.01) | 2.6 (0.24) | 2.1 (0.20) | 7.3 (0.78) | 1.0 (0.16) |
| Geographic region | | | | | | |
| Northeast | 21.0 (0.63) | 31.7 (0.90) | 11.7 (0.55) | 8.4 (0.36) | 14.1 (0.63) | 3.5 (0.27) |
| Midwest | 24.3 (0.49) | 34.7 (0.72) | 14.7 (0.59) | 10.7 (0.33) | 17.4 (0.51) | 4.6 (0.29) |
| South | 17.8 (0.40) | 26.9 (0.65) | 9.6 (0.35) | 8.9 (0.28) | 14.7 (0.46) | 3.5 (0.20) |
| West | 21.9 (0.46) | 32.4 (0.67) | 12.2 (0.50) | 9.3 (0.34) | 16.0 (0.58) | 3.1 (0.24) |
| Place of residence ⁴ | | | | | | |
| MSA, central city | 20.5 (0.40) | 30.7 (0.59) | 11.5 (0.43) | 10.0 (0.27) | 16.7 (0.48) | 4.1 (0.22) |
| MSA, not central city | 21.5 (0.37) | 31.3 (0.53) | 12.4 (0.33) | 8.7 (0.22) | 14.6 (0.37) | 3.4 (0.16) |
| Not MSA | 19.9 (0.57) | 30.0 (0.93) | 10.7 (0.52) | 9.8 (0.37) | 16.2 (0.62) | 3.9 (0.31) |

* Figure does not meet standards of reliability or precision (see Technical notes.)

¹Persons of other races and unknown race and ethnicity, unknown education, unknown poverty status, and unknown marital status are included in the total.²Age adjusted to the 2000 projected U.S. population using age groups 18–24 years, 25–44 years, 45–64 years, 65–74 years, and 75 years and over.³GED is General Educational Development high school equivalency diploma.⁴MSA is metropolitan statistical area (see Technical notes).

NOTES: Question was asked only of current drinkers, but prevalence shown here as percent of all adults. Denominator for each cell excludes persons with unknown lifetime drinking status and/or unknown five or more drinks in 1 day.

