

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, 2018

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	19.9 (0.42)	7.9 (0.21)	5.2 (0.18)	13.2 (0.29)	53.4 (0.48)
Sex						
Male	100.0	15.3 (0.50)	7.4 (0.30)	6.4 (0.28)	10.5 (0.39)	59.9 (0.62)
Female	100.0	24.1 (0.60)	8.3 (0.29)	4.2 (0.21)	15.9 (0.43)	47.3 (0.66)
Age (years)						
18–44	100.0	21.3 (0.64)	4.8 (0.26)	3.1 (0.22)	12.6 (0.44)	57.9 (0.70)
45–64	100.0	15.8 (0.54)	9.7 (0.40)	6.1 (0.34)	14.5 (0.47)	53.5 (0.73)
65–74	100.0	18.4 (0.81)	13.2 (0.63)	9.2 (0.53)	13.9 (0.62)	45.0 (0.92)
75 and over	100.0	27.8 (0.95)	15.5 (0.82)	11.1 (0.68)	12.2 (0.71)	33.0 (1.07)
Race						
One race ²	100.0	20.1 (0.43)	7.8 (0.21)	5.2 (0.18)	13.2 (0.30)	53.4 (0.49)
White	100.0	17.0 (0.46)	7.4 (0.22)	5.5 (0.21)	12.9 (0.32)	56.8 (0.55)
Black or African American	100.0	29.1 (1.11)	10.4 (0.67)	4.3 (0.49)	14.1 (0.77)	41.7 (1.14)
American Indian or Alaska Native	100.0	24.4 (3.38)	12.9 (2.97)	10.3 (1.94)	13.0 (2.66)	39.3 (4.75)
Asian	100.0	39.1 (1.81)	7.0 (0.75)	2.2 (0.40)	14.7 (1.14)	36.8 (1.66)
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	100.0	30.7 (6.70)	*	*	*	*
Two or more races ³	100.0	14.3 (1.66)	9.5 (1.51)	7.6 (1.64)	15.4 (2.02)	53.1 (2.60)
Black or African American, white	100.0	12.7 (3.16)	*	*	19.9 (4.98)	56.2 (5.45)
American Indian or Alaska Native, white	100.0	11.7 (2.55)	10.9 (2.72)	6.4 (1.78)	15.0 (4.18)	55.9 (4.67)
Hispanic or Latino origin ⁴ and race						
Hispanic or Latino	100.0	29.5 (1.15)	7.7 (0.59)	5.7 (0.55)	13.1 (0.71)	43.7 (1.17)
Mexican or Mexican American	100.0	28.4 (1.65)	7.7 (0.81)	6.3 (0.76)	12.6 (0.90)	44.6 (1.64)
Not Hispanic or Latino	100.0	18.2 (0.43)	8.0 (0.22)	5.1 (0.19)	13.2 (0.33)	55.2 (0.50)
White, single race	100.0	13.8 (0.44)	7.5 (0.24)	5.6 (0.22)	12.8 (0.37)	60.0 (0.57)
Black or African American, single race	100.0	29.2 (1.15)	10.6 (0.70)	4.1 (0.46)	14.0 (0.79)	41.6 (1.18)
Education ⁵						
Less than a high school diploma	100.0	31.4 (1.47)	13.5 (0.88)	8.9 (0.75)	11.8 (0.88)	33.8 (1.34)
High school diploma or GED ⁶	100.0	19.1 (0.77)	10.3 (0.47)	7.0 (0.46)	16.0 (0.70)	47.2 (0.93)
Some college	100.0	14.3 (0.57)	9.3 (0.46)	6.0 (0.36)	15.8 (0.59)	54.4 (0.77)
Bachelor's degree or higher	100.0	13.1 (0.49)	5.7 (0.33)	3.8 (0.25)	11.2 (0.42)	66.0 (0.67)
Current employment status ⁷						
Employed	100.0	15.6 (0.45)	6.9 (0.35)	4.1 (0.24)	12.9 (0.42)	60.2 (0.59)
Full-time	100.0	13.8 (0.52)	6.6 (0.47)	4.0 (0.34)	12.6 (0.51)	62.6 (0.77)
Part-time	100.0	22.9 (1.12)	7.4 (0.62)	4.7 (0.51)	13.5 (0.85)	51.1 (1.27)
Not employed but has worked previously	100.0	21.8 (0.91)	10.5 (0.49)	7.0 (0.38)	16.7 (0.74)	43.4 (1.01)
Not employed and has never worked	100.0	63.4 (2.04)	6.8 (0.96)	2.9 (0.58)	7.9 (1.02)	18.9 (1.70)

