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Table 3.97.2005

Respondents reporting whether they drink more than they should

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2005

Question: "Do you sometimes drink more alcoholic beverages than you think you should?"

	Yes	No
National	21%	79%
Sex		
Male	23	77
Female	19	81
Race		
White	22	78
Nonwhite	20	80
Black	9	91
Age		
18 to 29 years	26	74
30 to 49 years	26	74
50 to 64 years	16	84
50 years and older	14	86
65 years and older	10	90
Education		
College post graduate	21	79
College graduate	22	78
Some college	20	80
High school graduate or less	22	78
Income		
\$75,000 and over	23	77
\$50,000 to \$74,999	14	86
\$30,000 to \$49,999	22	78
\$20,000 to \$29,999	28	72
Under \$20,000	31	69
Community		
Urban area	21	79
Suburban area	22	78
Rural area	22	78
Region		
East	25	75
Midwest	19	81
South	16	84
West	26	74
Politics		
Republican	20	80
Democrat	21	79
Independent	22	78

Note: See Note, [table 3.95.2005](#). This question was asked of the 63% of respondents answering "yes" to the question: "Do you have occasion to use alcoholic beverages such as liquor, wine or beer, or are you a total abstainer?" presented in [table 3.96.2005](#). 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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