Canada

SOCIOECONOMIC CONTEXT

Total population: 32,577,000 ➤ Population 15+ years: 83% ➤ Population in urban areas: 80% ➤ Income group (World Bank): High income


RECORDED ADULT (15+) ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION BY TYPE OF ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE (IN % OF PURE ALCOHOL), 2005

Beer includes malt beers. Wine includes wine made from grapes. Spirits include all distilled beverages. Other includes one or several other alcoholic beverages, such as fermented beverages made from sorghum, maize, millet, rice, or cider, fruit wine, fortified wine, etc.

Adult (15+) per capita consumption, average 2003–2005 (in litres of pure alcohol):

- Recorded: 7.8
- Unrecorded: 2.0
- Total: 9.8
- WHO American Region: 8.7

Robust estimate of five-year change in recorded adult (15+) per capita consumption, 2001–2005:

➤ Increase
➤ Stable
➤ Decrease
➤ Inconclusive

PATTERNS OF DRINKING

ABSTAINERS (15+ years), 2004

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* Persons who did not drink in the past 12 months.

PATTERNS OF DRINKING SCORE

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Given the same level of consumption, the higher the patterns of drinking score, the greater the alcohol-attributable burden of disease for the country.

ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION

Population data (refer to the population 15 years and older and are in litres of pure alcohol).

MORBIDITY

Prevalence estimates (12-month prevalence for 2004):

- Males: 5.43%
- Females: 1.92%

ALCOHOL POLICY

- Excise tax on beer / wine / spirits: Yes / Yes / Yes
- National legal minimum age for off-premise sales of alcoholic beverages (selling) (beer / wine / spirits): Subnational
- National legal minimum age for on-premise sales of alcoholic beverages (serving) (beer / wine / spirits): Subnational
- Restrictions for on-off-premise sales of alcoholic beverages:
  - Time (hours and days) / location (places and density):
    - No / No
  - Specific events / intoxicated persons / petrol stations:
    - No / No / No
- National maximum legal blood alcohol concentration (BAC) when driving a vehicle (general / young / professional), in %:
  - General: 0.08 / 0.04 / 0.08
- Legally binding regulations on alcohol advertising / product placement: Yes / No
- Legally binding regulations on alcohol sponsorship / sales promotion: No / No

HEALTH CONSEQUENCES

MORBIDITY

- Alcohol use disorders (15+ years):
  - Males: 5.43%
  - Females: 1.92%

ALL CAUSE MORTALITY

Age-standardized deaths rates, 15+ years (per 100,000 population):

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Data source: WHO Mortality Database, data as reported by countries / (1) refer to transport accidents.