

Table 6.22

Percent of jail inmates reporting alcohol use

By sex, race, Hispanic origin, and most serious offense, United States, 1996 and 2002

	Percent of jail inmates who drank alcohol			
	Regularly ^a		At the time of the offense ^b	
	1996	2002	1996	2002
Total	66.3%	66.0%	40.8%	34.5%
Sex				
Male	67.7	67.4	41.9	35.7
Female	54.5	55.4	31.1	25.5
Race, Hispanic origin^c				
White, non-Hispanic	76.5	75.3	48.2	39.5
Black, non-Hispanic	61.0	62.2	33.6	30.5
Hispanic	56.9	56.1	38.2	31.3
Most serious offense				
Violent	67.7	65.7	40.7	37.6
Property	64.3	65.9	33.1	28.5
Drug	59.8	62.9	28.9	22.4
Public-order, excluding driving while intoxicated	68.6	65.0	32.7	32.3

Note: See Note, [table 6.18](#). For information on methodology and survey sampling procedures, see [Appendix 4](#).

^aIncludes inmates who reported ever drinking at least once a week for a month, as well as drinking daily or at least once a week during the year before the current offense.

^bIncludes all inmates with a current conviction or prior conviction.

^cJail inmates who identified more than one race are not shown.

Source: U.S. Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, *Profile of Jail Inmates, 2002*, Special Report NCJ 201932 (Washington, DC: U.S. Department of Justice, July 2004), p. 7, Table 11.