

**Table A-13a. Age-adjusted percent distribution (with standard errors) of alcohol drinking status among adults aged 18 and over, by selected characteristics: United States, 2014**

Selected characteristic	All adults aged 18 and over	Lifetime abstainer <sup>1</sup>	Former infrequent <sup>1</sup>	Former regular <sup>1</sup>	Current infrequent <sup>1</sup>	Current regular <sup>1</sup>
Total	100.0	21.5 (0.36)	7.7 (0.20)	5.3 (0.15)	12.9 (0.29)	52.2 (0.44)
Sex						
Male	100.0	16.2 (0.44)	6.5 (0.25)	6.5 (0.24)	10.0 (0.35)	60.3 (0.59)
Female	100.0	26.3 (0.52)	8.7 (0.29)	4.3 (0.18)	15.6 (0.39)	44.8 (0.57)
Age (years)						
18–44	100.0	22.9 (0.53)	4.4 (0.23)	2.9 (0.18)	12.0 (0.47)	57.4 (0.63)
45–64	100.0	16.8 (0.49)	9.7 (0.36)	6.4 (0.29)	15.0 (0.45)	51.6 (0.68)
65–74	100.0	21.4 (0.82)	12.2 (0.64)	9.3 (0.54)	13.5 (0.67)	43.3 (1.00)
75 and over	100.0	30.5 (1.00)	16.3 (0.81)	11.9 (0.77)	10.4 (0.72)	30.6 (1.08)
Race						
One race <sup>2</sup>	100.0	21.6 (0.37)	7.7 (0.20)	5.3 (0.15)	12.9 (0.30)	52.3 (0.44)
White	100.0	18.5 (0.42)	7.4 (0.22)	5.4 (0.17)	13.0 (0.36)	55.3 (0.52)
Black or African American	100.0	31.7 (0.95)	9.9 (0.56)	5.1 (0.38)	13.0 (0.62)	39.8 (0.93)
American Indian or Alaska Native	100.0	22.1 (4.28)	11.7 (2.50)	11.0 (1.74)	8.5 (1.83)	46.0 (3.76)
Asian	100.0	42.6 (1.39)	5.8 (0.65)	2.9 (0.57)	11.5 (0.92)	37.0 (1.34)
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	100.0	31.0 (6.88)	*8.2 (2.96)	*	*	41.7 (8.04)
Two or more races <sup>3</sup>	100.0	20.7 (2.27)	9.3 (1.72)	6.5 (1.16)	14.7 (2.41)	48.0 (2.62)
Black or African American, white	100.0	20.5 (5.14)	*	*	16.9 (4.49)	51.5 (6.84)
American Indian or Alaska Native, white	100.0	14.6 (2.72)	10.6 (2.45)	8.9 (2.19)	17.6 (3.64)	47.9 (3.95)
Hispanic or Latino origin <sup>4</sup> and race						
Hispanic or Latino	100.0	29.8 (0.78)	8.4 (0.52)	5.7 (0.39)	14.1 (0.60)	41.7 (0.84)
Mexican or Mexican American	100.0	29.1 (0.96)	9.0 (0.74)	6.4 (0.56)	14.4 (0.78)	40.8 (1.05)
Not Hispanic or Latino	100.0	20.2 (0.42)	7.5 (0.21)	5.2 (0.17)	12.6 (0.33)	54.1 (0.49)
White, single race	100.0	16.0 (0.49)	7.2 (0.23)	5.4 (0.19)	12.6 (0.43)	58.4 (0.59)
Black or African American, single race	100.0	32.1 (0.97)	9.8 (0.57)	5.1 (0.39)	13.0 (0.65)	39.5 (0.96)
Education <sup>5</sup>						
Less than a high school diploma	100.0	30.4 (0.91)	11.9 (0.60)	7.9 (0.46)	13.5 (0.72)	35.8 (0.98)
High school diploma or GED <sup>6</sup>	100.0	21.2 (0.67)	10.8 (0.52)	6.4 (0.36)	14.1 (0.58)	47.1 (0.83)
Some college	100.0	15.4 (0.54)	8.9 (0.38)	6.6 (0.35)	15.5 (0.52)	53.4 (0.76)
Bachelor's degree or higher	100.0	14.6 (0.53)	4.7 (0.26)	4.1 (0.27)	11.3 (0.42)	65.0 (0.67)
Current employment status <sup>7</sup>						
Employed	100.0	17.4 (0.50)	6.0 (0.29)	4.4 (0.30)	12.5 (0.37)	59.3 (0.62)
Full-time	100.0	15.7 (0.63)	6.3 (0.45)	4.4 (0.43)	11.8 (0.36)	61.5 (0.81)
Part-time	100.0	24.5 (1.24)	5.9 (0.52)	4.4 (0.49)	13.7 (0.78)	50.9 (1.32)
Not employed but has worked previously	100.0	22.8 (0.67)	10.6 (0.43)	7.5 (0.35)	15.1 (0.83)	43.5 (0.89)
Not employed and has never worked	100.0	60.8 (1.60)	8.6 (0.91)	3.2 (0.51)	9.0 (0.88)	18.3 (1.27)