Table 4. Percent of current drinkers 18 years of age and older who had five or more drinks in a day at least once in the past year and percent who had five or more drinks in a day on at least 12 days in the past year, by selected characteristics: United States, average annual, 1997–98CRUDE (unadjusted) estimates, with age-adjusted totals. Companion to Advance Data No. 324
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| Selected characteristic | 5 or more drinks in a day at least once | | | 5 or more drinks in a day on at least 12 days | | |
|---|--|-------------|-------------|---|-------------|-------------|
| | Current drinkers | Men | Women | Current drinkers | Men | Women |
| | Percent of current drinkers (standard error) | | | | | |
| Ages 18 years and older (crude) ¹ | 33.5 (0.35) | 44.6 (0.46) | 21.0 (0.40) | 15.0 (0.25) | 22.4 (0.36) | 6.6 (0.22) |
| Ages 18 years and older (age-adjusted) ^{1,2} | 31.5 (0.31) | 42.0 (0.44) | 19.7 (0.36) | 14.2 (0.22) | 21.2 (0.33) | 6.3 (0.21) |
| Age | | | | | | |
| 18–24 years | 52.4 (1.05) | 61.8 (1.39) | 41.2 (1.42) | 25.2 (0.94) | 34.7 (1.42) | 13.8 (0.93) |
| 25–44 years | 39.0 (0.44) | 51.5 (0.60) | 25.1 (0.55) | 16.8 (0.34) | 25.3 (0.52) | 7.4 (0.31) |
| 45–64 years | 24.9 (0.48) | 35.8 (0.76) | 12.4 (0.47) | 11.4 (0.34) | 17.5 (0.56) | 4.5 (0.30) |
| 65–74 years | 12.9 (0.67) | 20.1 (1.08) | 5.0 (0.61) | 5.8 (0.48) | 9.9 (0.84) | 1.4 (0.31) |
| 75 years and older | 6.3 (0.59) | 10.3 (1.12) | 2.4 (0.49) | 3.0 (0.41) | 5.0 (0.81) | 1.1 (0.32) |
| Race-ethnicity | | | | | | |
| Hispanic | 39.2 (0.92) | 49.6 (1.23) | 22.1 (0.97) | 21.8 (0.78) | 29.8 (1.12) | 8.7 (0.62) |
| White, non-Hispanic | 33.9 (0.40) | 45.4 (0.54) | 21.6 (0.46) | 14.4 (0.26) | 22.0 (0.38) | 6.4 (0.24) |
| Black, non-Hispanic | 25.8 (0.95) | 34.9 (1.46) | 16.0 (0.99) | 13.8 (0.76) | 19.9 (1.14) | 7.2 (0.77) |
| Asian/Pacific Islander, non-Hispanic | 24.1 (2.20) | 29.5 (2.69) | 15.0 (2.36) | 9.1 (1.40) | 11.7 (1.90) | *4.6 (1.55) |
| Education | | | | | | |
| Less than high school graduate | 37.2 (0.81) | 46.3 (1.08) | 23.3 (0.99) | 22.1 (0.72) | 29.6 (1.07) | 10.7 (0.68) |
| GED diploma ³ | 45.2 (1.84) | 55.5 (2.51) | 30.8 (2.34) | 25.2 (1.56) | 33.2 (2.09) | 14.0 (1.78) |
| High school graduate | 33.1 (0.56) | 45.9 (0.86) | 20.1 (0.62) | 16.2 (0.44) | 25.4 (0.77) | 6.7 (0.40) |
| Some college, no degree | 36.5 (0.67) | 48.5 (0.95) | 24.1 (0.82) | 15.8 (0.54) | 24.0 (0.81) | 7.4 (0.52) |
| Associate of Arts degree | 33.5 (0.83) | 47.0 (1.40) | 20.3 (0.94) | 13.6 (0.62) | 21.4 (1.14) | 6.0 (0.60) |
| Bachelor of Arts, Science degree | 31.6 (0.63) | 42.0 (0.95) | 20.2 (0.75) | 10.4 (0.42) | 15.8 (0.72) | 4.5 (0.39) |
| Masters, doctorate, medical degree | 22.9 (0.77) | 29.5 (1.07) | 14.1 (0.93) | 7.0 (0.45) | 10.4 (0.73) | 2.5 (0.41) |
| Poverty status | | | | | | |
| Below poverty | 41.8 (1.15) | 53.9 (1.55) | 30.8 (1.45) | 23.0 (0.96) | 32.3 (1.47) | 14.3 (1.03) |
| Poverty-199% above | 37.1 (0.86) | 48.7 (1.20) | 24.2 (1.05) | 19.6 (0.72) | 29.2 (1.08) | 8.7 (0.66) |
| 200–399% above | 35.1 (0.55) | 46.8 (0.78) | 22.0 (0.65) | 15.7 (0.41) | 23.5 (0.66) | 6.9 (0.37) |
| 400% or more above | 33.4 (0.48) | 44.5 (0.69) | 20.1 (0.59) | 12.9 (0.34) | 19.6 (0.54) | 4.9 (0.32) |
| Marital status | | | | | | |
| Never married | 48.0 (0.77) | 57.8 (0.96) | 34.4 (1.05) | 24.0 (0.69) | 32.4 (0.97) | 12.2 (0.71) |
| Married | 28.6 (0.37) | 38.4 (0.53) | 16.9 (0.45) | 11.4 (0.26) | 17.2 (0.43) | 4.5 (0.23) |
| Cohabiting | 49.9 (1.18) | 59.5 (1.58) | 39.0 (1.65) | 24.0 (1.05) | 33.2 (1.60) | 13.6 (1.13) |
| Divorced or separated | 34.6 (0.69) | 51.5 (1.08) | 21.1 (0.82) | 17.8 (0.56) | 30.1 (1.00) | 7.9 (0.50) |
| Widowed | 12.1 (0.72) | 25.3 (1.79) | 7.6 (0.70) | 5.8 (0.51) | 14.1 (1.47) | 2.9 (0.46) |
| Geographic region | | | | | | |
| Northeast | 30.8 (0.87) | 42.5 (1.09) | 18.8 (0.84) | 12.4 (0.52) | 18.9 (0.79) | 5.6 (0.42) |
| Midwest | 36.4 (0.66) | 47.8 (0.88) | 24.0 (0.89) | 16.1 (0.46) | 24.0 (0.67) | 7.5 (0.47) |
| South | 32.3 (0.60) | 42.5 (0.84) | 19.9 (0.65) | 16.0 (0.48) | 23.3 (0.67) | 7.3 (0.42) |
| West | 34.3 (0.63) | 45.7 (0.86) | 21.3 (0.81) | 14.6 (0.47) | 22.6 (0.74) | 5.5 (0.40) |
| Place of residence ⁴ | | | | | | |
| MSA, central city | 33.5 (0.59) | 44.3 (0.76) | 21.3 (0.75) | 16.3 (0.42) | 24.1 (0.64) | 7.6 (0.40) |
| MSA, not central city | 32.3 (0.48) | 43.3 (0.62) | 20.3 (0.50) | 13.2 (0.32) | 20.2 (0.48) | 5.5 (0.26) |
| Not MSA | 36.9 (0.88) | 48.3 (1.16) | 22.9 (0.97) | 18.1 (0.62) | 26.1 (0.86) | 8.4 (0.62) |

