

**Table ALC–1a. Age-adjusted percent distribution (with standard errors) of lifetime alcohol drinking status among adults aged 18 and over, by sex and selected characteristics: United States, annualized, 2011–2014**

Selected characteristic	All adults aged 18 and over	Lifetime abstainer <sup>1</sup>	Former infrequent drinker <sup>1</sup>	Former regular drinker <sup>1</sup>	Current drinker <sup>1</sup>
<b>Both sexes</b>	100.0	21.0 (0.22)	8.1 (0.11)	5.5 (0.10)	65.3 (0.27)
Age					
18–24 years	100.0	36.5 (0.71)	2.7 (0.19)	1.5 (0.15)	59.3 (0.74)
25–44 years	100.0	16.8 (0.26)	5.9 (0.15)	3.7 (0.12)	73.6 (0.32)
45–64 years	100.0	16.4 (0.28)	10.0 (0.20)	6.9 (0.17)	66.7 (0.36)
65–74 years	100.0	21.7 (0.47)	13.1 (0.37)	9.8 (0.31)	55.4 (0.62)
75 years and over	100.0	31.2 (0.58)	16.2 (0.43)	11.8 (0.38)	40.8 (0.66)
Race					
One race <sup>2</sup>	100.0	21.1 (0.23)	8.1 (0.11)	5.5 (0.10)	65.3 (0.27)
White	100.0	18.2 (0.24)	7.8 (0.12)	5.7 (0.11)	68.3 (0.30)
Black or African American	100.0	30.4 (0.52)	10.7 (0.31)	5.1 (0.19)	53.8 (0.52)
American Indian or Alaska Native	100.0	22.9 (1.82)	12.0 (1.05)	10.8 (1.13)	54.2 (2.04)
Asian	100.0	41.8 (0.73)	6.6 (0.35)	2.8 (0.32)	48.8 (0.72)
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	100.0	27.6 (4.06)	9.9 (2.84)	*8.6 (4.00)	53.9 (4.83)
Two or more races <sup>3</sup>	100.0	19.0 (1.03)	9.8 (0.79)	7.8 (0.68)	63.4 (1.33)
Black or African American, white	100.0	19.0 (2.62)	7.4 (1.96)	5.8 (1.62)	67.7 (3.30)
American Indian or Alaska Native, white	100.0	15.3 (1.47)	10.6 (1.18)	9.7 (1.13)	64.3 (1.98)
Hispanic or Latino origin <sup>4</sup> and race					
Hispanic or Latino	100.0	30.6 (0.44)	8.3 (0.23)	5.7 (0.20)	55.3 (0.47)
Mexican or Mexican American	100.0	29.7 (0.57)	8.5 (0.30)	6.3 (0.29)	55.5 (0.58)
Not Hispanic or Latino	100.0	19.4 (0.24)	8.0 (0.12)	5.5 (0.11)	67.1 (0.29)
White, single race	100.0	15.5 (0.27)	7.6 (0.14)	5.7 (0.12)	71.1 (0.33)
Black or African American, single race	100.0	30.5 (0.53)	10.6 (0.31)	5.2 (0.20)	53.7 (0.54)
American Indian or Alaska Native, single race	100.0	23.1 (2.36)	13.1 (1.33)	12.2 (1.52)	51.6 (2.51)
Education <sup>5</sup>					
Less than high school diploma	100.0	30.7 (0.48)	12.7 (0.33)	8.7 (0.28)	48.0 (0.51)
GED or equivalent <sup>6</sup>	100.0	17.6 (0.81)	14.0 (0.78)	10.0 (0.65)	58.4 (1.04)
High school graduate	100.0	20.7 (0.38)	10.6 (0.26)	6.6 (0.20)	62.1 (0.43)
Some college, no degree	100.0	14.9 (0.36)	9.4 (0.26)	6.4 (0.20)	69.3 (0.46)
Associate's degree	100.0	15.1 (0.42)	9.0 (0.31)	5.9 (0.26)	69.9 (0.52)
Bachelor's degree	100.0	14.1 (0.33)	5.4 (0.19)	4.5 (0.17)	76.1 (0.40)
Master's, professional, or doctoral degree	100.0	14.4 (0.43)	5.3 (0.24)	4.0 (0.22)	76.3 (0.52)
Poverty status <sup>7</sup>					
Less than 100% of the poverty threshold	100.0	32.6 (0.49)	11.1 (0.30)	7.6 (0.25)	48.7 (0.54)
100% to less than 200% of the poverty threshold	100.0	27.2 (0.41)	10.7 (0.27)	7.2 (0.21)	54.9 (0.48)
200% to less than 400% of the poverty threshold	100.0	20.3 (0.34)	8.7 (0.20)	5.7 (0.15)	65.2 (0.39)
400% of the poverty threshold or greater	100.0	13.8 (0.29)	5.3 (0.13)	4.0 (0.13)	76.9 (0.33)

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Selected characteristic	All adults aged 18 and over	Lifetime abstainer <sup>1</sup>	Former infrequent drinker <sup>1</sup>	Former regular drinker <sup>1</sup>	Current drinker <sup>1</sup>
<b>Both sexes (continued)</b>					
Marital status					
Married	100.0	18.5 (0.27)	8.4 (0.15)	5.6 (0.13)	67.5 (0.33)
Widowed	100.0	24.4 (1.70)	10.8 (1.15)	7.4 (1.16)	57.4 (2.04)
Divorced or separated	100.0	15.7 (0.40)	9.5 (0.29)	7.2 (0.25)	67.6 (0.47)
Never married	100.0	27.6 (0.44)	7.8 (0.27)	5.4 (0.22)	59.2 (0.50)
Living with a partner	100.0	11.6 (0.50)	8.1 (0.48)	5.8 (0.39)	74.4 (0.70)
Region					
Northeast	100.0	19.8 (0.53)	6.9 (0.22)	4.7 (0.23)	68.6 (0.58)
Midwest	100.0	17.6 (0.47)	7.7 (0.26)	5.6 (0.17)	69.2 (0.54)
South	100.0	24.2 (0.37)	9.3 (0.21)	5.6 (0.17)	60.9 (0.47)
West	100.0	20.5 (0.45)	7.5 (0.19)	6.2 (0.22)	65.9 (0.53)
Place of residence <sup>8</sup>					
Large MSA	100.0	21.1 (0.26)	7.2 (0.13)	4.7 (0.11)	67.0 (0.30)
Small MSA	100.0	19.9 (0.44)	8.4 (0.20)	6.0 (0.19)	65.6 (0.53)
Not in MSA	100.0	22.5 (0.75)	10.9 (0.39)	7.5 (0.33)	59.1 (0.88)

