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Reported alcohol use

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2006

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	64%	36%
Sex		
Male	70	30
Female	59	41
Race		
White	67	33
Nonwhite	56	44
Black	43	57
Age		
18 to 29 years	56	43
30 to 49 years	72	28
50 to 64 years	68	32
50 years and older	61	39
65 years and older	50	50
Education		
College post graduate	79	21
College graduate	79	21
Some college	65	35
High school graduate or less	50	49
Income		
\$75,000 and over	82	18
\$50,000 to \$74,999	69	31
\$30,000 to \$49,999	58	42
\$20,000 to \$29,999	57	43
Under \$20,000	32	68
Community		
Urban area	69	31
Suburban area	66	34
Rural area	53	46
Region		
East	72	28
Midwest	60	39
South	56	44
West	71	29
Politics		
Republican	62	38
Democrat	64	36
Independent	67	33
Ideology		
Conservative	56	44
Moderate	68	32
Liberal	75	25

Note: See Note, [table 3.95.2006](#). 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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