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Family income <sup>8</sup>						
Less than \$35,000	100.0	27.8 (0.57)	10.2 (0.36)	7.3 (0.28)	13.4 (0.41)	40.9 (0.65)
\$35,000 or more	100.0	17.8 (0.47)	6.3 (0.24)	4.2 (0.19)	12.5 (0.34)	59.0 (0.57)
\$35,000–\$49,999	100.0	20.7 (0.89)	8.9 (0.58)	5.2 (0.44)	15.0 (0.79)	49.7 (1.02)
\$50,000–\$74,999	100.0	19.8 (0.83)	7.4 (0.48)	4.1 (0.33)	13.8 (0.69)	54.7 (0.94)
\$75,000–\$99,999	100.0	17.5 (1.11)	6.1 (0.63)	4.2 (0.45)	12.3 (0.82)	59.5 (1.46)
\$100,000 or more	100.0	15.1 (0.74)	4.1 (0.31)	3.8 (0.36)	10.3 (0.56)	66.6 (0.88)
Poverty status <sup>9</sup>						
Poor	100.0	33.0 (0.84)	10.6 (0.54)	7.8 (0.46)	12.6 (0.61)	35.5 (0.86)
Near poor	100.0	27.2 (0.77)	10.7 (0.51)	6.9 (0.36)	15.6 (0.61)	39.2 (0.82)
Not poor	100.0	17.1 (0.45)	6.2 (0.23)	4.3 (0.19)	12.0 (0.31)	60.1 (0.54)
Health insurance coverage <sup>10</sup>						
Under 65:						
Private	100.0	17.5 (0.48)	5.0 (0.22)	3.4 (0.18)	12.4 (0.41)	61.5 (0.62)
Medicaid	100.0	31.3 (1.09)	11.2 (0.74)	7.3 (0.54)	14.9 (0.82)	34.9 (1.10)
Other	100.0	23.6 (2.51)	9.0 (0.90)	7.3 (0.80)	13.0 (1.23)	46.8 (2.49)
Uninsured	100.0	25.1 (0.88)	7.7 (0.50)	4.5 (0.41)	14.0 (0.72)	48.0 (1.04)
65 and over:						
Private	100.0	21.4 (0.87)	14.7 (0.78)	9.5 (0.64)	12.3 (0.69)	41.9 (1.08)
Medicare and Medicaid	100.0	42.2 (2.45)	17.2 (1.88)	14.2 (1.84)	11.3 (1.42)	14.5 (1.88)
Medicare only	100.0	29.2 (1.18)	12.8 (0.75)	10.1 (0.70)	12.2 (0.89)	35.5 (1.24)
Other	100.0	22.3 (2.20)	14.6 (2.04)	16.0 (1.93)	9.6 (1.51)	37.3 (2.55)
Uninsured	100.0	34.6 (7.81)	*15.1 (6.73)	*	22.3 (6.01)	*14.4 (4.94)
Marital status						
Married	100.0	19.2 (0.45)	7.6 (0.28)	5.3 (0.23)	13.9 (0.40)	53.7 (0.59)
Widowed	100.0	26.1 (3.79)	10.5 (1.75)	9.4 (2.81)	14.9 (3.19)	39.1 (4.66)
Divorced or separated	100.0	15.1 (0.74)	10.0 (0.60)	7.3 (0.53)	14.3 (0.72)	52.9 (1.09)
Never married	100.0	28.4 (0.86)	7.4 (0.52)	6.0 (0.50)	11.6 (0.63)	46.1 (0.87)
Living with a partner	100.0	12.3 (1.10)	8.0 (1.03)	5.3 (0.78)	11.4 (1.13)	62.7 (1.67)
Place of residence <sup>11</sup>						
Large MSA	100.0	22.0 (0.45)	6.8 (0.24)	4.4 (0.19)	12.7 (0.44)	53.6 (0.57)
Small MSA	100.0	20.2 (0.72)	7.6 (0.39)	5.9 (0.29)	12.7 (0.40)	53.3 (0.86)
Not in MSA	100.0	22.2 (1.07)	11.2 (0.54)	6.9 (0.43)	14.4 (0.63)	44.9 (1.07)
Region						
Northeast	100.0	19.0 (0.91)	7.3 (0.45)	4.3 (0.35)	12.3 (0.64)	56.7 (1.03)
Midwest	100.0	19.5 (0.87)	7.9 (0.49)	4.9 (0.28)	13.6 (0.83)	53.8 (1.06)
South	100.0	24.6 (0.59)	8.2 (0.31)	5.5 (0.27)	12.9 (0.41)	48.5 (0.69)
West	100.0	20.7 (0.63)	6.9 (0.38)	6.2 (0.32)	12.5 (0.46)	53.4 (0.85)