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Selected characteristic	All adults aged 18 and over	Lifetime abstainer <sup>1</sup>	Former infrequent drinker <sup>1</sup>	Former regular drinker <sup>1</sup>	Current drinker <sup>1</sup>
<b>Men</b>	100.0	15.6 (0.24)	7.1 (0.14)	6.7 (0.14)	70.6 (0.31)
Age					
18–24 years	100.0	33.9 (0.94)	2.0 (0.23)	1.3 (0.20)	62.8 (0.97)
25–44 years	100.0	12.5 (0.31)	4.9 (0.19)	3.8 (0.16)	78.9 (0.38)
45–64 years	100.0	11.0 (0.30)	9.1 (0.25)	8.5 (0.26)	71.4 (0.46)
65–74 years	100.0	12.8 (0.50)	12.2 (0.52)	13.3 (0.54)	61.7 (0.83)
75 years and over	100.0	18.1 (0.74)	14.8 (0.64)	17.1 (0.74)	50.0 (1.03)
Race					
One race <sup>2</sup>	100.0	15.6 (0.24)	7.1 (0.14)	6.7 (0.14)	70.6 (0.31)
White	100.0	13.6 (0.26)	6.7 (0.16)	6.8 (0.16)	72.8 (0.33)
Black or African American	100.0	22.8 (0.70)	10.1 (0.42)	6.8 (0.33)	60.3 (0.77)
American Indian or Alaska Native	100.0	16.7 (1.92)	10.8 (1.41)	10.4 (1.43)	62.1 (2.38)
Asian	100.0	29.7 (0.97)	7.0 (0.58)	3.6 (0.46)	59.7 (0.99)
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	100.0	14.5 (3.72)	*10.5 (3.35)	13.9 (3.51)	61.1 (4.67)
Two or more races <sup>3</sup>	100.0	15.0 (1.39)	7.9 (1.18)	10.5 (1.12)	66.5 (1.86)
Black or African American, white	100.0	12.6 (3.08)	*	*10.7 (3.71)	74.4 (5.04)
American Indian or Alaska Native, white	100.0	12.7 (2.27)	9.8 (1.98)	12.2 (1.76)	65.3 (3.01)
Hispanic or Latino origin <sup>4</sup> and race					
Hispanic or Latino	100.0	19.1 (0.51)	7.9 (0.33)	7.5 (0.31)	65.5 (0.60)
Mexican or Mexican American	100.0	16.9 (0.62)	8.1 (0.43)	8.4 (0.43)	66.6 (0.76)
Not Hispanic or Latino	100.0	14.9 (0.27)	7.0 (0.15)	6.6 (0.15)	71.5 (0.34)
White, single race	100.0	12.3 (0.29)	6.5 (0.17)	6.7 (0.18)	74.5 (0.37)
Black or African American, single race	100.0	23.1 (0.73)	10.0 (0.43)	6.9 (0.33)	59.9 (0.80)
American Indian or Alaska Native, single race	100.0	17.6 (2.71)	11.7 (1.78)	11.0 (1.82)	59.8 (3.12)
Education <sup>5</sup>					
Less than high school diploma	100.0	17.1 (0.55)	11.9 (0.44)	11.4 (0.43)	59.7 (0.69)
GED or equivalent <sup>6</sup>	100.0	10.2 (0.98)	12.2 (1.10)	13.2 (1.03)	64.4 (1.50)
High school graduate	100.0	13.7 (0.44)	9.4 (0.35)	8.5 (0.31)	68.4 (0.56)
Some college, no degree	100.0	10.0 (0.43)	7.8 (0.36)	7.4 (0.32)	74.8 (0.61)
Associate's degree	100.0	9.8 (0.50)	8.1 (0.47)	7.3 (0.42)	74.8 (0.73)
Bachelor's degree	100.0	10.9 (0.41)	4.6 (0.26)	5.2 (0.27)	79.3 (0.52)
Master's, professional, or doctoral degree	100.0	12.8 (0.54)	4.9 (0.31)	4.1 (0.34)	78.2 (0.69)
Poverty status <sup>7</sup>					
Less than 100% of the poverty threshold	100.0	23.8 (0.68)	9.8 (0.47)	10.2 (0.43)	56.2 (0.78)
100% to less than 200% of the poverty threshold	100.0	19.8 (0.53)	9.4 (0.36)	9.3 (0.34)	61.4 (0.64)
200% to less than 400% of the poverty threshold	100.0	15.2 (0.40)	7.9 (0.26)	7.1 (0.24)	69.8 (0.51)
400% of the poverty threshold or greater	100.0	11.0 (0.33)	4.9 (0.18)	4.5 (0.19)	79.6 (0.42)

