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Table 3.97.2006

Respondents reporting whether they drink more than they should

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2006

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

| | Yes | No |
|------------------------------|-----|-----|
| National | 22% | 78% |
| Sex | | |
| Male | 32 | 67 |
| Female | 11 | 89 |
| Race | | |
| White | 23 | 77 |
| Nonwhite | 20 | 80 |
| Black | 8 | 92 |
| Age | | |
| 18 to 29 years | 28 | 72 |
| 30 to 49 years | 28 | 72 |
| 50 to 64 years | 17 | 82 |
| 50 years and older | 14 | 86 |
| 65 years and older | 7 | 93 |
| Education | | |
| College post graduate | 25 | 75 |
| College graduate | 27 | 72 |
| Some college | 21 | 79 |
| High school graduate or less | 17 | 83 |
| Income | | |
| \$75,000 and over | 25 | 74 |
| \$50,000 to \$74,999 | 26 | 74 |
| \$30,000 to \$49,999 | 18 | 81 |
| \$20,000 to \$29,999 | 17 | 83 |
| Under \$20,000 | 12 | 88 |
| Community | | |
| Urban area | 23 | 76 |
| Suburban area | 22 | 78 |
| Rural area | 21 | 79 |
| Region | | |
| East | 26 | 74 |
| Midwest | 23 | 77 |
| South | 19 | 81 |
| West | 20 | 79 |
| Politics | | |
| Republican | 24 | 76 |
| Democrat | 19 | 81 |
| Independent | 23 | 77 |
| Ideology | | |
| Conservative | 21 | 79 |
| Moderate | 21 | 79 |
| Liberal | 27 | 73 |

Note: See Note, [table 3.95.2006](#). This question was asked of the 64% 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 3.96.2006](#). 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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