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Hispanic or Latino origin <sup>4</sup> , race, and sex						
Hispanic or Latino, male	100.0	17.9 (1.02)	7.6 (0.64)	7.6 (0.67)	11.3 (0.82)	55.1 (1.25)
Hispanic or Latina, female	100.0	40.8 (1.13)	9.3 (0.78)	4.1 (0.44)	16.9 (0.85)	28.7 (1.01)
Not Hispanic or Latino:						
White, single race, male	100.0	13.0 (0.55)	6.0 (0.30)	6.4 (0.30)	9.4 (0.50)	64.7 (0.77)
White, single race, female	100.0	18.5 (0.77)	8.3 (0.35)	4.6 (0.25)	15.8 (0.56)	52.5 (0.80)
Black or African American, single race, male	100.0	25.1 (1.44)	9.2 (0.85)	7.0 (0.69)	11.0 (1.02)	46.9 (1.57)
Black or African American, single race, female	100.0	37.4 (1.28)	10.4 (0.73)	3.7 (0.45)	14.6 (0.83)	33.6 (1.15)

\* Estimates are considered unreliable. Data preceded by an asterisk have a relative standard error (RSE) greater than 30% and less than or equal to 50% and should be used with caution. Data not shown have an RSE greater than 50%.

- Quantity zero.

<sup>1</sup>Derived from several source questions: "In any one year, have you had at least 12 drinks of any type of alcoholic beverage?"; "In your entire life, have you had at least 12 drinks of any type of alcoholic beverage?"; and "In the past year, how often did you drink any type of alcoholic beverage?"

Categories are derived from respondents' self-reported responses to a series of questions about alcohol consumption. A lifetime abstainer had fewer than 12 drinks in his or her lifetime. A former infrequent drinker had at least 12 drinks in his or her lifetime but fewer than 12 drinks in any 1 year and no drinks in the last year. A former regular drinker had at least 12 drinks in his or her lifetime or in any 1 year AND had no drink in the past year. A current infrequent drinker had at least 12 drinks in his or her lifetime and fewer than 12 drinks in the past year. A current regular drinker had at least 12 drinks in his or her lifetime and at least 12 drinks in the past year. Former and current drinkers for whom the frequency of consumption or amount consumed was unknown are not included.

<sup>2</sup>Refers to persons who indicated only a single race group, including those of Hispanic or Latino origin.

<sup>3</sup>Refers to persons who indicated more than one race group, including those of Hispanic or Latino origin. Only two combinations of multiple race groups are shown due to small sample sizes for other combinations.

<sup>4</sup>Refers to persons who are of Hispanic or Latino origin and may be of any race or combination of races. "Not Hispanic or Latino" refers to persons who are not of Hispanic or Latino origin, regardless of race.

<sup>5</sup>Shown only for adults aged 25 and over. Estimates are age adjusted to the projected 2000 U.S. population as the standard population using four age groups: 25-44, 45-64, 65-74, and 75 and over.

<sup>6</sup>GED is General Educational Development high school equivalency diploma.

<sup>7</sup>"Full-time" employment is 35 or more hours per week. "Part-time" employment is 34 or fewer hours per week.

<sup>8</sup>Includes persons who reported a dollar amount or who would not provide a dollar amount but provided an income interval.

<sup>9</sup>"Poor" persons are defined as having income below the poverty threshold. "Near poor" persons have incomes of 100% to less than 200% of the poverty threshold. "Not poor" persons have incomes that are 200% of the poverty threshold or greater.

<sup>10</sup>Based on a hierarchy of mutually exclusive categories. Adults with more than one type of health insurance were assigned to the first appropriate category in the hierarchy.

"Uninsured" includes adults who had no coverage as well as those who had only Indian Health Service coverage or had only a private plan that paid for one type of service such as accidents or dental care.

<sup>11</sup>MSA is metropolitan statistical area. Large MSAs have a population size of 1 million or more; small MSAs have a population size of less than 1 million. "Not in MSA" consists of persons not living in a metropolitan statistical area.