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<b>Men (continued)</b>					
Marital status					
Married	100.0	12.8 (0.28)	7.5 (0.19)	6.7 (0.19)	73.0 (0.38)
Widowed	100.0	9.2 (1.83)	8.3 (1.60)	12.1 (2.30)	70.4 (3.16)
Divorced or separated	100.0	9.0 (0.47)	8.7 (0.45)	8.9 (0.43)	73.4 (0.70)
Never married	100.0	22.8 (0.56)	7.0 (0.36)	7.2 (0.37)	63.0 (0.69)
Living with a partner	100.0	8.1 (0.60)	7.3 (0.62)	5.9 (0.54)	78.7 (0.90)
Region					
Northeast	100.0	15.8 (0.67)	5.9 (0.31)	5.5 (0.35)	72.8 (0.79)
Midwest	100.0	13.5 (0.49)	6.5 (0.31)	6.7 (0.27)	73.3 (0.61)
South	100.0	17.2 (0.40)	8.5 (0.25)	7.2 (0.25)	67.1 (0.54)
West	100.0	15.0 (0.46)	6.7 (0.25)	6.9 (0.29)	71.4 (0.55)
Place of residence <sup>8</sup>					
Large MSA	100.0	15.9 (0.31)	6.3 (0.17)	5.7 (0.17)	72.2 (0.37)
Small MSA	100.0	14.5 (0.47)	7.4 (0.27)	7.1 (0.27)	70.9 (0.58)
Not in MSA	100.0	15.9 (0.70)	9.8 (0.44)	9.2 (0.44)	65.1 (0.93)

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Selected characteristic	All adults aged 18 and over	Lifetime abstainer <sup>1</sup>	Former infrequent drinker <sup>1</sup>	Former regular drinker <sup>1</sup>	Current drinker <sup>1</sup>
<b>Women</b>	100.0	26.0 (0.30)	9.0 (0.15)	4.6 (0.11)	60.4 (0.33)
Age					
18–24 years	100.0	39.1 (0.94)	3.4 (0.30)	1.8 (0.21)	55.7 (0.96)
25–44 years	100.0	20.9 (0.37)	6.9 (0.22)	3.7 (0.15)	68.4 (0.43)
45–64 years	100.0	21.6 (0.39)	10.9 (0.26)	5.3 (0.19)	62.2 (0.46)
65–74 years	100.0	29.4 (0.68)	13.8 (0.46)	6.9 (0.33)	49.9 (0.73)
75 years and over	100.0	40.3 (0.76)	17.1 (0.57)	8.2 (0.38)	34.4 (0.75)
Race					
One race <sup>2</sup>	100.0	26.0 (0.30)	9.0 (0.15)	4.5 (0.11)	60.4 (0.34)
White	100.0	22.5 (0.34)	8.8 (0.17)	4.8 (0.12)	64.0 (0.39)
Black or African American	100.0	36.2 (0.67)	11.2 (0.39)	3.9 (0.21)	48.7 (0.64)
American Indian or Alaska Native	100.0	28.7 (2.56)	13.1 (1.66)	11.2 (1.55)	47.1 (2.60)
Asian	100.0	52.3 (1.02)	6.2 (0.44)	2.2 (0.33)	39.3 (0.96)
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	100.0	39.7 (5.61)	*9.9 (3.22)	*	42.3 (5.72)
Two or more races <sup>3</sup>	100.0	22.4 (1.57)	11.4 (1.12)	5.6 (0.74)	60.6 (1.77)
Black or African American, white	100.0	22.5 (3.56)	10.2 (2.78)	*3.5 (1.54)	63.8 (4.26)
American Indian or Alaska Native, white	100.0	17.8 (2.15)	11.6 (1.62)	7.4 (1.32)	63.3 (2.49)
Hispanic or Latino origin <sup>4</sup> and race					
Hispanic or Latino	100.0	41.6 (0.62)	8.9 (0.32)	4.1 (0.24)	45.4 (0.61)
Mexican or Mexican American	100.0	42.2 (0.80)	9.0 (0.42)	4.4 (0.36)	44.4 (0.78)
Not Hispanic or Latino	100.0	23.4 (0.32)	8.9 (0.16)	4.6 (0.12)	63.1 (0.35)
White, single race	100.0	18.4 (0.38)	8.7 (0.19)	4.9 (0.14)	68.0 (0.42)
Black or African American, single race	100.0	36.1 (0.68)	11.1 (0.39)	4.0 (0.22)	48.7 (0.65)
American Indian or Alaska Native, single race	100.0	27.6 (3.20)	14.2 (2.06)	13.2 (2.07)	44.9 (3.15)
Education <sup>5</sup>					
Less than high school diploma	100.0	43.8 (0.70)	13.6 (0.46)	6.3 (0.32)	36.3 (0.69)
GED or equivalent <sup>6</sup>	100.0	26.2 (1.25)	16.0 (1.11)	6.4 (0.64)	51.3 (1.45)
High school graduate	100.0	27.4 (0.56)	11.9 (0.39)	5.1 (0.26)	55.6 (0.59)
Some college, no degree	100.0	19.0 (0.50)	10.8 (0.37)	5.7 (0.26)	64.6 (0.61)
Associate's degree	100.0	19.4 (0.60)	9.7 (0.43)	4.9 (0.31)	66.0 (0.69)
Bachelor's degree	100.0	17.2 (0.45)	6.0 (0.27)	3.7 (0.21)	73.0 (0.54)
Master's, professional, or doctoral degree	100.0	16.2 (0.59)	5.8 (0.36)	3.7 (0.28)	74.3 (0.68)
Poverty status <sup>7</sup>					
Less than 100% of the poverty threshold	100.0	38.7 (0.60)	12.1 (0.38)	5.9 (0.25)	43.3 (0.61)
100% to less than 200% of the poverty threshold	100.0	33.1 (0.55)	11.8 (0.37)	5.6 (0.24)	49.5 (0.63)
200% to less than 400% of the poverty threshold	100.0	25.1 (0.50)	9.5 (0.27)	4.6 (0.19)	60.8 (0.54)
400% of the poverty threshold or greater	100.0	16.7 (0.43)	5.8 (0.20)	3.5 (0.16)	74.0 (0.47)