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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 income ⁸						
Less than \$35,000	100.0	27.4 (0.83)	11.0 (0.46)	7.3 (0.36)	14.1 (0.56)	39.7 (0.83)
\$35,000 or more	100.0	16.3 (0.46)	6.6 (0.24)	4.5 (0.20)	12.8 (0.35)	59.6 (0.55)
\$35,000–\$49,999	100.0	21.9 (1.11)	8.3 (0.64)	6.1 (0.57)	16.1 (0.86)	47.3 (1.23)
\$50,000–\$74,999	100.0	18.6 (0.90)	8.2 (0.52)	5.4 (0.44)	14.5 (0.71)	53.1 (1.08)
\$75,000–\$99,999	100.0	14.4 (0.91)	7.5 (0.58)	4.7 (0.46)	13.5 (0.85)	59.7 (1.16)
\$100,000 or more	100.0	14.0 (0.65)	4.7 (0.33)	3.4 (0.29)	10.6 (0.53)	67.2 (0.81)
Poverty status ⁹						
Poor	100.0	33.8 (1.28)	12.5 (0.74)	7.3 (0.59)	12.9 (0.78)	32.8 (1.16)
Near poor	100.0	26.2 (1.01)	10.1 (0.58)	7.9 (0.55)	15.9 (0.76)	39.4 (1.03)
Not poor	100.0	15.8 (0.43)	6.8 (0.23)	4.5 (0.19)	12.4 (0.35)	60.3 (0.52)
Health insurance coverage ¹⁰						
Under 65:						
Private	100.0	15.7 (0.47)	5.2 (0.24)	3.4 (0.21)	12.5 (0.39)	62.8 (0.57)
Medicaid	100.0	30.6 (1.35)	11.5 (0.78)	6.8 (0.58)	15.7 (0.98)	35.0 (1.29)
Other coverage	100.0	22.8 (2.34)	8.8 (0.90)	5.9 (0.99)	15.0 (1.70)	47.1 (2.44)
Uninsured	100.0	25.8 (1.41)	7.6 (0.71)	5.3 (0.61)	13.9 (0.87)	46.7 (1.41)
65 and over:						
Private	100.0	18.5 (0.86)	12.6 (0.78)	9.7 (0.66)	14.0 (0.73)	44.9 (1.09)
Medicare and Medicaid	100.0	41.9 (2.55)	19.3 (2.07)	13.2 (1.68)	8.3 (1.27)	17.0 (1.87)
Medicare Advantage	100.0	23.1 (1.18)	13.8 (0.92)	8.3 (0.71)	14.1 (1.04)	40.6 (1.35)
Medicare only	100.0	27.2 (1.61)	14.7 (1.42)	11.5 (1.20)	12.3 (1.24)	33.7 (1.67)
Other coverage	100.0	20.1 (1.99)	18.7 (1.86)	12.3 (1.39)	11.5 (1.39)	37.3 (2.19)
Uninsured	100.0	*	*	*	*	*
Marital status						
Married	100.0	17.5 (0.52)	7.4 (0.29)	5.1 (0.26)	13.3 (0.40)	56.3 (0.65)
Widowed	100.0	20.6 (4.10)	12.3 (2.60)	*	14.8 (4.03)	37.0 (4.44)
Divorced or separated	100.0	13.4 (0.88)	10.5 (0.75)	6.8 (0.54)	14.2 (0.93)	54.2 (1.26)
Never married	100.0	26.4 (0.90)	9.5 (0.66)	5.4 (0.45)	12.3 (0.62)	46.1 (0.95)
Living with a partner	100.0	11.7 (1.12)	8.5 (1.07)	5.2 (0.78)	13.3 (1.01)	60.8 (1.62)
Place of residence ¹¹						
Large MSA	100.0	20.3 (0.52)	7.2 (0.26)	4.6 (0.22)	12.4 (0.38)	55.1 (0.59)
Small MSA	100.0	18.4 (0.75)	7.9 (0.38)	5.9 (0.39)	14.0 (0.55)	53.4 (0.91)
Not in MSA	100.0	21.6 (1.67)	10.5 (0.70)	6.4 (0.61)	15.5 (0.93)	45.6 (1.63)
Region						
Northeast	100.0	17.8 (1.02)	7.0 (0.44)	4.4 (0.35)	11.7 (0.70)	58.7 (1.12)
Midwest	100.0	14.3 (0.66)	7.6 (0.41)	5.5 (0.38)	14.2 (0.63)	58.1 (0.91)
South	100.0	23.3 (0.76)	8.5 (0.34)	5.4 (0.33)	13.1 (0.51)	49.5 (0.79)
West	100.0	21.6 (0.89)	7.9 (0.47)	5.2 (0.38)	13.7 (0.55)	51.3 (1.11)

