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Selected characteristic	All adults aged 18 and over	Lifetime abstainer ¹	Former infrequent ¹	Former regular ¹	Current infrequent ¹	Current regular ¹
Total	100.0	20.2 (0.42)	7.4 (0.20)	5.3 (0.17)	12.3 (0.28)	54.5 (0.46)
Sex						
Male	100.0	16.1 (0.54)	6.5 (0.26)	6.4 (0.26)	9.5 (0.35)	61.1 (0.61)
Female	100.0	23.8 (0.56)	8.2 (0.28)	4.3 (0.21)	15.0 (0.42)	48.5 (0.59)
Age (years)						
18–44	100.0	22.3 (0.61)	4.3 (0.23)	2.7 (0.19)	11.6 (0.41)	58.6 (0.65)
45–64	100.0	15.7 (0.57)	9.6 (0.40)	6.7 (0.36)	12.9 (0.45)	54.9 (0.69)
65–74	100.0	16.8 (0.71)	12.2 (0.63)	9.3 (0.56)	14.0 (0.64)	47.4 (1.00)
75 and over	100.0	26.4 (1.06)	13.7 (0.75)	12.3 (0.76)	13.3 (0.78)	34.4 (1.10)
Race						
One race ²	100.0	20.3 (0.43)	7.3 (0.20)	5.2 (0.18)	12.3 (0.28)	54.5 (0.47)
White	100.0	17.2 (0.44)	7.0 (0.21)	5.5 (0.20)	12.1 (0.31)	57.8 (0.52)
Black or African American	100.0	29.7 (1.29)	9.7 (0.64)	4.4 (0.45)	13.8 (0.81)	42.1 (1.25)
American Indian or Alaska Native	100.0	24.3 (3.62)	11.2 (1.94)	10.5 (2.07)	13.7 (2.98)	40.2 (3.07)
Asian	100.0	38.8 (1.81)	6.5 (0.80)	2.5 (0.47)	11.0 (1.09)	40.9 (1.66)
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	100.0	*	*	*	*	25.3 (6.11)
Two or more races ³	100.0	12.7 (1.76)	9.3 (1.42)	6.9 (1.33)	15.6 (1.98)	55.2 (2.50)
Black or African American, white	100.0	11.6 (3.12)	*	*	18.5 (4.38)	57.3 (6.05)
American Indian or Alaska Native, white	100.0	11.0 (2.64)	8.3 (1.87)	9.5 (2.55)	14.7 (2.91)	55.7 (4.14)
Hispanic or Latino origin ⁴ and race						
Hispanic or Latino	100.0	30.2 (1.20)	7.8 (0.61)	4.8 (0.46)	14.1 (0.91)	42.8 (1.10)
Mexican or Mexican American	100.0	29.7 (1.64)	7.8 (0.80)	4.8 (0.62)	14.0 (1.22)	43.5 (1.50)
Not Hispanic or Latino	100.0	18.3 (0.45)	7.4 (0.21)	5.3 (0.19)	12.0 (0.28)	56.7 (0.49)
White, single race	100.0	14.1 (0.46)	7.0 (0.23)	5.7 (0.22)	11.7 (0.30)	61.2 (0.55)
Black or African American, single race	100.0	30.0 (1.34)	9.7 (0.67)	4.4 (0.46)	13.5 (0.82)	42.1 (1.29)
Education ⁵						
Less than a high school diploma	100.0	30.6 (1.29)	13.0 (0.86)	7.9 (0.80)	12.1 (0.89)	35.6 (1.28)
High school diploma or GED ⁶	100.0	20.3 (0.85)	10.0 (0.49)	7.3 (0.43)	13.6 (0.60)	48.5 (0.90)
Some college	100.0	14.1 (0.57)	8.7 (0.42)	6.5 (0.36)	15.6 (0.58)	54.8 (0.81)
Bachelor's degree or higher	100.0	12.5 (0.52)	5.1 (0.29)	3.8 (0.23)	10.6 (0.42)	67.9 (0.65)
Current employment status ⁷						
Employed	100.0	15.5 (0.45)	6.1 (0.28)	3.9 (0.26)	12.1 (0.40)	62.0 (0.62)
Full-time	100.0	14.0 (0.55)	6.4 (0.43)	4.0 (0.34)	11.9 (0.47)	63.4 (0.78)
Part-time	100.0	23.9 (1.23)	6.2 (0.57)	3.9 (0.50)	12.4 (0.81)	53.3 (1.38)
Not employed but has worked previously	100.0	22.7 (0.91)	10.6 (0.48)	7.7 (0.42)	14.3 (0.65)	44.1 (0.93)
Not employed and has never worked	100.0	62.6 (1.91)	5.4 (0.69)	4.3 (0.88)	8.3 (1.09)	19.3 (1.57)

