**United Arab Emirates**

Total population (2016): 9,266,971 ➤ Population aged 15 years and older (15+): 86% ➤ Population in urban areas: 86% ➤ Income group (World Bank): High income

### ALCOHOL CONSUMPTION: LEVELS AND PATTERNS

**Alcohol per capita (15+) consumption (in litres of pure alcohol)**

**2010**  
Recorded: 1.7  
Unrecorded: 1.5  
Total: 3.1

**2016**  
Recorded: 2.1  
Unrecorded: 1.8  
Total: 3.8

**Total males / females**  
Males (15+): 3.8  
Females (15+): 0.5  
Both sexes (15+): 4.3

WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region  
WHO Eastern Mediterranean Region: 0.6


**Prevalence of heavy episodic drinking (%)**, 2016

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<th>Population (15+ years)</th>
<th>Drinkers only (15+ years)</th>
<th>Drinkers only (15–19 years)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Males</td>
<td>9.1</td>
<td>41.7</td>
<td>4.7</td>
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<td>Females</td>
<td>1.1</td>
<td>13.9</td>
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<td>Both sexes</td>
<td>7.2</td>
<td>39.0</td>
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* Consumed at least 60 grams or more of pure alcohol on at least one occasion in the past 30 days.

### HEALTH CONSEQUENCES: MORTALITY AND MORBIDITY

**Age-standardized death rates (ASDR) and alcohol-attributable fractions (AAF), 2016**

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<th>ASDR*</th>
<th>AAF (%)</th>
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<td>Liver cirrhosis, males / females</td>
<td>13.6</td>
<td>9.5</td>
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<td>Road traffic injuries, males / females</td>
<td>24.9</td>
<td>8.0</td>
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<td>Cancer, males / females</td>
<td>72.3</td>
<td>81.5</td>
<td>2.6</td>
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* Per 100,000 population (15+); **alcohol-attributable deaths, both sexes.

**Years of life lost (YLL) score**, 2016

LEAST ☐ 2 3 4 5 ☑ MOST

* Based on alcohol-attributable years of life lost.

### POLICIES AND INTERVENTIONS

**Written national policy (adopted/revised) / National action plan**  
Yes (1972/2011) / No

- Excise tax on beer / wine / spirits: Yes / Yes / Yes
- National legal minimum age for off-premise sales of alcoholic beverages (beer / wine / spirits): — / — / —
- National legal minimum age for on-premise sales of alcoholic beverages (beer / wine / spirits): — / — / —
- Restrictions for off-/on-premise sales of alcoholic beverages (any): Total ban / Total ban

**National maximum legal blood alcohol concentration (BAC) when driving a vehicle (general / young / professional), in %**  
Total ban

- Legally binding regulations on alcohol advertising / product placement (any): Total ban
- Legally binding regulations on alcohol sponsorship / sales promotion (any): Total ban
- Legally required health warning labels on alcohol advertisements / containers (any): Total ban
- National government support for community action (any): No
- National monitoring system(s) (any): —