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Hispanic or Latino origin ⁴ , race, and sex						
Hispanic or Latino, male	100.0	20.4 (1.35)	7.1 (0.90)	7.7 (1.02)	10.7 (1.03)	53.5 (1.56)
Hispanic or Latina, female	100.0	37.8 (1.63)	8.3 (0.75)	4.0 (0.53)	15.5 (1.01)	34.2 (1.53)
Not Hispanic or Latino:						
White, single race, male	100.0	11.5 (0.54)	6.9 (0.31)	6.8 (0.34)	9.5 (0.47)	64.8 (0.74)
White, single race, female	100.0	15.8 (0.61)	8.0 (0.35)	4.4 (0.26)	16.0 (0.54)	55.5 (0.78)
Black or African American, single race, male	100.0	23.8 (1.71)	10.4 (1.07)	4.1 (0.56)	12.2 (1.16)	48.9 (1.85)
Black or African American, single race, female	100.0	33.4 (1.52)	10.9 (0.93)	4.2 (0.74)	15.6 (1.14)	35.7 (1.50)

* Estimate does not meet NCHS standards of reliability.

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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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. 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, 2018.

Table A-13b. Frequency distribution (in thousands) of alcohol drinking status among adults aged 18 and over, by selected characteristics: United States, 2018

Selected characteristic	All adults aged 18 and over	Lifetime abstainer ¹	Former infrequent ¹	Former regular ¹	Current infrequent ¹	Current regular ¹
Total	249,456	48,330	20,527	13,588	32,817	129,742
Sex						
Male	120,442	17,518	9,281	7,963	12,552	70,805
Female	129,014	30,812	11,246	5,624	20,265	58,937
Age (years)						
18–44	115,008	24,167	5,445	3,506	14,231	65,603
45–64	83,038	12,905	7,893	5,020	11,869	43,730
65–74	30,809	5,615	4,039	2,801	4,242	13,713
75 and over	20,601	5,643	3,150	2,260	2,475	6,695
Race						
One race ²	243,677	47,513	20,023	13,194	31,982	126,606
White	193,454	31,946	15,448	11,303	25,014	106,616
Black or African American	30,813	8,625	3,044	1,243	4,222	12,727
American Indian or Alaska Native	2,810	652	361	283	381	1,113
Asian	15,960	6,090	1,089	335	2,324	5,878
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	640	*	*	*	*	*
Two or more races ³	5,779	816	505	393	835	3,135
Black or African American, white	1,567	223	*	*	272	885
American Indian or Alaska Native, white	1,879	207	219	*	272	1,014
Hispanic or Latino origin ⁴ and race						
Hispanic or Latino	40,749	11,478	2,786	2,046	5,308	18,284
Mexican or Mexican American	24,415	6,578	1,645	1,324	3,088	11,176
Not Hispanic or Latino	208,706	36,851	17,741	11,541	27,509	111,458
White, single race	157,289	21,391	13,000	9,668	20,435	90,454
Black or African American, single race	29,089	8,168	2,972	1,128	3,957	11,938
Education ⁵						