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Selected characteristic	All adults aged 18 and over	Lifetime abstainer ¹	Former infrequent ¹	Former regular ¹	Current infrequent ¹	Current regular ¹
Family income⁸						
Less than \$35,000	100.0	27.9 (0.81)	9.8 (0.40)	6.8 (0.36)	13.6 (0.50)	41.5 (0.79)
\$35,000 or more	100.0	16.0 (0.46)	6.4 (0.23)	4.6 (0.20)	11.7 (0.33)	61.0 (0.51)
\$35,000–\$49,999	100.0	20.6 (1.05)	8.4 (0.64)	6.6 (0.56)	14.3 (0.90)	49.8 (1.21)
\$50,000–\$74,999	100.0	17.6 (0.89)	8.4 (0.54)	5.5 (0.46)	13.1 (0.67)	55.3 (1.06)
\$75,000–\$99,999	100.0	15.8 (0.98)	7.1 (0.56)	3.9 (0.42)	12.9 (0.79)	59.9 (1.16)
\$100,000 or more	100.0	13.5 (0.67)	4.4 (0.34)	3.6 (0.30)	9.4 (0.48)	69.0 (0.80)
Poverty status⁹						
Poor	100.0	33.6 (1.23)	10.4 (0.66)	6.7 (0.57)	12.2 (0.76)	36.5 (1.13)
Near poor	100.0	26.3 (0.94)	10.4 (0.56)	7.3 (0.53)	15.5 (0.74)	40.2 (1.05)
Not poor	100.0	15.8 (0.44)	6.3 (0.22)	4.6 (0.18)	11.6 (0.32)	61.5 (0.49)
Health insurance coverage¹⁰						
Under 65:						
Private	100.0	16.4 (0.49)	5.1 (0.23)	3.3 (0.19)	11.2 (0.36)	63.7 (0.57)
Medicaid	100.0	32.6 (1.29)	9.9 (0.75)	6.5 (0.60)	14.4 (0.92)	35.7 (1.21)
Other coverage	100.0	21.4 (2.00)	9.6 (1.20)	8.3 (1.25)	12.3 (1.34)	47.6 (2.28)
Uninsured	100.0	24.5 (1.19)	7.4 (0.64)	5.1 (0.56)	13.9 (0.95)	48.7 (1.31)
65 and over:						
Private	100.0	17.6 (0.88)	11.8 (0.72)	10.5 (0.64)	14.3 (0.75)	45.6 (1.13)
Medicare and Medicaid	100.0	41.4 (2.73)	15.2 (1.70)	10.4 (1.53)	12.7 (1.87)	19.9 (2.24)
Medicare Advantage	100.0	18.9 (1.21)	12.5 (0.94)	11.9 (1.06)	13.2 (0.93)	43.2 (1.49)
Medicare only	100.0	24.9 (1.49)	16.4 (1.38)	8.1 (0.94)	13.2 (1.11)	37.2 (1.76)
Other coverage	100.0	19.8 (2.14)	11.6 (1.73)	13.6 (1.79)	13.8 (2.12)	41.2 (2.62)
Uninsured	100.0	*	*	*	*	*
Marital status						
Married	100.0	17.0 (0.51)	7.2 (0.29)	5.2 (0.25)	12.7 (0.39)	57.6 (0.63)
Widowed	100.0	14.7 (2.56)	9.4 (2.03)	*	12.3 (2.66)	54.6 (4.62)
Divorced or separated	100.0	15.7 (1.01)	9.5 (0.65)	6.1 (0.43)	14.6 (0.86)	53.9 (1.20)
Never married	100.0	28.6 (0.90)	7.0 (0.49)	5.7 (0.54)	11.2 (0.59)	46.8 (0.91)
Living with a partner	100.0	11.6 (1.13)	5.8 (0.70)	7.2 (1.09)	13.2 (1.18)	61.8 (1.61)
Place of residence¹¹						
Large MSA	100.0	20.2 (0.53)	6.4 (0.26)	4.9 (0.22)	11.6 (0.38)	56.6 (0.59)
Small MSA	100.0	19.1 (0.79)	8.4 (0.38)	5.6 (0.31)	13.2 (0.51)	53.3 (0.93)
Not in MSA	100.0	22.3 (1.43)	9.1 (0.56)	6.3 (0.54)	14.0 (0.69)	47.9 (1.39)
Region						
Northeast	100.0	18.0 (0.91)	6.6 (0.42)	4.3 (0.34)	12.6 (0.74)	58.1 (1.13)
Midwest	100.0	14.9 (0.68)	6.7 (0.38)	5.9 (0.38)	12.5 (0.53)	59.7 (0.87)
South	100.0	24.3 (0.79)	8.7 (0.35)	4.9 (0.26)	12.1 (0.41)	49.7 (0.76)
West	100.0	20.6 (0.89)	6.6 (0.42)	6.0 (0.41)	12.1 (0.64)	54.5 (0.98)

