**United States of America**

Total population (2016): 324,118,787 ➤ Population aged 15 years and older (15+): 81% ➤ Population in urban areas: 82% ➤ Income group (World Bank): High income

## Alcohol Consumption: Levels and Patterns

### Recorded alcohol per capita (15+) consumption, 1961–2016

<table>
<thead>
<tr>
<th>Year</th>
<th>Litres of pure alcohol</th>
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<td>1960</td>
<td>0</td>
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<tr>
<td>1965</td>
<td>4.4</td>
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<td>1970</td>
<td>5.2</td>
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<td>1975</td>
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<td>1980</td>
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<td>1990</td>
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<td>2005</td>
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<td>2010</td>
<td>10.0</td>
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<td>2015</td>
<td>10.5</td>
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### Total alcohol per capita (15+) consumption, drinkers only (in litres of pure alcohol), 2016

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<tr>
<th>Category</th>
<th>Males (15+)</th>
<th>Females (15+)</th>
<th>Both sexes (15+)</th>
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<tr>
<td>Recorded</td>
<td>8.5</td>
<td>0.5</td>
<td>9.0</td>
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<td>Unrecorded</td>
<td>0.0</td>
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<td>Total**</td>
<td>8.5</td>
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- Recorded: 8.2
- Unrecorded: 0.0
- Total: 8.2


### Abstinence, 2016

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<td>Lifetime abstainers (15+)</td>
<td>4.4</td>
<td>13.8</td>
<td>9.2</td>
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<td>Former drinkers* (15+)</td>
<td>12.6</td>
<td>25.5</td>
<td>19.2</td>
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<td>Abstainers (15+), past 12 months</td>
<td>17.0</td>
<td>39.3</td>
<td>28.3</td>
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* Persons who used to drink alcoholic beverages but have not done so in the past 12 months.

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## Health Consequences: Mortality and Morbidity

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

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<th>Cause</th>
<th>Recorded (15+)</th>
<th>AAF (%)</th>
<th>AAF (Number)</th>
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<td>Liver cirrhosis, males/females</td>
<td>19.7</td>
<td>74.1</td>
<td>34,240</td>
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<td>Road traffic injuries, males/females</td>
<td>20.3</td>
<td>42.5</td>
<td>14,246</td>
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<td>Cancer, males/females</td>
<td>178.3</td>
<td>133.9</td>
<td>30,859</td>
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</table>

* Per 100,000 population (15+); ** alcohol-attributable deaths, both sexes.

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

- Least: < 1
- Least: 1
- Least: 2
- Least: 3
- Least: 4
- Least: 5

* Based on alcohol-attributable years of life lost.

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## Policies and Interventions

### Written national policy (adopted/revised) / National action plan

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<th>Policy</th>
<th>Yes (2011/2012) / Yes</th>
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<td>Excise tax on beer/wine/spirits</td>
<td>Yes / Yes / Yes</td>
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<td>National legal minimum age for off-premise sales of alcoholic beverages (beer/wine/spirits)</td>
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<td>Restrictions for on-off-premise sales of alcoholic beverages (any): Hours, days, places, density</td>
<td>sub-national</td>
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<td>Specific events / intoxicated persons / petrol stations</td>
<td>sub-national</td>
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- National maximum legal blood alcohol concentration (BAC) when driving a vehicle (general/young/professional), in %: 0.8 / 0.06-0.02 / 0.04
- Legally binding regulations on alcohol advertising / product placement (any): No / No
- Legally binding regulations on alcohol sponsorship / sales promotion (any): sub-national
- Legally required health warning labels on alcohol advertisements / containers (any): No / Yes
- National government support for community action (any): Yes
- National monitoring system(s) (any): Yes

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