Less than a high school diploma	24,710	7,870	3,634	2,390	2,774	7,474
High school diploma or GED ⁶	52,455	9,913	5,786	3,833	8,230	23,547
Some college	62,770	8,930	5,912	3,901	9,755	33,113
Bachelor's degree or higher	78,964	10,109	4,499	2,948	8,804	51,561
Current employment status ⁷						
Employed	158,301	23,909	9,618	6,150	20,110	95,640
Full-time	129,152	17,498	7,578	4,819	16,206	80,702
Part-time	27,087	6,164	1,846	1,241	3,562	13,805
Not employed but has worked previously	78,269	16,271	10,039	7,075	11,690	31,810
Not employed and has never worked	12,669	8,041	824	363	1,006	2,260

Table A-13b. Frequency distribution (in thousands) of alcohol drinking status among adults aged 18 and over, by selected characteristics: United States, 2018

Selected characteristic	All adults aged 18 and over	Lifetime abstainer ¹	Former infrequent ¹	Former regular ¹	Current infrequent ¹	Current regular ¹
Family income ⁸						
Less than \$35,000	58,573	15,937	6,902	4,667	8,115	21,780
\$35,000 or more	166,985	26,302	11,163	7,500	21,494	98,587
\$35,000–\$49,999	24,817	5,352	2,181	1,554	3,951	11,488
\$50,000–\$74,999	38,139	6,917	3,317	2,185	5,488	19,760
\$75,000–\$99,999	30,794	4,284	2,300	1,415	4,237	18,218
\$100,000 or more	73,236	9,749	3,365	2,345	7,818	49,121
Poverty status ⁹						
Poor	24,028	7,966	2,886	1,693	3,072	7,901
Near poor	40,315	10,560	4,195	3,256	6,272	15,233
Not poor	173,576	26,469	12,312	8,091	21,842	102,478
Health insurance coverage ¹⁰						
Under 65:						
Private	136,568	20,780	7,438	4,862	17,220	83,983
Medicaid	24,908	7,516	2,783	1,640	3,839	8,567
Other coverage	9,857	2,013	1,152	662	1,491	4,366
Uninsured	25,525	6,495	1,878	1,305	3,491	11,744
65 and over:						
Private	21,274	3,715	2,606	2,000	2,976	9,690
Medicare and Medicaid	3,529	1,422	671	461	291	605
Medicare Advantage	13,113	2,919	1,795	1,057	1,832	5,358
Medicare only	7,945	2,089	1,103	905	958	2,703
Other coverage	5,181	1,008	953	606	617	1,947
Uninsured	274	*	*	*	*	*
Marital status						
Married	130,518	22,384	10,471	7,161	17,511	71,136
Widowed	14,263	3,950	2,071	1,522	1,927	4,484
Divorced or separated	27,100	3,841	3,268	2,123	3,881	13,412
Never married	58,300	16,101	3,431	2,010	6,875	28,526
Living with a partner	18,856	1,959	1,248	753	2,569	12,012
Place of residence ¹¹						
Large MSA	142,041	27,979	10,480	6,609	17,519	76,681
Small MSA	75,044	13,459	6,286	4,647	10,475	38,989
Not in MSA	32,370	6,892	3,761	2,332	4,823	14,072
Region						
Northeast	43,262	7,359	3,270	2,073	5,024	24,580
Midwest	54,818	7,546	4,346	3,175	7,754	31,008
South	92,043	20,897	8,122	5,208	11,953	44,218
West	59,333	12,528	4,789	3,132	8,086	29,935

