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Reported alcohol use

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2005

Question: "Do you have occasion to use alcoholic beverages such as liquor, wine or beer, or are you a total abstainer?"

	Yes	No, total abstainer
National	63%	37%
Sex		
Male	63	37
Female	64	36
Race		
White	66	34
Nonwhite	55	45
Black	50	50
Age		
18 to 29 years	66	34
30 to 49 years	68	32
50 to 64 years	63	37
50 years and older	57	43
65 years and older	48	52
Education		
College post graduate	72	28
College graduate	80	20
Some college	63	37
High school graduate or less	53	47
Income		
\$75,000 and over	75	25
\$50,000 to \$74,999	71	29
\$30,000 to \$49,999	66	34
\$20,000 to \$29,999	52	48
Under \$20,000	40	60
Community		
Urban area	69	31
Suburban area	65	35
Rural area	52	48
Region		
East	69	31
Midwest	66	34
South	56	44
West	64	36
Politics		
Republican	60	40
Democrat	66	34
Independent	67	33

Note: See Note, [table 3.95.2005](#). The "don't know/refused" category has been omitted; therefore percents may not sum to 100. For a discussion of public opinion survey sampling procedures, see [Appendix 5](#).

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