NOTES: Estimates are based on household interviews of a sample of the civilian noninstitutionalized population. This table is based on data from the Sample Adult file and was weighted using the Sample Adult weight. Unknowns for the columns were not included in the denominators when calculating percentages. Percentages may not add to totals due to rounding. "Total" includes other races not shown separately and persons with unknown education, family income, poverty status, and health insurance characteristics. Unless otherwise specified, estimates are age-adjusted using the projected 2000 U.S. population as the standard population and using four age groups: 18-44, 45-64, 65-74, and 75 and over. Estimates for age groups are not age-adjusted. For more information on the data source, methods, and definitions used for this table, refer to Technical Notes for Summary Health Statistics Tables: National Health Interview Survey (available from <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis/SHS/tables.htm>). Suggested citation: Blackwell DL, Lucas JW. Tables of Summary Health Statistics for U.S. Adults: 2014 National Health Interview Survey. 2015. Available from: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis/SHS/tables.htm>.

SOURCE: CDC/NCHS, National Health Interview Survey, 2014.

**Table A-13b. Frequency distribution (in thousands) of alcohol drinking status among adults aged 18 and over, by selected characteristics: United States, 2014**

Selected characteristic	All adults aged 18 and over	Lifetime abstainer <sup>1</sup>	Former infrequent <sup>1</sup>	Former regular <sup>1</sup>	Current infrequent <sup>1</sup>	Current regular <sup>1</sup>
Total	239,688	50,072	18,952	13,072	30,851	122,261
Sex						
Male	115,541	17,890	7,648	7,573	11,532	68,179
Female	124,148	32,181	11,304	5,499	19,319	54,082
Age (years)						
18–44	112,149	25,291	4,894	3,247	13,245	63,412
45–64	82,605	13,659	7,924	5,240	12,192	42,017
65–74	26,362	5,560	3,171	2,420	3,510	11,250
75 and over	18,573	5,562	2,963	2,166	1,904	5,583
Race						
One race <sup>2</sup>	235,831	49,275	18,661	12,847	30,322	120,315
White	190,462	34,131	14,901	10,842	24,712	102,459
Black or African American	29,355	8,879	2,775	1,407	3,821	11,672
American Indian or Alaska Native	1,948	412	220	219	178	892
Asian	13,733	5,751	754	340	1,597	5,142
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	333	*103	*	*	*	150
Two or more races <sup>3</sup>	3,858	796	292	225	529	1,946
Black or African American, white	760	193	*	*	100	423
American Indian or Alaska Native, white	1,590	220	173	160	289	710
Hispanic or Latino origin <sup>4</sup> and race						
Hispanic or Latino	36,571	10,389	2,784	1,797	5,132	15,826
Mexican or Mexican American	22,326	6,232	1,789	1,187	3,154	9,570
Not Hispanic or Latino	203,117	39,683	16,168	11,275	25,719	106,435
White, single race	157,364	24,481	12,514	9,218	20,034	88,253
Black or African American, single race	27,875	8,544	2,623	1,356	3,618	10,962
Education <sup>5</sup>						
Less than a high school diploma	27,612	8,554	3,500	2,465	3,558	8,954
High school diploma or GED <sup>6</sup>	52,697	11,115	6,005	3,653	7,254	23,446
Some college	59,919	8,959	5,298	3,926	9,270	31,431
Bachelor's degree or higher	67,940	9,648	3,196	2,645	7,746	43,768
Current employment status <sup>7</sup>						
Employed	146,624	24,080	8,089	5,507	18,482	87,739
Full-time	117,112	16,861	6,453	4,287	14,673	72,740
Part-time	27,205	6,733	1,502	1,070	3,625	13,757
Not employed but has worked previously	79,316	17,543	9,812	7,161	11,209	32,034
Not employed and has never worked	13,623	8,395	1,050	400	1,152	2,443