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<b>Women (continued)</b>					
Marital status					
Married	100.0	24.3 (0.38)	9.2 (0.21)	4.4 (0.15)	62.1 (0.43)
Widowed	100.0	28.4 (2.04)	11.5 (1.36)	6.1 (1.34)	54.0 (2.37)
Divorced or separated	100.0	20.3 (0.56)	10.1 (0.34)	6.0 (0.29)	63.6 (0.63)
Never married	100.0	32.2 (0.62)	8.6 (0.39)	3.9 (0.26)	55.4 (0.69)
Living with a partner	100.0	15.2 (0.78)	9.1 (0.77)	5.6 (0.53)	70.1 (1.08)
Region					
Northeast	100.0	23.5 (0.68)	7.9 (0.31)	3.9 (0.23)	64.7 (0.71)
Midwest	100.0	21.3 (0.66)	8.7 (0.34)	4.6 (0.21)	65.4 (0.72)
South	100.0	30.3 (0.50)	10.2 (0.27)	4.2 (0.17)	55.3 (0.56)
West	100.0	25.6 (0.61)	8.3 (0.25)	5.5 (0.26)	60.5 (0.67)
Place of residence <sup>8</sup>					
Large MSA	100.0	25.8 (0.35)	8.0 (0.19)	3.8 (0.13)	62.3 (0.39)
Small MSA	100.0	24.8 (0.59)	9.3 (0.25)	5.0 (0.19)	60.8 (0.67)
Not in MSA	100.0	28.3 (0.99)	12.0 (0.53)	6.0 (0.34)	53.6 (1.03)

\* 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%.

<sup>1</sup>Derived from three 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?" 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 any 1 year AND had no drinks 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.

<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 three age groups: 25–44, 45–64, and 65 and over.

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

<sup>7</sup>Based on family income and family size using the U.S. Census Bureau poverty thresholds for 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013.

<sup>8</sup>MSA is metropolitan statistical area. Large MSAs have a population of 1 million or more; small MSAs have a population 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 estimates were 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. "Both sexes," "men," and "women" include persons of other races and unknown race and ethnicity, unknown education, and unknown marital status. Unless otherwise specified, estimates are age-adjusted using the projected 2000 U.S. population as the standard population and using three age groups: 18–44, 45–64, and 65 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: Villarreal MA, Clarke TC, Schoenborn CA. Tables of adult health behaviors, alcohol use: National Health Interview Survey, 2011–2014. 2016. Available from: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis/SHS/tables.htm>.

SOURCE: NCHS, National Health Interview Survey, 2011–2014.

**Table ALC–1b. Frequency distribution (number in thousands) of lifetime alcohol drinking status among adults aged 18 and over, by sex and selected characteristics: United States, annualized, 2011–2014**

Selected characteristic	All adults aged 18 and over	Lifetime abstainer <sup>1</sup>	Former infrequent drinker <sup>1</sup>	Former regular drinker <sup>1</sup>	Current drinker <sup>1</sup>
<b>Both sexes</b>	235,845	48,316	19,630	13,462	150,968
Age					
18–24 years	30,153	10,843	807	460	17,623
25–44 years	81,276	13,442	4,731	2,995	58,981
45–64 years	81,945	13,261	8,077	5,541	53,836
65–74 years	24,278	5,185	3,128	2,353	13,231
75 years and over	18,194	5,585	2,889	2,114	7,298
Race					
One race <sup>2</sup>	232,068	47,596	19,313	13,218	148,535
White	188,610	33,531	15,344	11,290	125,777
Black or African American	28,367	8,324	2,914	1,361	15,213
American Indian or Alaska Native	1,954	433	220	200	1,060
Asian	12,745	5,201	803	338	6,266
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	393	108	32	*	218
Two or more races <sup>3</sup>	3,776	720	318	244	2,433
Black or African American, white	753	160	34	29	520
American Indian or Alaska Native, white	1,557	226	167	152	985
Hispanic or Latino origin <sup>4</sup> and race					
Hispanic or Latino	34,996	10,349	2,669	1,720	19,754
Mexican or Mexican American	21,611	6,188	1,652	1,122	12,362
Not Hispanic or Latino	200,849	37,967	16,961	11,742	131,214
White, single race	156,720	23,948	12,968	9,709	107,890
Black or African American, single race	27,201	8,010	2,791	1,335	14,526
American Indian or Alaska Native, single race	1,230	270	161	153	617
Education <sup>5</sup>					
Less than high school diploma	27,998	8,685	3,750	2,673	12,459
GED or equivalent <sup>6</sup>	6,018	1,014	815	590	3,480
High school graduate	46,650	9,695	5,252	3,311	27,609
Some college, no degree	35,745	5,272	3,396	2,307	24,228
Associate's degree	23,771	3,471	2,107	1,380	16,506
Bachelor's degree	40,524	5,548	2,090	1,719	30,694
Master's, professional, or doctoral degree	23,877	3,379	1,302	956	17,960
Poverty status <sup>7</sup>					
Less than 100% of the poverty threshold	32,666	10,348	3,309	2,246	16,140
100% to less than 200% of the poverty threshold	45,025	12,280	4,895	3,315	23,882
200% to less than 400% of the poverty threshold	70,656	14,245	6,440	4,245	44,749
400% of the poverty threshold or greater	87,498	11,443	4,987	3,656	66,196

**Table ALC–1b. Frequency distribution (number in thousands) of lifetime alcohol drinking status among adults aged 18 and over, by sex and selected characteristics: United States, annualized, 2011–2014**

Selected characteristic	All adults aged 18 and over	Lifetime abstainer <sup>1</sup>	Former infrequent drinker <sup>1</sup>	Former regular drinker <sup>1</sup>	Current drinker <sup>1</sup>
<b>Both sexes (continued)</b>					
Marital status					
Married	124,885	22,649	10,996	7,359	82,405
Widowed	14,165	4,485	2,218	1,425	5,759
Divorced or separated	26,937	4,127	2,806	2,203	17,306
Never married	52,245	15,003	2,539	1,632	32,165
Living with a partner	17,226	1,959	1,047	820	13,132
Region					
Northeast	41,864	7,874	3,075	2,102	28,137
Midwest	53,927	9,245	4,243	3,070	36,618
South	86,250	20,416	8,270	4,969	51,269
West	53,805	10,781	4,042	3,322	34,945
Place of residence <sup>8</sup>					
Large MSA	126,734	25,989	9,129	5,941	83,724
Small MSA	72,525	14,118	6,256	4,511	46,671
Not in MSA	36,586	8,209	4,245	3,010	20,573



