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Respondents reporting whether they drink more than they should

By demographic characteristics, United States, 2011

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

	Yes	No
National	17%	83%
<u>Sex</u>		
Male	19	81
Female	15	85
<u>Race</u>		
White	18	82
Nonwhite	14	86
Black	21	79
<u>Age</u>		
18 to 29 years	26	74
30 to 49 years	18	82
50 to 64 years	14	86
55 years and older	12	87
65 years and older	8	92
<u>Education</u>		
College post graduate	16	84
College graduate	24	76
Some college	20	80
High school graduate or less	12	88
<u>Income</u>		
\$75,000 and over	21	79
\$50,000 to \$74,999	18	82
\$30,000 to \$49,999	15	85
\$20,000 to \$29,999	21	79
Under \$20,000	16	84
<u>Region</u>		
East	23	77
Midwest	17	83
South	15	85
West	13	87
<u>Politics</u>		
Republican	12	88
Democrat	20	80
Independent	18	82
<u>Ideology</u>		
Conservative	13	87
Moderate	18	82
Liberal	26	74

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. 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 3.96.2011](#). 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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