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Reported alcohol use

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2009

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	67	32
Female	61	39
Race		
White	66	33
Nonwhite	58	42
Black	57	43
Age		
18 to 29 years	65	35
30 to 49 years	68	32
50 to 64 years	66	34
50 years and older	61	38
65 years and older	55	44
Education		
College post graduate	77	22
College graduate	77	23
Some college	64	36
High school graduate or less	53	47
Income		
\$75,000 and over	76	23
\$50,000 to \$74,999	71	28
\$30,000 to \$49,999	64	36
\$20,000 to \$29,999	58	42
Under \$20,000	47	53
Region		
East	71	29
Midwest	70	30
South	56	44
West	64	36
Politics		
Republican	64	36
Democrat	65	35
Independent	64	36
Ideology		
Conservative	56	44
Moderate	69	31
Liberal	71	29

Note: These data are based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected national sample of 1,011 adults, 18 years of age and older, conducted June 14-17, 2009. 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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