**Table ALC–1b. Frequency distribution (number in thousands) of lifetime alcohol drinking status among adults aged 18 and over, by sex and selected characteristics: United States, annualized, 2011–2014**

Selected characteristic	All adults aged 18 and over	Lifetime abstainer <sup>1</sup>	Former infrequent drinker <sup>1</sup>	Former regular drinker <sup>1</sup>	Current drinker <sup>1</sup>
<b>Men</b>	113,760	17,018	8,219	7,736	78,943
Age					
18–24 years	15,174	5,064	302	196	9,375
25–44 years	40,089	4,922	1,916	1,489	31,126
45–64 years	39,742	4,282	3,558	3,329	27,932
65–74 years	11,317	1,426	1,360	1,472	6,851
75 years and over	7,437	1,324	1,084	1,249	3,660
Race					
One race <sup>2</sup>	111,961	16,735	8,095	7,589	77,727
White	92,063	11,952	6,396	6,523	65,741
Black or African American	12,796	2,875	1,197	770	7,681
American Indian or Alaska Native	938	155	94	88	577
Asian	5,969	1,727	393	194	3,593
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	195	*26	*15	*15	135
Two or more races <sup>3</sup>	1,799	283	124	147	1,216
Black or African American, white	304	47	*	*18	227
American Indian or Alaska Native, white	757	88	74	94	491
Hispanic or Latino origin <sup>4</sup> and race					
Hispanic or Latino	17,639	3,391	1,197	1,061	11,705
Mexican or Mexican American	11,070	1,930	741	701	7,521
Not Hispanic or Latino	96,121	13,627	7,023	6,675	67,238
White, single race	75,967	8,822	5,315	5,552	55,087
Black or African American, single race	12,261	2,783	1,150	753	7,311
American Indian or Alaska Native, single race	549	93	62	59	320
Education <sup>5</sup>					
Less than high school diploma	13,693	2,301	1,699	1,688	7,755
GED or equivalent <sup>6</sup>	3,268	322	380	413	2,076
High school graduate	22,609	3,002	2,153	1,980	15,040
Some college, no degree	16,464	1,606	1,287	1,205	12,114
Associate's degree	10,637	1,009	846	736	7,916
Bachelor's degree	19,491	2,077	884	962	15,290
Master's, professional, or doctoral degree	11,883	1,492	620	519	9,106
Poverty status <sup>7</sup>					
Less than 100% of the poverty threshold	13,870	3,268	1,199	1,214	7,892
100% to less than 200% of the poverty threshold	20,335	4,000	1,879	1,853	12,258
200% to less than 400% of the poverty threshold	34,669	5,164	2,798	2,534	23,684
400% of the poverty threshold or greater	44,886	4,585	2,343	2,135	35,110

**Table ALC–1b. Frequency distribution (number in thousands) of lifetime alcohol drinking status among adults aged 18 and over, by sex and selected characteristics: United States, annualized, 2011–2014**

Selected characteristic	All adults aged 18 and over	Lifetime abstainer <sup>1</sup>	Former infrequent drinker <sup>1</sup>	Former regular drinker <sup>1</sup>	Current drinker <sup>1</sup>
<b>Men (continued)</b>					
Marital status					
Married	63,247	7,915	5,167	4,685	44,637
Widowed	3,037	458	434	520	1,560
Divorced or separated	11,148	956	1,011	1,132	7,821
Never married	27,722	7,031	1,116	995	18,039
Living with a partner	8,467	637	483	396	6,807
Region					
Northeast	20,132	2,951	1,251	1,191	14,387
Midwest	26,300	3,434	1,709	1,771	18,996
South	40,974	6,788	3,523	2,991	26,950
West	26,354	3,845	1,737	1,783	18,610
Place of residence <sup>8</sup>					
Large MSA	61,372	9,461	3,770	3,395	43,724
Small MSA	34,977	4,867	2,621	2,556	24,379
Not in MSA	17,411	2,690	1,828	1,785	10,841

**Table ALC–1b. Frequency distribution (number in thousands) of lifetime alcohol drinking status among adults aged 18 and over, by sex and selected characteristics: United States, annualized, 2011–2014**

Selected characteristic	All adults aged 18 and over	Lifetime abstainer <sup>1</sup>	Former infrequent drinker <sup>1</sup>	Former regular drinker <sup>1</sup>	Current drinker <sup>1</sup>
<b>Women</b>	122,085	31,298	11,411	5,726	72,025
Age					
18–24 years	14,979	5,779	505	263	8,248
25–44 years	41,187	8,520	2,815	1,506	27,855
45–64 years	42,203	8,979	4,519	2,211	25,904
65–74 years	12,960	3,759	1,768	881	6,380
75 years and over	10,757	4,261	1,805	864	3,638
Race					
One race <sup>2</sup>	120,107	30,862	11,218	5,629	70,808
White	96,547	21,579	8,948	4,767	60,037
Black or African American	15,570	5,448	1,717	591	7,532
American Indian or Alaska Native	1,015	278	125	113	483
Asian	6,776	3,474	411	143	2,673
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	198	82	*17	*	83
Two or more races <sup>3</sup>	1,978	437	193	97	1,217
Black or African American, white	449	113	31	*11	293
American Indian or Alaska Native, white	800	137	93	59	494
Hispanic or Latino origin <sup>4</sup> and race					
Hispanic or Latino	17,357	6,958	1,472	659	8,049
Mexican or Mexican American	10,541	4,258	911	421	4,841
Not Hispanic or Latino	104,728	24,340	9,938	5,068	63,976
White, single race	80,752	15,126	7,653	4,157	52,803
Black or African American, single race	14,940	5,228	1,640	582	7,215
American Indian or Alaska Native, single race	681	177	98	93	297
Education <sup>5</sup>					
Less than high school diploma	14,305	6,385	2,051	985	4,704
GED or equivalent <sup>6</sup>	2,750	692	435	177	1,404
High school graduate	24,041	6,692	3,098	1,330	12,569
Some college, no degree	19,281	3,666	2,109	1,102	12,114
Associate's degree	13,134	2,463	1,261	644	8,589
Bachelor's degree	21,032	3,471	1,206	757	15,404
Master's, professional, or doctoral degree	11,994	1,886	682	437	8,854
Poverty status <sup>7</sup>					
Less than 100% of the poverty threshold	18,796	7,080	2,109	1,032	8,249
100% to less than 200% of the poverty threshold	24,690	8,280	3,016	1,462	11,624
200% to less than 400% of the poverty threshold	35,988	9,081	3,643	1,711	21,065
400% of the poverty threshold or greater	42,612	6,857	2,644	1,522	31,087