* Figure does not meet standards of reliability or precision (see Technical notes.)

¹Persons of other races and unknown race and ethnicity, unknown education, unknown poverty status, and unknown marital status are included in the total.²Age adjusted to the 2000 projected U.S. population using age groups 18–24 years, 25–44 years, 45–64 years, 65–74 years, and 75 years and over.³GED is General Educational Development high school equivalency diploma.⁴MSA is metropolitan statistical area (see Technical notes).

NOTE: Denominator for each cell excludes persons with unknown lifetime drinking status, nondrinkers, and current drinkers with unknown five or more drinks in 1 day.

Table X. Number of adults 18 years of age and older, by selected characteristics: United States, average annual, 1997–98

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| Selected characteristic | Both sexes | Men | Women |
|---|------------|---------------------|---------|
| | | Number in thousands | |
| Total ¹ | 196,290 | 94,187 | 102,103 |
| Age | | | |
| 18–24 years | 25,213 | 12,659 | 12,554 |
| 25–44 years | 83,180 | 40,997 | 42,184 |
| 45–64 years | 55,783 | 26,996 | 28,786 |
| 65–74 years | 18,096 | 8,094 | 10,002 |
| 75 years and older | 14,018 | 5,441 | 8,577 |
| Race-ethnicity | | | |
| Hispanic | 19,624 | 9,990 | 9,634 |
| White non-Hispanic | 147,133 | 70,803 | 76,329 |
| Black non-Hispanic | 21,814 | 9,697 | 12,117 |
| Asian/Pacific Islander non-Hispanic | 6,170 | 3,001 | 3,169 |
| Education | | | |
| Less than high school graduate | 36,869 | 17,632 | 19,237 |
| GED diploma ² | 4,961 | 2,643 | 2,318 |
| High school graduate | 54,100 | 24,506 | 29,593 |
| Some college - no degree | 37,985 | 18,270 | 19,715 |
| Associate of Arts degree | 17,208 | 7,853 | 9,354 |
| Bachelor of Arts, Science degree | 28,758 | 14,357 | 14,401 |
| Masters, doctorate, medical degree | 14,681 | 8,147 | 6,534 |
| Poverty status | | | |
| Below poverty | 18,963 | 7,421 | 11,542 |
| Poverty-199% above | 28,596 | 12,972 | 15,624 |
| 200–399% above | 52,165 | 25,784 | 26,381 |
| 400% or more above | 58,036 | 30,564 | 27,472 |
| Marital status | | | |
| Never married | 36,462 | 19,912 | 16,550 |
| Married | 116,211 | 58,598 | 57,613 |
| Cohabiting | 9,584 | 4,943 | 4,641 |
| Divorced or separated | 19,890 | 7,941 | 11,949 |
| Widowed | 13,388 | 2,466 | 10,922 |
| Geographic region | | | |
| Northeast | 39,221 | 18,371 | 20,850 |
| Midwest | 49,781 | 24,066 | 25,715 |
| South | 69,991 | 33,655 | 36,336 |
| West | 37,297 | 18,095 | 19,201 |
| Place of residence ³ | | | |
| MSA, central city | 56,987 | 26,853 | 30,133 |
| MSA, not central city | 97,672 | 47,175 | 50,498 |
| Not MSA | 41,631 | 20,159 | 21,472 |

¹Persons of other races and unknown race and ethnicity, unknown education, unknown poverty status, and unknown marital status are included in the total but not shown separately.²GED is General Educational Development high school equivalency diploma.³MSA is metropolitan statistical area.

NOTE: Population estimates were calculated using the 1997–98 National Health Interview Survey and can be used in conjunction with the unadjusted statistics to calculate the number of persons in each category shown in tables 1–4.