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Selected characteristic	All adults aged 18 and over	Lifetime abstainer ¹	Former infrequent ¹	Former regular ¹	Current infrequent ¹	Current regular ¹
Hispanic or Latino origin ⁴ , race, and sex						
Hispanic or Latino, male	100.0	21.1 (1.63)	7.0 (0.91)	6.5 (0.82)	11.3 (1.24)	53.6 (1.74)
Hispanic or Latina, female	100.0	38.5 (1.53)	8.6 (0.80)	3.4 (0.45)	17.0 (1.24)	32.3 (1.37)
Not Hispanic or Latino:						
White, single race, male	100.0	12.0 (0.54)	6.0 (0.29)	6.9 (0.32)	8.6 (0.38)	66.0 (0.69)
White, single race, female	100.0	15.9 (0.69)	8.0 (0.34)	4.6 (0.27)	14.6 (0.46)	56.7 (0.76)
Black or African American, single race, male	100.0	27.7 (2.05)	8.8 (0.98)	4.8 (0.65)	10.1 (1.03)	48.2 (1.96)
Black or African American, single race, female	100.0	31.7 (1.71)	10.5 (0.95)	4.1 (0.61)	16.3 (1.23)	37.2 (1.64)

* Estimate is considered unreliable, as specified in National Center for Health Statistics Data Presentation Standards for Proportions (available from: https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/series/sr_02/sr02_175.pdf), and is not shown.

¹Derived 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.

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⁴Refers 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.

⁵Shown 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.

⁶GED is General Educational Development high school equivalency diploma.

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

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

⁹"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.

¹⁰Based 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.

¹¹MSA 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>).

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SOURCE: NCHS, National Health Interview Survey, 2017.

Table A-13b. Frequency distribution (in thousands) of alcohol drinking status among adults aged 18 and over, by selected characteristics: United States, 2017

