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### Reported alcohol use

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2008

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	62%	38%
<u>Sex</u>		
Male	61	38
Female	62	37
<u>Race</u>		
White	65	35
Nonwhite	54	46
Black	53	47
<u>Age</u>		
18 to 29 years	70	28
30 to 49 years	68	32
50 to 64 years	56	44
50 years and older	52	48
65 years and older	48	52
<u>Education</u>		
College post graduate	79	21
College graduate	70	30
Some college	68	32
High school graduate or less	47	52
<u>Income</u>		
\$75,000 and over	78	22
\$50,000 to \$74,999	67	33
\$30,000 to \$49,999	61	39
\$20,000 to \$29,999	52	48
Under \$20,000	37	60
<u>Region</u>		
East	66	34
Midwest	59	41
South	59	40
West	65	35
<u>Politics</u>		
Republican	62	38
Democrat	64	36
Independent	58	41
<u>Ideology</u>		
Conservative	53	46
Moderate	67	33
Liberal	74	26

Note: These data are based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected national sample of 1,016 adults, 18 years of age and older, conducted July 10-13, 2008. 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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