**SIERRA LEONE**

**Recorded adult per capita consumption (age 15+)**

![Graph showing recorded adult per capita consumption](image)

Note: From 1996 the wine category includes fermented beverages, which before 1996 were included in the overall total consumption figure.

Sources: FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations), World Drink Trends 2003

**Abstainers in Freetown (non-alcohol consumers)**

![Chart showing abstainers in Freetown](image)

A corresponding survey was conducted within the same study in three villages in the northern province of Sierra Leone (total sample size $n = 606$; males $n = 255$ and females $n = 351$). Results showed the rates of alcohol consumers to be 14.5% in males and 4.6% in females.¹

**Traditional alcoholic beverages**

*Palm wine* is a fermented beverage produced from the sap of the oil palm tree and is consumed in Sierra Leone.²

**Unrecorded alcohol consumption**

The unrecorded alcohol consumption in Sierra Leone is estimated to be 2.4 litres pure alcohol per capita for population older than 15 for the years after 1995 (estimated by a group of key alcohol experts).³
Country background information

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In Sierra Leone, approximately 60% of the population are Muslim.


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