Selected characteristic	All adults aged 18 and over	Lifetime abstainer ¹	Former infrequent ¹	Former regular ¹	Current infrequent ¹	Current regular ¹
Total	246,657	48,032	19,008	13,675	30,317	131,562
Sex						
Male	118,990	18,261	7,922	7,955	11,189	71,415
Female	127,667	29,771	11,086	5,720	19,127	60,147
Age (years)						
18-44	113,636	25,019	4,879	3,055	12,966	65,766
45-64	83,494	12,935	7,867	5,508	10,661	45,218
65-74	29,454	4,873	3,562	2,691	4,069	13,788
75 and over	20,073	5,205	2,700	2,421	2,620	6,791
Race						
One race ²	241,760	47,422	18,603	13,376	29,577	128,771
White	192,033	31,680	14,381	11,445	23,267	108,165
Black or African American	30,560	8,847	2,886	1,250	4,164	12,781
American Indian or Alaska Native	2,944	706	317	257	385	1,221
Asian	15,675	5,951	956	374	1,712	6,454
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	548	*	*	*	*	150
Two or more races ³	4,897	610	406	299	739	2,791
Black or African American, white	1,183	197	*	*	*	719
American Indian or Alaska Native, white	1,863	206	179	184	256	1,007
Hispanic or Latino origin ⁴ and race						
Hispanic or Latino	39,416	11,527	2,686	1,678	5,438	17,453
Mexican or Mexican American	23,657	6,805	1,601	975	3,256	10,738
Not Hispanic or Latino	207,242	36,505	16,322	11,997	24,878	114,109
White, single race	157,443	21,366	12,021	10,017	18,646	92,883
Black or African American, single race	29,127	8,493	2,780	1,192	3,879	12,168
Education ⁵						
Less than a high school diploma	24,473	7,703	3,471	2,185	2,863	7,767
High school diploma or GED ⁶	51,376	10,155	5,505	4,090	6,921	23,798
Some college	61,418	8,500	5,368	4,139	9,435	32,892
Bachelor's degree or higher	78,981	9,587	3,971	2,949	8,254	53,262
Current employment status ⁷						
Employed	154,311	23,840	8,456	5,603	18,092	95,747
Full-time	126,572	17,140	6,842	4,581	14,696	81,145
Part-time	25,582	6,235	1,502	909	3,092	13,466
Not employed but has worked previously	79,750	16,377	9,911	7,599	11,125	33,423
Not employed and has never worked	12,466	7,771	623	473	1,080	2,359

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Selected characteristic	All adults aged 18 and over	Lifetime abstainer ¹	Former infrequent ¹	Former regular ¹	Current infrequent ¹	Current regular ¹
Family income⁸						
Less than \$35,000	62,681	17,279	6,499	4,568	8,415	24,644
\$35,000 or more	158,267	24,418	10,316	7,426	18,485	95,864
\$35,000–\$49,999	24,774	5,018	2,123	1,735	3,516	12,113
\$50,000–\$74,999	38,018	6,539	3,243	2,137	4,976	20,740
\$75,000–\$99,999	28,310	4,318	2,072	1,106	3,612	16,825
\$100,000 or more	67,166	8,544	2,877	2,448	6,381	46,185
Poverty status⁹						
Poor	27,569	9,108	2,690	1,684	3,322	10,186
Near poor	39,410	10,292	4,188	2,945	5,990	15,259
Not poor	167,503	25,400	11,137	8,143	19,583	101,156
Health insurance coverage¹⁰						
Under 65:						
Private	136,430	21,478	7,330	4,800	15,337	85,538
Medicaid	25,831	8,333	2,499	1,617	3,677	9,116
Other coverage	9,334	1,866	1,139	917	1,221	4,042
Uninsured	24,357	5,932	1,685	1,188	3,285	11,734
65 and over:						
Private	20,155	3,351	2,293	2,039	2,857	9,376
Medicare and Medicaid	3,643	1,469	552	376	456	720
Medicare Advantage	13,349	2,436	1,629	1,529	1,742	5,743
Medicare only	8,457	1,992	1,358	637	1,127	3,157
Other coverage	3,578	675	407	494	491	1,495
Uninsured	261	*	*	*	*	*
Marital status						
Married	129,268	21,242	10,062	7,256	16,372	72,636
Widowed	14,492	3,825	2,156	1,562	1,880	4,790
Divorced or separated	27,735	4,218	3,207	2,178	3,898	13,696
Never married	55,574	16,553	2,475	1,680	5,675	27,972
Living with a partner	19,212	2,129	1,092	995	2,398	12,304
Place of residence¹¹						
Large MSA	142,082	27,651	9,385	7,046	16,328	79,193
Small MSA	73,127	13,546	6,500	4,392	9,662	37,887
Not in MSA	31,448	6,835	3,124	2,237	4,327	14,483
Region						
Northeast	45,169	7,750	3,268	2,175	5,735	25,519
Midwest	53,793	7,740	3,787	3,339	6,845	31,318
South	89,318	20,823	7,952	4,596	10,726	43,350
West	58,377	11,719	4,001	3,565	7,011	31,375

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Hispanic or Latino origin ⁴ , race, and sex						
Hispanic or Latino, male	19,584	4,149	1,107	1,056	2,108	10,809
Hispanic or Latina, female	19,832	7,378	1,579	622	3,330	6,644
Not Hispanic or Latino:						
White, single race, male	76,561	8,539	4,938	5,940	6,718	49,069
White, single race, female	80,881	12,828	7,083	4,078	11,927	43,814
Black or African American, single race, male	13,175	3,565	1,110	553	1,301	6,309
Black or African American, single race, female	15,952	4,928	1,669	639	2,579	5,859

* Corresponding crude percentage for the frequency is considered unreliable, as specified in National Center for Health Statistics Data Presentation Standards for Proportions (available from: https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/series/sr_02/sr02_175.pdf), and is not shown.

