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Reported alcohol use

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2011

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%	35%
Sex		
Male	67	32
Female	62	38
Race		
White	68	31
Nonwhite	56	43
Black	59	40
Age		
18 to 29 years	65	34
30 to 49 years	66	34
50 to 64 years	67	32
50 years and older	62	37
65 years and older	54	45
Education		
College post graduate	78	22
College graduate	73	26
Some college	73	27
High school graduate or less	51	48
Income		
\$75,000 and over	77	23
\$50,000 to \$74,999	69	31
\$30,000 to \$49,999	62	38
\$20,000 to \$29,999	54	43
Under \$20,000	46	54
Region		
East	62	36
Midwest	66	34
South	61	39
West	69	30
Politics		
Republican	59	40
Democrat	59	41
Independent	74	25
Ideology		
Conservative	59	40
Moderate	68	31
Liberal	65	34

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 7-10, 2011. 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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