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Family income <sup>8</sup>						
Less than \$35,000	69,793	19,352	7,447	5,450	9,100	26,987
\$35,000 or more	144,503	24,666	9,113	5,977	18,293	84,673
\$35,000–\$49,999	28,044	5,744	2,546	1,486	4,177	13,688
\$50,000–\$74,999	35,733	6,850	2,732	1,536	5,037	19,127
\$75,000–\$99,999	27,053	4,528	1,663	1,100	3,414	15,964
\$100,000 or more	53,673	7,545	2,173	1,855	5,665	35,894
Poverty status <sup>9</sup>						
Poor	31,383	10,020	3,071	2,230	3,913	11,371
Near poor	42,675	11,600	4,672	3,070	6,487	16,158
Not poor	152,199	25,030	9,926	6,895	18,601	89,382
Health insurance coverage <sup>10</sup>						
Under 65:						
Private	129,666	21,832	6,888	4,598	16,268	78,009
Medicaid	23,239	7,161	2,537	1,640	3,409	7,974
Other	9,095	1,850	1,042	862	1,345	3,860
Uninsured	31,587	7,798	2,297	1,335	4,317	14,988
65 and over:						
Private	22,525	4,622	3,181	2,086	2,791	9,489
Medicare and Medicaid	2,951	1,218	501	415	337	432
Medicare only	15,536	4,365	1,919	1,516	1,872	5,553
Other	3,513	763	498	529	326	1,290
Uninsured	313	116	*33	*	77	*50
Marital status						
Married	126,926	23,555	10,205	7,063	17,657	66,581
Widowed	14,312	4,569	2,278	1,382	1,685	4,097
Divorced or separated	26,802	4,042	2,926	2,196	3,908	13,093
Never married	53,788	15,887	2,469	1,638	5,373	27,151
Living with a partner	17,497	1,941	1,050	765	2,141	11,221
Place of residence <sup>11</sup>						
Large MSA	130,402	27,859	8,816	5,777	16,530	68,889
Small MSA	73,885	14,448	5,771	4,544	9,419	38,357
Not in MSA	35,402	7,765	4,365	2,751	4,903	15,014
Region						
Northeast	41,490	7,433	3,278	1,939	5,154	22,790
Midwest	55,095	10,380	4,451	2,806	7,560	29,026
South	89,270	21,350	7,539	5,035	11,394	42,096
West	53,834	10,909	3,684	3,292	6,743	28,349

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Selected characteristic	All adults aged 18 and over	Lifetime abstainer <sup>1</sup>	Former infrequent <sup>1</sup>	Former regular <sup>1</sup>	Current infrequent <sup>1</sup>	Current regular <sup>1</sup>
Hispanic or Latino origin <sup>4</sup> , race, and sex						
Hispanic or Latino, male	18,309	3,270	1,146	1,108	2,036	10,337
Hispanic or Latina, female	18,262	7,119	1,638	689	3,096	5,490
Not Hispanic or Latino:						
White, single race, male	76,277	9,329	5,028	5,249	7,260	47,702
White, single race, female	81,087	15,151	7,486	3,969	12,774	40,551
Black or African American, single race, male	12,626	3,031	1,058	811	1,369	5,883
Black or African American, single race, female	15,249	5,513	1,565	544	2,250	5,079

\* Estimates are considered unreliable. Data preceded by an asterisk have a relative standard error (RSE) greater than 30% and less than or equal to 50% and should be used with caution. Data not shown have an RSE greater than 50%.

- Quantity zero.

<sup>1</sup>Derived from several source questions: "In any one year, have you had at least 12 drinks of any type of alcoholic beverage?"; "In your entire life, have you had at least 12 drinks of any type of alcoholic beverage?"; and "In the past year, how often did you drink any type of alcoholic beverage?"

Categories are derived from respondents' self-reported responses to a series of questions about alcohol consumption. A lifetime abstainer had fewer than 12 drinks in his or her lifetime. A former infrequent drinker had at least 12 drinks in his or her lifetime but fewer than 12 drinks in any 1 year and no drinks in the last year. A former regular drinker had at least 12 drinks in his or her lifetime or in any 1 year AND had no drink in the past year. A current infrequent drinker had at least 12 drinks in his or her lifetime and fewer than 12 drinks in the past year. A current regular drinker had at least 12 drinks in his or her lifetime and at least 12 drinks in the past year. Former and current drinkers for whom the frequency of consumption or amount consumed was unknown are not included

<sup>2</sup>Refers to persons who indicated only a single race group, including those of Hispanic or Latino origin.

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<sup>5</sup>Shown only for adults aged 25 and over.

<sup>6</sup>GED is General Educational Development high school equivalency diploma.

<sup>7</sup>"Full-time" employment is 35 or more hours per week. "Part-time" employment is 34 or fewer hours per week.

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NOTES: Estimates are based on household interviews of a sample of the civilian noninstitutionalized population. This table is based on data from the Sample Adult file and was weighted using the Sample Adult weight. Unknowns for the columns were not included in the frequencies, but they are included in the "All adults aged 18 and over" column. "Total" includes other races not shown separately and persons with unknown education, family income, poverty status, and health insurance characteristics. For more information on the data source, methods, and definitions used for this table, refer to Technical Notes for Summary Health Statistics Tables: National Health Interview Survey (available from <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis/SHS/tables.htm>). Suggested citation: Blackwell DL, Lucas JW. Tables of Summary Health Statistics for U.S. Adults: 2014 National Health Interview Survey. 2015. Available from: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis/SHS/tables.htm>.