¹Derived 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.

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⁵Shown only for adults aged 25 and over.

⁶GED is General Educational Development high school equivalency diploma.

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

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

⁹"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.

¹⁰Based 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.

¹¹MSA 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 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>).

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SOURCE: NCHS, National Health Interview Survey, 2017.

Table A-13c. Crude percent distribution (with standard errors) of alcohol drinking status among adults aged 18 and over, by selected characteristics: United States, 2017

Selected characteristic	All adults aged 18 and over	Lifetime abstainer ¹	Former infrequent ¹	Former regular ¹	Current infrequent ¹	Current regular ¹
Total	100.0	19.7 (0.41)	7.8 (0.21)	5.6 (0.18)	12.5 (0.27)	54.1 (0.45)
Sex						
Male	100.0	15.6 (0.52)	6.8 (0.27)	6.8 (0.28)	9.5 (0.34)	60.9 (0.60)
Female	100.0	23.6 (0.54)	8.8 (0.29)	4.5 (0.22)	15.2 (0.41)	47.7 (0.56)
Age (years)						
18–44	100.0	22.3 (0.61)	4.3 (0.23)	2.7 (0.19)	11.6 (0.41)	58.6 (0.65)
45–64	100.0	15.7 (0.57)	9.6 (0.40)	6.7 (0.36)	12.9 (0.45)	54.9 (0.69)
65–74	100.0	16.8 (0.71)	12.2 (0.63)	9.3 (0.56)	14.0 (0.64)	47.4 (1.00)
75 and over	100.0	26.4 (1.06)	13.7 (0.75)	12.3 (0.76)	13.3 (0.78)	34.4 (1.10)
Race						
One race ²	100.0	19.9 (0.41)	7.8 (0.21)	5.6 (0.19)	12.4 (0.27)	54.0 (0.46)
White	100.0	16.7 (0.42)	7.6 (0.23)	6.0 (0.21)	12.3 (0.29)	57.1 (0.51)
Black or African American	100.0	29.5 (1.29)	9.6 (0.68)	4.2 (0.45)	13.9 (0.82)	42.6 (1.24)
American Indian or Alaska Native	100.0	24.5 (3.70)	11.0 (2.07)	8.9 (1.95)	13.3 (2.90)	42.3 (3.42)
Asian	100.0	38.4 (1.83)	6.2 (0.76)	2.4 (0.47)	11.1 (1.11)	41.7 (1.72)
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	100.0	*	*	*	*	27.4 (6.83)
Two or more races ³	100.0	12.6 (1.83)	8.4 (1.36)	6.2 (1.27)	15.2 (2.00)	57.4 (2.70)
Black or African American, white	100.0	16.9 (4.61)	*	*	*	61.6 (5.83)
American Indian or Alaska Native, white	100.0	11.1 (2.47)	9.7 (2.27)	10.0 (2.53)	13.9 (2.69)	54.6 (4.03)
Hispanic or Latino origin ⁴ and race						
Hispanic or Latino	100.0	29.6 (1.18)	6.9 (0.54)	4.3 (0.42)	14.0 (0.90)	44.9 (1.16)
Mexican or Mexican American	100.0	29.1 (1.56)	6.8 (0.68)	4.2 (0.55)	13.9 (1.22)	45.8 (1.56)
Not Hispanic or Latino	100.0	17.9 (0.42)	8.0 (0.22)	5.9 (0.20)	12.2 (0.27)	55.8 (0.48)
White, single race	100.0	13.7 (0.42)	7.7 (0.24)	6.4 (0.24)	12.0 (0.29)	59.8 (0.53)
Black or African American, single race	100.0	29.7 (1.34)	9.7 (0.70)	4.2 (0.46)	13.6 (0.83)	42.5 (1.29)
Education ⁵						
Less than a high school diploma	100.0	31.9 (1.20)	14.4 (0.88)	9.1 (0.74)	11.9 (0.80)	32.2 (1.11)
High school diploma or GED ⁶	100.0	20.1 (0.79)	10.9 (0.51)	8.1 (0.46)	13.7 (0.57)	47.0 (0.86)
Some college	100.0	14.0 (0.55)	8.9 (0.43)	6.8 (0.37)	15.6 (0.57)	54.4 (0.78)
Bachelor's degree or higher	100.0	12.3 (0.50)	5.1 (0.29)	3.8 (0.23)	10.6 (0.42)	68.2 (0.65)
Current employment status ⁷						
Employed	100.0	15.7 (0.44)	5.6 (0.22)	3.7 (0.20)	11.9 (0.33)	62.9 (0.53)
Full-time	100.0	13.7 (0.44)	5.5 (0.24)	3.7 (0.22)	11.8 (0.37)	65.0 (0.56)
Part-time	100.0	24.7 (1.33)	5.9 (0.57)	3.6 (0.43)	12.2 (0.77)	53.3 (1.37)
Not employed but has worked previously	100.0	20.8 (0.62)	12.6 (0.44)	9.7 (0.37)	14.1 (0.45)	42.5 (0.70)
Not employed and has never worked	100.0	63.0 (1.82)	5.1 (0.65)	3.8 (0.77)	8.8 (1.14)	19.1 (1.50)