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Hispanic or Latino origin ⁴ , race, and sex						
Hispanic or Latino, male	20,279	4,031	1,210	1,290	2,130	11,149
Hispanic or Latina, female	20,470	7,447	1,576	757	3,178	7,135
Not Hispanic or Latino:						
White, single race, male	76,416	8,083	5,907	5,765	7,493	47,930
White, single race, female	80,872	13,308	7,094	3,903	12,942	42,524
Black or African American, single race, male	13,250	3,071	1,283	472	1,571	6,449
Black or African American, single race, female	15,840	5,097	1,689	656	2,385	5,489

* Corresponding crude percentage for the frequency does not meet NCHS standards of reliability, so the frequency 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, 2018.

Table A-13c. Crude percent distribution (with standard errors) of alcohol drinking status among adults aged 18 and over, by selected characteristics: United States, 2018

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 (0.40)	8.3 (0.22)	5.5 (0.19)	13.3 (0.28)	52.8 (0.47)
Sex						
Male	100.0	14.8 (0.48)	7.8 (0.31)	6.7 (0.29)	10.6 (0.38)	59.7 (0.61)
Female	100.0	24.2 (0.57)	8.8 (0.29)	4.4 (0.22)	15.9 (0.41)	46.3 (0.63)
Age (years)						
18–44	100.0	21.3 (0.64)	4.8 (0.26)	3.1 (0.22)	12.6 (0.44)	57.9 (0.70)
45–64	100.0	15.8 (0.54)	9.7 (0.40)	6.1 (0.34)	14.5 (0.47)	53.5 (0.73)
65–74	100.0	18.4 (0.81)	13.2 (0.63)	9.2 (0.53)	13.9 (0.62)	45.0 (0.92)
75 and over	100.0	27.8 (0.95)	15.5 (0.82)	11.1 (0.68)	12.2 (0.71)	33.0 (1.07)
Race						
One race ²	100.0	19.8 (0.41)	8.3 (0.22)	5.5 (0.19)	13.3 (0.29)	52.7 (0.48)
White	100.0	16.7 (0.43)	8.1 (0.24)	5.9 (0.21)	13.1 (0.31)	55.8 (0.53)
Black or African American	100.0	28.8 (1.11)	10.2 (0.68)	4.1 (0.50)	14.1 (0.77)	42.4 (1.17)
American Indian or Alaska Native	100.0	23.3 (3.61)	12.9 (2.95)	10.1 (2.33)	13.6 (2.87)	39.8 (5.30)
Asian	100.0	38.7 (1.81)	6.9 (0.76)	2.1 (0.40)	14.8 (1.15)	37.3 (1.69)
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	100.0	*	*	*	*	*
Two or more races ³	100.0	14.3 (1.78)	8.9 (1.51)	6.9 (1.61)	14.7 (2.04)	55.0 (2.75)
Black or African American, white	100.0	14.6 (3.83)	*	*	17.8 (4.68)	58.0 (5.95)
American Indian or Alaska Native, white	100.0	11.1 (2.20)	11.7 (2.63)	*	14.5 (3.57)	54.3 (4.28)
Hispanic or Latino origin ⁴ and race						
Hispanic or Latino	100.0	28.6 (1.19)	7.0 (0.55)	5.1 (0.52)	13.2 (0.73)	45.6 (1.22)
Mexican or Mexican American	100.0	27.5 (1.72)	6.9 (0.76)	5.5 (0.73)	12.9 (0.92)	46.7 (1.72)
Not Hispanic or Latino	100.0	17.9 (0.40)	8.6 (0.23)	5.6 (0.20)	13.4 (0.31)	54.2 (0.49)
White, single race	100.0	13.8 (0.40)	8.4 (0.25)	6.2 (0.23)	13.1 (0.34)	58.2 (0.55)
Black or African American, single race	100.0	28.9 (1.14)	10.5 (0.70)	4.0 (0.47)	14.0 (0.79)	42.2 (1.20)
Education ⁵						
Less than a high school diploma	100.0	32.4 (1.32)	15.0 (0.92)	9.8 (0.73)	11.4 (0.79)	30.8 (1.20)
High school diploma or GED ⁶	100.0	19.2 (0.72)	11.2 (0.49)	7.4 (0.45)	16.0 (0.64)	45.7 (0.85)
Some college	100.0	14.5 (0.57)	9.6 (0.45)	6.3 (0.36)	15.8 (0.56)	53.6 (0.76)
Bachelor's degree or higher	100.0	12.9 (0.48)	5.8 (0.32)	3.8 (0.24)	11.3 (0.42)	66.0 (0.67)
Current employment status ⁷						
Employed	100.0	15.3 (0.43)	6.2 (0.25)	3.9 (0.21)	12.9 (0.37)	61.3 (0.55)
Full-time	100.0	13.8 (0.43)	6.0 (0.26)	3.8 (0.23)	12.7 (0.40)	63.4 (0.57)
Part-time	100.0	23.0 (1.16)	6.9 (0.57)	4.6 (0.51)	13.3 (0.84)	51.6 (1.28)
Not employed but has worked previously	100.0	21.1 (0.60)	13.0 (0.43)	9.2 (0.36)	15.1 (0.48)	41.2 (0.71)
Not employed and has never worked	100.0	64.3 (1.93)	6.6 (0.81)	2.9 (0.59)	8.0 (0.97)	18.1 (1.53)