SOURCE: CDC/NCHS, National Health Interview Survey, 2014.

**Table A-13c. Crude percent distribution (with standard errors) of alcohol drinking status among adults aged 18 and over, by selected characteristics: United States, 2014**

Selected characteristic	All adults aged 18 and over	Lifetime abstainer <sup>1</sup>	Former infrequent <sup>1</sup>	Former regular <sup>1</sup>	Current infrequent <sup>1</sup>	Current regular <sup>1</sup>
Total	100.0	21.2 (0.36)	8.0 (0.20)	5.5 (0.16)	13.1 (0.28)	51.8 (0.43)
Sex						
Male	100.0	15.8 (0.43)	6.7 (0.26)	6.7 (0.25)	10.2 (0.34)	60.1 (0.58)
Female	100.0	26.2 (0.51)	9.2 (0.30)	4.5 (0.19)	15.7 (0.38)	44.1 (0.55)
Age (years)						
18–44	100.0	22.9 (0.53)	4.4 (0.23)	2.9 (0.18)	12.0 (0.47)	57.4 (0.63)
45–64	100.0	16.8 (0.49)	9.7 (0.36)	6.4 (0.29)	15.0 (0.45)	51.6 (0.68)
65–74	100.0	21.4 (0.82)	12.2 (0.64)	9.3 (0.54)	13.5 (0.67)	43.3 (1.00)
75 and over	100.0	30.5 (1.00)	16.3 (0.81)	11.9 (0.77)	10.4 (0.72)	30.6 (1.08)
Race						
One race <sup>2</sup>	100.0	21.2 (0.36)	8.0 (0.21)	5.5 (0.16)	13.1 (0.28)	51.8 (0.44)
White	100.0	18.2 (0.40)	7.9 (0.23)	5.8 (0.18)	13.2 (0.34)	54.6 (0.50)
Black or African American	100.0	30.9 (0.95)	9.7 (0.57)	4.9 (0.37)	13.3 (0.64)	40.7 (0.96)
American Indian or Alaska Native	100.0	21.3 (4.33)	11.4 (2.53)	11.3 (2.21)	9.2 (2.02)	46.0 (3.90)
Asian	100.0	42.2 (1.40)	5.5 (0.63)	2.5 (0.49)	11.7 (0.94)	37.8 (1.38)
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	100.0	32.6 (7.34)	*	*	*	47.5 (9.82)
Two or more races <sup>3</sup>	100.0	20.9 (2.37)	7.6 (1.48)	5.9 (1.07)	13.9 (2.20)	51.0 (2.78)
Black or African American, white	100.0	25.5 (6.06)	*	*	13.2 (3.42)	55.7 (6.27)
American Indian or Alaska Native, white	100.0	14.1 (2.67)	11.1 (2.68)	10.3 (2.36)	18.5 (4.44)	45.6 (4.38)
Hispanic or Latino origin <sup>4</sup> and race						
Hispanic or Latino	100.0	28.8 (0.79)	7.7 (0.50)	5.0 (0.34)	14.2 (0.60)	43.9 (0.87)
Mexican or Mexican American	100.0	28.3 (0.97)	8.1 (0.71)	5.4 (0.46)	14.3 (0.77)	43.5 (1.10)
Not Hispanic or Latino	100.0	19.8 (0.40)	8.1 (0.22)	5.6 (0.18)	12.9 (0.31)	53.2 (0.47)
White, single race	100.0	15.8 (0.45)	8.1 (0.26)	5.9 (0.21)	12.9 (0.39)	56.9 (0.55)
Black or African American, single race	100.0	31.4 (0.97)	9.6 (0.58)	5.0 (0.39)	13.3 (0.66)	40.2 (0.98)
Education <sup>5</sup>						
Less than a high school diploma	100.0	31.5 (0.90)	12.9 (0.63)	9.1 (0.51)	13.1 (0.69)	33.0 (0.95)
High school diploma or GED <sup>6</sup>	100.0	21.5 (0.64)	11.6 (0.51)	7.1 (0.38)	14.0 (0.55)	45.4 (0.80)
Some college	100.0	15.2 (0.53)	9.0 (0.38)	6.6 (0.35)	15.7 (0.52)	53.2 (0.77)
Bachelor's degree or higher	100.0	14.4 (0.52)	4.8 (0.26)	3.9 (0.25)	11.5 (0.43)	65.1 (0.67)
Current employment status <sup>7</sup>						
Employed	100.0	16.7 (0.42)	5.6 (0.22)	3.8 (0.18)	12.8 (0.31)	60.8 (0.52)
Full-time	100.0	14.6 (0.40)	5.6 (0.25)	3.7 (0.20)	12.7 (0.34)	63.1 (0.55)
Part-time	100.0	25.1 (1.33)	5.6 (0.50)	4.0 (0.41)	13.5 (0.75)	51.3 (1.33)
Not employed but has worked previously	100.0	22.5 (0.52)	12.6 (0.41)	9.2 (0.33)	14.4 (0.53)	41.0 (0.69)
Not employed and has never worked	100.0	62.4 (1.52)	7.8 (0.78)	3.0 (0.42)	8.6 (0.81)	18.2 (1.23)