Table A-13c. Crude percent distribution (with standard errors) of alcohol drinking status among adults aged 18 and over, by selected characteristics: United States, 2017

Selected characteristic	All adults aged 18 and over	Lifetime abstainer ¹	Former infrequent ¹	Former regular ¹	Current infrequent ¹	Current regular ¹
Family income⁸						
Less than \$35,000	100.0	28.0 (0.77)	10.5 (0.41)	7.4 (0.38)	13.6 (0.48)	40.0 (0.76)
\$35,000 or more	100.0	15.6 (0.44)	6.6 (0.23)	4.7 (0.21)	11.8 (0.32)	61.1 (0.51)
\$35,000–\$49,999	100.0	20.4 (1.01)	8.7 (0.64)	7.1 (0.58)	14.3 (0.87)	49.4 (1.17)
\$50,000–\$74,999	100.0	17.3 (0.86)	8.6 (0.55)	5.7 (0.46)	13.2 (0.66)	55.0 (1.04)
\$75,000–\$99,999	100.0	15.4 (0.95)	7.4 (0.57)	3.9 (0.43)	12.9 (0.78)	60.0 (1.14)
\$100,000 or more	100.0	12.8 (0.61)	4.3 (0.32)	3.7 (0.29)	9.6 (0.48)	69.4 (0.75)
Poverty status⁹						
Poor	100.0	33.5 (1.25)	9.9 (0.66)	6.2 (0.55)	12.2 (0.77)	37.5 (1.19)
Near poor	100.0	26.5 (0.92)	10.8 (0.56)	7.6 (0.54)	15.4 (0.72)	39.3 (1.03)
Not poor	100.0	15.3 (0.42)	6.7 (0.23)	4.9 (0.19)	11.8 (0.31)	61.0 (0.48)
Health insurance coverage¹⁰						
Under 65:						
Private	100.0	15.9 (0.47)	5.4 (0.24)	3.6 (0.21)	11.4 (0.35)	63.5 (0.55)
Medicaid	100.0	32.7 (1.30)	9.8 (0.76)	6.3 (0.60)	14.4 (0.92)	35.8 (1.23)
Other coverage	100.0	20.2 (1.69)	12.3 (1.40)	9.9 (1.22)	13.2 (1.37)	43.8 (2.03)
Uninsured	100.0	24.8 (1.23)	7.0 (0.61)	5.0 (0.54)	13.7 (0.95)	49.1 (1.31)
65 and over:						
Private	100.0	16.8 (0.86)	11.5 (0.71)	10.2 (0.61)	14.3 (0.74)	47.0 (1.15)
Medicare and Medicaid	100.0	41.0 (2.74)	15.4 (1.73)	10.5 (1.54)	12.7 (1.85)	20.1 (2.25)
Medicare Advantage	100.0	18.6 (1.18)	12.4 (0.94)	11.7 (1.02)	13.3 (0.94)	43.8 (1.49)
Medicare only	100.0	24.1 (1.43)	16.4 (1.37)	7.7 (0.88)	13.6 (1.13)	38.1 (1.75)
Other coverage	100.0	19.0 (2.03)	11.4 (1.66)	13.9 (1.82)	13.8 (2.02)	42.0 (2.65)
Uninsured	100.0	*	*	*	*	*
Marital status						
Married	100.0	16.6 (0.48)	7.9 (0.30)	5.7 (0.26)	12.8 (0.37)	56.8 (0.60)
Widowed	100.0	26.9 (1.12)	15.2 (0.84)	11.0 (0.88)	13.2 (0.84)	33.7 (1.19)
Divorced or separated	100.0	15.5 (0.86)	11.8 (0.66)	8.0 (0.46)	14.3 (0.66)	50.3 (0.99)
Never married	100.0	30.3 (0.91)	4.5 (0.30)	3.1 (0.25)	10.4 (0.57)	51.1 (0.90)
Living with a partner	100.0	11.2 (1.00)	5.7 (0.65)	5.2 (0.67)	12.6 (0.97)	64.8 (1.51)
Place of residence¹¹						