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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 income ⁸						
Less than \$35,000	100.0	27.6 (0.78)	12.0 (0.47)	8.1 (0.37)	14.1 (0.53)	37.8 (0.80)
\$35,000 or more	100.0	15.9 (0.44)	6.8 (0.24)	4.5 (0.20)	13.0 (0.34)	59.6 (0.54)
\$35,000–\$49,999	100.0	21.8 (1.08)	8.9 (0.66)	6.3 (0.55)	16.1 (0.83)	46.7 (1.19)
\$50,000–\$74,999	100.0	18.3 (0.86)	8.8 (0.54)	5.8 (0.45)	14.5 (0.68)	52.4 (1.04)
\$75,000–\$99,999	100.0	14.0 (0.87)	7.5 (0.56)	4.6 (0.44)	13.9 (0.83)	59.7 (1.12)
\$100,000 or more	100.0	13.4 (0.61)	4.6 (0.32)	3.2 (0.27)	10.8 (0.52)	67.7 (0.78)
Poverty status ⁹						
Poor	100.0	33.7 (1.31)	12.2 (0.75)	7.1 (0.59)	13.0 (0.79)	33.4 (1.22)
Near poor	100.0	26.6 (0.99)	10.6 (0.59)	8.2 (0.54)	15.8 (0.73)	38.4 (1.00)
Not poor	100.0	15.4 (0.40)	7.2 (0.24)	4.7 (0.20)	12.7 (0.34)	59.7 (0.51)
Health insurance coverage ¹⁰						
Under 65:						
Private	100.0	15.4 (0.45)	5.5 (0.24)	3.6 (0.21)	12.8 (0.39)	62.3 (0.56)
Medicaid	100.0	30.7 (1.37)	11.4 (0.78)	6.7 (0.59)	15.7 (0.99)	35.0 (1.30)
Other coverage	100.0	20.7 (1.89)	11.8 (1.18)	6.8 (1.00)	15.3 (1.49)	44.9 (2.11)
Uninsured	100.0	25.9 (1.41)	7.5 (0.71)	5.2 (0.60)	13.9 (0.87)	46.9 (1.43)
65 and over:						
Private	100.0	17.7 (0.83)	12.4 (0.78)	9.5 (0.65)	14.1 (0.73)	46.1 (1.08)
Medicare and Medicaid	100.0	41.1 (2.54)	19.4 (2.06)	13.3 (1.63)	8.4 (1.29)	17.5 (1.89)
Medicare Advantage	100.0	22.5 (1.19)	13.8 (0.93)	8.1 (0.69)	14.1 (1.02)	41.3 (1.38)
Medicare only	100.0	26.8 (1.60)	14.1 (1.31)	11.6 (1.21)	12.3 (1.22)	34.6 (1.68)
Other coverage	100.0	19.6 (1.99)	18.6 (1.83)	11.8 (1.34)	12.0 (1.49)	37.9 (2.19)
Uninsured	100.0	*	*	*	*	*
Marital status						
Married	100.0	17.3 (0.48)	8.1 (0.30)	5.5 (0.26)	13.6 (0.38)	55.1 (0.61)