**Table A-13c. Crude percent distribution (with standard errors) of alcohol drinking status among adults aged 18 and over, by selected characteristics: United States, 2014**

Selected characteristic	All adults aged 18 and over	Lifetime abstainer <sup>1</sup>	Former infrequent <sup>1</sup>	Former regular <sup>1</sup>	Current infrequent <sup>1</sup>	Current regular <sup>1</sup>
Family income <sup>8</sup>						
Less than \$35,000	100.0	28.2 (0.56)	10.8 (0.38)	7.9 (0.30)	13.3 (0.40)	39.3 (0.66)
\$35,000 or more	100.0	17.2 (0.45)	6.4 (0.24)	4.2 (0.19)	12.8 (0.33)	59.2 (0.55)
\$35,000–\$49,999	100.0	20.7 (0.88)	9.2 (0.59)	5.3 (0.45)	15.0 (0.78)	49.3 (1.02)
\$50,000–\$74,999	100.0	19.4 (0.80)	7.7 (0.51)	4.3 (0.34)	14.3 (0.69)	54.1 (0.95)
\$75,000–\$99,999	100.0	16.9 (1.05)	6.2 (0.61)	4.1 (0.44)	12.8 (0.82)	59.6 (1.37)
\$100,000 or more	100.0	14.2 (0.67)	4.1 (0.29)	3.5 (0.30)	10.6 (0.55)	67.4 (0.84)
Poverty status <sup>9</sup>						
Poor	100.0	32.6 (0.87)	10.0 (0.54)	7.2 (0.45)	12.7 (0.61)	37.0 (0.93)
Near poor	100.0	27.5 (0.76)	11.1 (0.52)	7.3 (0.37)	15.4 (0.60)	38.3 (0.82)
Not poor	100.0	16.7 (0.42)	6.6 (0.23)	4.6 (0.19)	12.4 (0.31)	59.5 (0.52)
Health insurance coverage <sup>10</sup>						
Under 65:						
Private	100.0	17.1 (0.47)	5.4 (0.23)	3.6 (0.19)	12.7 (0.39)	60.9 (0.60)
Medicaid	100.0	31.4 (1.10)	11.1 (0.74)	7.2 (0.54)	14.9 (0.82)	34.9 (1.11)
Other	100.0	20.5 (1.76)	11.6 (1.09)	9.6 (0.95)	14.9 (1.31)	42.9 (2.13)
Uninsured	100.0	25.2 (0.88)	7.4 (0.49)	4.3 (0.39)	14.0 (0.72)	48.5 (1.06)
65 and over:						
Private	100.0	20.8 (0.86)	14.3 (0.77)	9.4 (0.63)	12.6 (0.71)	42.7 (1.09)
Medicare and Medicaid	100.0	41.8 (2.48)	17.2 (1.86)	14.2 (1.84)	11.5 (1.46)	14.8 (1.95)
Medicare only	100.0	28.6 (1.16)	12.6 (0.73)	9.9 (0.68)	12.3 (0.87)	36.4 (1.25)
Other	100.0	22.3 (2.17)	14.6 (2.12)	15.5 (1.81)	9.5 (1.43)	37.8 (2.54)
Uninsured	100.0	37.1 (7.57)	*10.6 (4.83)	*	24.7 (6.34)	*16.0 (5.02)
Marital status						
Married	100.0	18.8 (0.43)	8.1 (0.28)	5.6 (0.23)	14.1 (0.37)	53.1 (0.58)
Widowed	100.0	32.5 (1.08)	16.2 (0.89)	9.8 (0.67)	12.0 (0.75)	29.2 (1.13)
Divorced or separated	100.0	15.4 (0.64)	11.1 (0.55)	8.4 (0.49)	14.9 (0.65)	49.8 (0.93)
Never married	100.0	30.1 (0.88)	4.7 (0.33)	3.1 (0.24)	10.2 (0.51)	51.4 (0.89)
Living with a partner	100.0	11.3 (0.85)	6.1 (0.66)	4.5 (0.57)	12.5 (1.38)	65.4 (1.51)
Place of residence <sup>11</sup>						
Large MSA	100.0	21.7 (0.45)	6.9 (0.25)	4.5 (0.20)	12.9 (0.43)	53.6 (0.57)
Small MSA	100.0	19.9 (0.69)	7.9 (0.39)	6.2 (0.31)	13.0 (0.40)	52.8 (0.83)
Not in MSA	100.0	22.2 (1.04)	12.5 (0.57)	7.9 (0.47)	14.0 (0.56)	43.0 (1.04)
Region						
Northeast	100.0	18.2 (0.86)	8.0 (0.47)	4.8 (0.39)	12.6 (0.66)	55.9 (1.00)
Midwest	100.0	19.1 (0.83)	8.2 (0.48)	5.2 (0.31)	13.9 (0.76)	53.3 (0.97)
South	100.0	24.3 (0.58)	8.6 (0.34)	5.7 (0.28)	13.0 (0.39)	48.0 (0.72)
West	100.0	20.5 (0.63)	6.9 (0.38)	6.2 (0.32)	12.7 (0.46)	53.4 (0.84)