**Table ALC–1b. Frequency distribution (number in thousands) of lifetime alcohol drinking status among adults aged 18 and over, by sex and selected characteristics: United States, annualized, 2011–2014**

Selected characteristic	All adults aged 18 and over	Lifetime abstainer <sup>1</sup>	Former infrequent drinker <sup>1</sup>	Former regular drinker <sup>1</sup>	Current drinker <sup>1</sup>
<b>Women (continued)</b>					
Marital status					
Married	61,638	14,734	5,830	2,674	37,768
Widowed	11,128	4,027	1,785	905	4,199
Divorced or separated	15,788	3,171	1,794	1,071	9,484
Never married	24,523	7,972	1,423	637	14,126
Living with a partner	8,759	1,323	564	424	6,325
Region					
Northeast	21,732	4,923	1,824	911	13,749
Midwest	27,626	5,811	2,534	1,299	17,623
South	45,276	13,628	4,747	1,977	24,318
West	27,451	6,936	2,306	1,539	16,334
Place of residence <sup>8</sup>					
Large MSA	65,362	16,528	5,358	2,546	40,001
Small MSA	37,548	9,251	3,635	1,955	22,292
Not in MSA	19,175	5,519	2,417	1,225	9,732

\* 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%.

<sup>1</sup>Derived from three 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?" 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 any 1 year AND had no drinks 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.

<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>Based on family income and family size using the U.S. Census Bureau poverty thresholds for 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013.

<sup>8</sup>MSA is metropolitan statistical area. Large MSAs have a population of 1 million or more; small MSAs have a population 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 estimates were weighted using the Sample Adult weight. Unknowns for the columns were not included in the frequencies, but they were included in the "All adults aged 18 and over" column. "Both sexes," "men," and "women" include persons of other races and unknown race and ethnicity, unknown education, and unknown marital status. 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: Villarreal MA, Clarke TC, Schoenborn CA. Tables of adult health behaviors, alcohol use: National Health Interview Survey, 2011–2014. 2016. Available from: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis/SHS/tables.htm>.

SOURCE: NCHS, National Health Interview Survey, 2011–2014.

**Table ALC–1c. Crude percent distribution (with standard errors) of lifetime alcohol drinking status among adults aged 18 and over, by sex and selected characteristics: United States, annualized, 2011–2014**

Selected characteristic	All adults aged 18 and over	Lifetime abstainer <sup>1</sup>	Former infrequent drinker <sup>1</sup>	Former regular drinker <sup>1</sup>	Current drinker <sup>1</sup>
<b>Both sexes</b>	100.0	20.8 (0.22)	8.4 (0.12)	5.8 (0.10)	65.0 (0.27)
Age					
18–24 years	100.0	36.5 (0.71)	2.7 (0.19)	1.5 (0.15)	59.3 (0.74)
25–44 years	100.0	16.8 (0.26)	5.9 (0.15)	3.7 (0.12)	73.6 (0.32)
45–64 years	100.0	16.4 (0.28)	10.0 (0.20)	6.9 (0.17)	66.7 (0.36)
65–74 years	100.0	21.7 (0.47)	13.1 (0.37)	9.8 (0.31)	55.4 (0.62)
75 years and over	100.0	31.2 (0.58)	16.2 (0.43)	11.8 (0.38)	40.8 (0.66)
Race					
One race <sup>2</sup>	100.0	20.8 (0.22)	8.4 (0.12)	5.8 (0.10)	65.0 (0.27)
White	100.0	18.0 (0.24)	8.3 (0.13)	6.1 (0.12)	67.6 (0.30)
Black or African American	100.0	29.9 (0.52)	10.5 (0.32)	4.9 (0.19)	54.7 (0.54)
American Indian or Alaska Native	100.0	22.6 (1.78)	11.5 (1.04)	10.5 (1.13)	55.4 (2.18)
Asian	100.0	41.3 (0.73)	6.4 (0.35)	2.7 (0.30)	49.7 (0.74)
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	100.0	27.9 (4.03)	8.2 (2.02)	*7.6 (3.63)	56.4 (4.85)
Two or more races <sup>3</sup>	100.0	19.4 (1.06)	8.5 (0.71)	6.6 (0.60)	65.5 (1.30)
Black or African American, white	100.0	21.6 (2.78)	4.6 (1.03)	3.9 (0.92)	70.0 (2.91)
American Indian or Alaska Native, white	100.0	14.7 (1.42)	10.9 (1.17)	10.0 (1.17)	64.4 (1.97)
Hispanic or Latino origin <sup>4</sup> and race					
Hispanic or Latino	100.0	30.0 (0.45)	7.7 (0.22)	5.0 (0.18)	57.3 (0.47)
Mexican or Mexican American	100.0	29.0 (0.57)	7.7 (0.29)	5.3 (0.25)	58.0 (0.59)
Not Hispanic or Latino	100.0	19.2 (0.24)	8.6 (0.13)	5.9 (0.12)	66.3 (0.30)
White, single race	100.0	15.5 (0.26)	8.4 (0.15)	6.3 (0.13)	69.8 (0.33)
Black or African American, single race	100.0	30.0 (0.53)	10.5 (0.33)	5.0 (0.20)	54.5 (0.55)
American Indian or Alaska Native, single race	100.0	22.5 (2.42)	13.4 (1.37)	12.7 (1.54)	51.4 (2.74)
Education <sup>5</sup>					
Less than high school diploma	100.0	31.5 (0.47)	13.6 (0.34)	9.7 (0.29)	45.2 (0.52)
GED or equivalent <sup>6</sup>	100.0	17.2 (0.80)	13.8 (0.78)	10.0 (0.67)	59.0 (1.08)
High school graduate	100.0	21.1 (0.38)	11.4 (0.26)	7.2 (0.20)	60.2 (0.43)
Some college, no degree	100.0	15.0 (0.36)	9.6 (0.27)	6.6 (0.21)	68.8 (0.47)
Associate's degree	100.0	14.8 (0.41)	9.0 (0.31)	5.9 (0.26)	70.3 (0.52)
Bachelor's degree	100.0	13.9 (0.33)	5.2 (0.18)	4.3 (0.17)	76.6 (0.39)
Master's, professional, or doctoral degree	100.0	14.3 (0.43)	5.5 (0.25)	4.1 (0.22)	76.1 (0.52)
Poverty status <sup>7</sup>					
Less than 100% of the poverty threshold	100.0	32.3 (0.50)	10.3 (0.30)	7.0 (0.24)	50.4 (0.60)
100% to less than 200% of the poverty threshold	100.0	27.7 (0.41)	11.0 (0.28)	7.5 (0.22)	53.8 (0.49)
200% to less than 400% of the poverty threshold	100.0	20.4 (0.33)	9.2 (0.21)	6.1 (0.16)	64.2 (0.40)
400% of the poverty threshold or greater	100.0	13.3 (0.26)	5.8 (0.14)	4.2 (0.13)	76.7 (0.32)

