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

By branch of service, United States, selected years 1980-2005

| | 1980 | 1982 | 1985 | 1988 | 1992 | 1995 | 1998 | 2002 | 2005 |
|--------------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|-------|
| Total | 20.8% | 24.1% | 23.0% | 17.2% | 15.5% | 17.4% | 15.4% | 18.1% | 18.5% |
| Army | 20.3 | 24.7 | 25.5 | 19.7 | 17.7 | 18.4 | 17.2 | 18.8 | 24.5 |
| Navy | 25.6 | 27.7 | 25.0 | 14.7 | 14.2 | 19.1 | 13.5 | 18.3 | 17.0 |
| Marine Corps | 28.6 | 30.6 | 29.4 | 24.4 | 26.0 | 28.6 | 23.0 | 27.7 | 25.4 |
| Air Force | 14.3 | 17.7 | 16.5 | 14.5 | 10.6 | 10.4 | 11.7 | 12.3 | 10.3 |

Note: See Note, [table 3.89.2005](#). "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 modified slightly to take into account information about consumption of beer in 32-ounce containers in the 1985 to 1995 surveys and consumption of beer in 32- and 40-ounce containers in the 1998 and subsequent surveys. No changes were made to the method for the 1980 and 1982 surveys. Therefore, the 1998 and subsequent surveys are not directly comparable to previous years, and the 1985 to 1995 estimates are not directly comparable to previous years.

Source: Robert M. Bray et al., *2005 Department of Defense Survey of Health Related Behaviors Among Active Duty Military Personnel*, p. 70 [Online]. Available: http://www.ha.osd.mil/special_reports/2005_Health_Behaviors_Survey_1-07.pdf [May 22, 2007]. Table adapted by SOURCEBOOK staff.