Widowed	100.0	28.2 (1.09)	14.8 (0.84)	10.9 (0.82)	13.7 (0.82)	32.0 (1.14)
Divorced or separated	100.0	14.4 (0.74)	12.2 (0.66)	8.0 (0.48)	14.5 (0.70)	50.2 (0.97)
Never married	100.0	28.2 (0.93)	6.0 (0.41)	3.5 (0.31)	12.0 (0.62)	49.9 (0.96)
Living with a partner	100.0	10.5 (0.96)	6.7 (0.72)	4.1 (0.58)	13.8 (1.01)	64.6 (1.42)
Place of residence ¹¹						
Large MSA	100.0	20.0 (0.51)	7.5 (0.27)	4.7 (0.22)	12.5 (0.37)	54.9 (0.58)
Small MSA	100.0	18.2 (0.72)	8.5 (0.39)	6.3 (0.40)	14.1 (0.52)	52.6 (0.90)
Not in MSA	100.0	21.5 (1.54)	11.8 (0.73)	7.3 (0.65)	15.1 (0.83)	44.0 (1.55)
Region						
Northeast	100.0	17.3 (0.97)	7.7 (0.48)	4.9 (0.38)	11.8 (0.66)	57.9 (1.09)
Midwest	100.0	14.0 (0.62)	8.0 (0.43)	5.9 (0.39)	14.4 (0.60)	57.4 (0.90)
South	100.0	23.0 (0.74)	9.0 (0.36)	5.7 (0.35)	13.2 (0.50)	48.8 (0.78)
West	100.0	21.3 (0.86)	8.2 (0.49)	5.3 (0.38)	13.8 (0.53)	51.0 (1.08)

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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	20.2 (1.41)	6.1 (0.81)	6.5 (0.90)	10.7 (1.03)	55.9 (1.60)
Hispanic or Latina, female	100.0	37.0 (1.67)	7.8 (0.72)	3.8 (0.51)	15.8 (1.05)	35.4 (1.57)
Not Hispanic or Latino:						
White, single race, male	100.0	10.7 (0.47)	7.8 (0.35)	7.6 (0.36)	9.9 (0.43)	63.5 (0.72)
White, single race, female	100.0	16.6 (0.56)	8.9 (0.35)	4.9 (0.27)	16.2 (0.50)	53.2 (0.73)
Black or African American, single race, male	100.0	23.7 (1.72)	9.9 (1.06)	3.6 (0.52)	12.1 (1.16)	49.9 (1.87)
Black or African American, single race, female	100.0	33.2 (1.50)	11.0 (0.93)	4.3 (0.77)	15.5 (1.13)	35.8 (1.52)

* Estimate does not meet NCHS standards of reliability.

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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SOURCE: NCHS, National Health Interview Survey, 2018.