**Table ALC–1c. Crude percent distribution (with standard errors) of lifetime alcohol drinking status among adults aged 18 and over, by sex and selected characteristics: United States, annualized, 2011–2014**

Selected characteristic	All adults aged 18 and over	Lifetime abstainer <sup>1</sup>	Former infrequent drinker <sup>1</sup>	Former regular drinker <sup>1</sup>	Current drinker <sup>1</sup>
<b>Both sexes (continued)</b>					
Marital status					
Married	100.0	18.4 (0.27)	8.9 (0.16)	6.0 (0.14)	66.8 (0.34)
Widowed	100.0	32.3 (0.58)	16.0 (0.44)	10.3 (0.35)	41.5 (0.63)
Divorced or separated	100.0	15.6 (0.37)	10.6 (0.28)	8.3 (0.25)	65.4 (0.44)
Never married	100.0	29.2 (0.46)	4.9 (0.17)	3.2 (0.13)	62.7 (0.49)
Living with a partner	100.0	11.6 (0.45)	6.2 (0.33)	4.8 (0.29)	77.4 (0.60)
Region					
Northeast	100.0	19.1 (0.50)	7.5 (0.23)	5.1 (0.26)	68.3 (0.57)
Midwest	100.0	17.4 (0.46)	8.0 (0.28)	5.8 (0.18)	68.9 (0.56)
South	100.0	24.0 (0.37)	9.7 (0.22)	5.9 (0.18)	60.4 (0.48)
West	100.0	20.3 (0.45)	7.6 (0.19)	6.3 (0.23)	65.8 (0.53)
Place of residence <sup>8</sup>					
Large MSA	100.0	20.8 (0.25)	7.3 (0.14)	4.8 (0.12)	67.1 (0.30)
Small MSA	100.0	19.7 (0.44)	8.7 (0.21)	6.3 (0.20)	65.2 (0.53)
Not in MSA	100.0	22.8 (0.76)	11.8 (0.41)	8.4 (0.36)	57.1 (0.90)

**Table ALC–1c. Crude percent distribution (with standard errors) of lifetime alcohol drinking status among adults aged 18 and over, by sex and selected characteristics: United States, annualized, 2011–2014**

Selected characteristic	All adults aged 18 and over	Lifetime abstainer <sup>1</sup>	Former infrequent drinker <sup>1</sup>	Former regular drinker <sup>1</sup>	Current drinker <sup>1</sup>
<b>Men</b>	100.0	15.2 (0.24)	7.3 (0.15)	6.9 (0.15)	70.5 (0.31)
Age					
18–24 years	100.0	33.9 (0.94)	2.0 (0.23)	1.3 (0.20)	62.8 (0.97)
25–44 years	100.0	12.5 (0.31)	4.9 (0.19)	3.8 (0.16)	78.9 (0.38)
45–64 years	100.0	11.0 (0.30)	9.1 (0.25)	8.5 (0.26)	71.4 (0.46)
65–74 years	100.0	12.8 (0.50)	12.2 (0.52)	13.3 (0.54)	61.7 (0.83)
75 years and over	100.0	18.1 (0.74)	14.8 (0.64)	17.1 (0.74)	50.0 (1.03)
Race					
One race <sup>2</sup>	100.0	15.2 (0.24)	7.3 (0.15)	6.9 (0.15)	70.6 (0.31)
White	100.0	13.2 (0.25)	7.1 (0.16)	7.2 (0.17)	72.6 (0.33)
Black or African American	100.0	23.0 (0.72)	9.6 (0.42)	6.2 (0.31)	61.3 (0.79)
American Indian or Alaska Native	100.0	16.9 (1.93)	10.3 (1.41)	9.6 (1.37)	63.2 (2.42)
Asian	100.0	29.2 (0.96)	6.6 (0.56)	3.3 (0.42)	60.8 (1.01)
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	100.0	*13.5 (4.08)	*7.9 (2.75)	*7.6 (3.11)	71.0 (6.12)
Two or more races <sup>3</sup>	100.0	16.0 (1.50)	7.0 (1.12)	8.3 (0.94)	68.7 (1.83)
Black or African American, white	100.0	15.9 (3.75)	*	*6.1 (1.98)	77.0 (4.06)
American Indian or Alaska Native, white	100.0	11.8 (2.11)	9.9 (1.85)	12.5 (1.87)	65.7 (2.95)
Hispanic or Latino origin <sup>4</sup> and race					
Hispanic or Latino	100.0	19.5 (0.54)	6.9 (0.30)	6.1 (0.27)	67.4 (0.59)
Mexican or Mexican American	100.0	17.7 (0.67)	6.8 (0.37)	6.4 (0.35)	69.0 (0.73)
Not Hispanic or Latino	100.0	14.4 (0.26)	7.4 (0.16)	7.1 (0.17)	71.1 (0.34)
White, single race	100.0	11.8 (0.27)	7.1 (0.18)	7.4 (0.19)	73.7 (0.37)
Black or African American, single race	100.0	23.2 (0.74)	9.6 (0.44)	6.3 (0.32)	60.9 (0.81)
American Indian or Alaska Native, single race	100.0	17.5 (2.67)	11.6 (1.83)	11.0 (1.90)	59.9 (3.26)
Education <sup>5</sup>					
Less than high school diploma	100.0	17.1 (0.54)	12.6 (0.45)	12.6 (0.47)	57.7 (0.71)
GED or equivalent <sup>6</sup>	100.0	10.1 (0.97)	11.9 (1.09)	12.9 (1.06)	65.1 (1.55)
High school graduate	100.0	13.5 (0.43)	9.7 (0.37)	8.9 (0.33)	67.8 (0.57)
Some college, no degree	100.0	9.9 (0.42)	7.9 (0.37)	7.4 (0.33)	74.7 (0.63)
Associate's degree	100.0	9.6 (0.49)	8.0 (0.48)	7.0 (0.42)	75.3 (0.75)
Bachelor's degree	100.0	10.8 (0.40)	4.6 (0.26)	5.0 (0.26)	79.6 (0.51)
Master's, professional, or doctoral degree	100.0	12.7 (0.54)	5.3 (0.33)	4.4 (0.34)	77.6 (0.69)
Poverty status <sup>7</sup>					
Less than 100% of the poverty threshold	100.0	24.1 (0.71)	8.8 (0.44)	8.9 (0.42)	58.1 (0.82)
100% to less than 200% of the poverty threshold	100.0	20.0 (0.54)	9.4 (0.37)	9.3 (0.35)	61.3 (0.66)
200% to less than 400% of the poverty threshold	100.0	15.1 (0.40)	8.2 (0.28)	7.4 (0.26)	69.3 (0.53)
400% of the poverty threshold or greater	100.0	10.4 (0.30)	5.3 (0.19)	4.8 (0.20)	79.5 (0.40)

