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**Respondents reporting whether they drink more than they should**

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2008

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

	Yes	No
National	23%	77%
<b>Sex</b>		
Male	25	75
Female	20	80
<b>Race</b>		
White	21	79
Nonwhite	28	72
Black	39	61
<b>Age</b>		
18 to 29 years	40	60
30 to 49 years	21	79
50 to 64 years	20	80
50 years and older	14	86
65 years and older	6	94
<b>Education</b>		
College post graduate	16	84
College graduate	19	81
Some college	26	74
High school graduate or less	25	75
<b>Income</b>		
\$75,000 and over	23	77
\$50,000 to \$74,999	25	75
\$30,000 to \$49,999	21	79
\$20,000 to \$29,999	20	80
Under \$20,000	34	66
<b>Region</b>		
East	23	77
Midwest	27	73
South	20	80
West	21	79
<b>Politics</b>		
Republican	21	79
Democrat	28	72
Independent	19	81
<b>Ideology</b>		
Conservative	19	81
Moderate	23	77
Liberal	30	70

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. This question was asked of the 62% 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 3.96.2008](#). 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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