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Selected characteristic	All adults aged 18 and over	Lifetime abstainer <sup>1</sup>	Former infrequent <sup>1</sup>	Former regular <sup>1</sup>	Current infrequent <sup>1</sup>	Current regular <sup>1</sup>
Hispanic or Latino origin <sup>4</sup> , race, and sex						
Hispanic or Latino, male	100.0	18.2 (1.05)	6.4 (0.54)	6.2 (0.54)	11.3 (0.79)	57.5 (1.25)
Hispanic or Latina, female	100.0	39.4 (1.13)	9.1 (0.81)	3.8 (0.42)	17.1 (0.88)	30.4 (1.05)
Not Hispanic or Latino:						
White, single race, male	100.0	12.5 (0.50)	6.7 (0.33)	7.0 (0.33)	9.7 (0.47)	63.7 (0.75)
White, single race, female	100.0	18.9 (0.68)	9.3 (0.38)	5.0 (0.25)	15.9 (0.50)	50.6 (0.73)
Black or African American, single race, male	100.0	24.7 (1.44)	8.6 (0.83)	6.6 (0.68)	11.2 (1.04)	48.0 (1.61)
Black or African American, single race, female	100.0	36.8 (1.27)	10.4 (0.74)	3.6 (0.44)	15.0 (0.86)	33.9 (1.16)

\* Estimates are considered unreliable. Data preceded by an asterisk have a relative standard error (RSE) greater than 30% and less than or equal to 50% and should be used with caution. Data not shown have an RSE greater than 50%.

- Quantity zero.

<sup>1</sup>Derived from several source questions: "In any one year, have you had at least 12 drinks of any type of alcoholic beverage?"; "In your entire life, have you had at least 12 drinks of any type of alcoholic beverage?"; and "In the past year, how often did you drink any type of alcoholic beverage?"

Categories are derived from respondents' self-reported responses to a series of questions about alcohol consumption. A lifetime abstainer had fewer than 12 drinks in his or her lifetime. A former infrequent drinker had at least 12 drinks in his or her lifetime but fewer than 12 drinks in any 1 year and no drinks in the last year. A former regular drinker had at least 12 drinks in his or her lifetime or in any 1 year AND had no drink in the past year. A current infrequent drinker had at least 12 drinks in his or her lifetime and fewer than 12 drinks in the past year. A current regular drinker had at least 12 drinks in his or her lifetime and at least 12 drinks in the past year. Former and current drinkers for whom the frequency of consumption or amount consumed was unknown are not included

<sup>2</sup>Refers to persons who indicated only a single race group, including those of Hispanic or Latino origin.

<sup>3</sup>Refers to persons who indicated more than one race group, including those of Hispanic or Latino origin. Only two combinations of multiple race groups are shown due to small sample sizes for other combinations.

<sup>4</sup>Refers to persons who are of Hispanic or Latino origin and may be of any race or combination of races. "Not Hispanic or Latino" refers to persons who are not of Hispanic or Latino origin, regardless of race.

<sup>5</sup>Shown only for adults aged 25 and over.

<sup>6</sup>GED is General Educational Development high school equivalency diploma.

<sup>7</sup>"Full-time" employment is 35 or more hours per week. "Part-time" employment is 34 or fewer hours per week.

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