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Attitudes toward laws relating to the legal drinking age and underage drinking

By sex and age, United States, 2007

Questions: "Would you favor or oppose a federal law that would lower the drinking age in all states to 18?" "Do you think the penalties for underage drinking should be made more strict, less strict, or remain as they are now?"

	Lower the drinking age to 18 in all States		Strictness of penalties for underage drinking		
	Favor	Oppose	More strict	Less strict	Remain as they are now
National	22%	77%	60%	6%	31%
Sex					
Male	23	75	48	8	40
Female	20	79	72	3	23
Age					
18 to 34 years	40	59	43	16	39
35 to 54 years	17	82	57	4	36
55 years and older	15	84	72	1	22

Note: These data are based on telephone interviews with a randomly selected national sample of 1,004 adults, 18 years of age and older, conducted July 12-15, 2007. 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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