

Table 3.91

Prevalence of heavy alcohol use in the past 30 days among military personnel

By branch of service, United States, selected years 1980-2002

	1980	1982	1985	1988	1992	1995	1998	2002
Total	20.8%	24.1%	23.0%	17.2%	15.5%	17.4%	15.4%	18.1%
Army	20.3	24.7	25.5	19.7	17.7	18.4	17.2	18.8
Navy	25.6	27.7	25.0	14.7	14.2	19.1	13.5	18.3
Marine Corps	28.6	30.6	29.4	24.4	26.0	28.6	23.0	27.7
Air Force	14.3	17.7	16.5	14.5	10.6	10.4	11.7	12.3

Note: See Note, table 3.89. "Heavy alcohol use" was defined as consumption of five or more drinks on the same occasion at least once a week in the past 30 days. The method for computing drinking levels (including heavy alcohol use) was revised in 1998. Heavy alcohol use estimates made after 1995 take into account 32- and 40-ounce containers. Estimates for heavy alcohol use prior to 1998 did not take into account 40-ounce containers therefore the 1998 and 2002 estimates are not directly comparable to previous years.

Source: Robert M. Bray et al., *2002 Department of Defense Survey of Health Related Behaviors Among Military Personnel* [Online], p. 4-5. Available: <http://www.tricare.osd.mil/main/news/2002wwfinalreport.pdf> [July 30, 2004]. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.