Large MSA	100.0	19.7 (0.52)	6.7 (0.27)	5.0 (0.23)	11.7 (0.37)	56.6 (0.58)
Small MSA	100.0	18.8 (0.77)	9.0 (0.39)	6.1 (0.33)	13.4 (0.48)	52.4 (0.90)
Not in MSA	100.0	22.0 (1.41)	10.0 (0.59)	7.2 (0.59)	13.9 (0.68)	46.6 (1.37)
Region						
Northeast	100.0	17.4 (0.86)	7.3 (0.46)	4.9 (0.40)	12.9 (0.70)	57.2 (1.10)
Midwest	100.0	14.5 (0.66)	7.1 (0.41)	6.3 (0.39)	12.9 (0.53)	58.9 (0.88)
South	100.0	23.7 (0.76)	9.1 (0.36)	5.2 (0.29)	12.2 (0.41)	49.4 (0.75)
West	100.0	20.3 (0.88)	6.9 (0.44)	6.2 (0.41)	12.1 (0.63)	54.3 (0.96)

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Selected characteristic	All adults aged 18 and over	Lifetime abstainer ¹	Former infrequent ¹	Former regular ¹	Current infrequent ¹	Current regular ¹
Hispanic or Latino origin ⁴ , race, and sex						
Hispanic or Latino, male	100.0	21.5 (1.59)	5.7 (0.72)	5.5 (0.71)	10.9 (1.17)	56.0 (1.78)
Hispanic or Latina, female	100.0	37.6 (1.56)	8.1 (0.78)	3.2 (0.42)	17.0 (1.27)	33.9 (1.46)
Not Hispanic or Latino:						
White, single race, male	100.0	11.3 (0.49)	6.5 (0.30)	7.9 (0.36)	8.9 (0.37)	65.0 (0.68)
White, single race, female	100.0	16.1 (0.63)	8.9 (0.35)	5.1 (0.28)	14.9 (0.44)	54.8 (0.70)
Black or African American, single race, male	100.0	27.6 (2.10)	8.6 (1.01)	4.3 (0.62)	10.1 (1.06)	48.9 (1.96)
Black or African American, single race, female	100.0	31.4 (1.68)	10.6 (1.00)	4.1 (0.62)	16.4 (1.23)	37.3 (1.66)

* Estimate is considered unreliable, as specified in National Center for Health Statistics Data Presentation Standards for Proportions (available from: https://www.cdc.gov/nchs/data/series/sr_02/sr02_175.pdf), and is not shown.

¹Derived 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.

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

³Refers 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.

⁴Refers 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.

⁵Shown only for adults aged 25 and over.

⁶GED is General Educational Development high school equivalency diploma.

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

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

⁹"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.

¹⁰Based 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.

¹¹MSA 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. 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>).

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