**Table ALC–1c. Crude percent distribution (with standard errors) of lifetime alcohol drinking status among adults aged 18 and over, by sex and selected characteristics: United States, annualized, 2011–2014**

Selected characteristic	All adults aged 18 and over	Lifetime abstainer <sup>1</sup>	Former infrequent drinker <sup>1</sup>	Former regular drinker <sup>1</sup>	Current drinker <sup>1</sup>
<b>Men (continued)</b>					
Marital status					
Married	100.0	12.7 (0.27)	8.3 (0.20)	7.5 (0.20)	71.5 (0.38)
Widowed	100.0	15.4 (0.91)	14.6 (0.87)	17.5 (1.01)	52.5 (1.24)
Divorced or separated	100.0	8.8 (0.39)	9.3 (0.41)	10.4 (0.42)	71.6 (0.62)
Never married	100.0	25.9 (0.57)	4.1 (0.21)	3.7 (0.19)	66.4 (0.62)
Living with a partner	100.0	7.6 (0.52)	5.8 (0.45)	4.8 (0.40)	81.8 (0.74)
Region					
Northeast	100.0	14.9 (0.62)	6.3 (0.32)	6.0 (0.38)	72.7 (0.77)
Midwest	100.0	13.3 (0.49)	6.6 (0.32)	6.8 (0.29)	73.3 (0.62)
South	100.0	16.9 (0.39)	8.8 (0.26)	7.4 (0.26)	67.0 (0.55)
West	100.0	14.8 (0.46)	6.7 (0.25)	6.9 (0.30)	71.6 (0.55)
Place of residence <sup>8</sup>					
Large MSA	100.0	15.7 (0.30)	6.2 (0.17)	5.6 (0.18)	72.5 (0.37)
Small MSA	100.0	14.1 (0.45)	7.6 (0.28)	7.4 (0.29)	70.8 (0.59)
Not in MSA	100.0	15.7 (0.69)	10.7 (0.45)	10.4 (0.49)	63.2 (0.94)



**Table ALC–1c. Crude percent distribution (with standard errors) of lifetime alcohol drinking status among adults aged 18 and over, by sex and selected characteristics: United States, annualized, 2011–2014**

Selected characteristic	All adults aged 18 and over	Lifetime abstainer <sup>1</sup>	Former infrequent drinker <sup>1</sup>	Former regular drinker <sup>1</sup>	Current drinker <sup>1</sup>
<b>Women</b>	100.0	26.0 (0.30)	9.5 (0.15)	4.8 (0.11)	59.8 (0.33)
Age					
18–24 years	100.0	39.1 (0.94)	3.4 (0.30)	1.8 (0.21)	55.7 (0.96)
25–44 years	100.0	20.9 (0.37)	6.9 (0.22)	3.7 (0.15)	68.4 (0.43)
45–64 years	100.0	21.6 (0.39)	10.9 (0.26)	5.3 (0.19)	62.2 (0.46)
65–74 years	100.0	29.4 (0.68)	13.8 (0.46)	6.9 (0.33)	49.9 (0.73)
75 years and over	100.0	40.3 (0.76)	17.1 (0.57)	8.2 (0.38)	34.4 (0.75)
Race					
One race <sup>2</sup>	100.0	26.0 (0.30)	9.5 (0.16)	4.7 (0.11)	59.7 (0.34)
White	100.0	22.6 (0.33)	9.4 (0.17)	5.0 (0.13)	63.0 (0.38)
Black or African American	100.0	35.6 (0.66)	11.2 (0.40)	3.9 (0.22)	49.3 (0.66)
American Indian or Alaska Native	100.0	27.8 (2.59)	12.5 (1.65)	11.3 (1.59)	48.4 (2.88)
Asian	100.0	51.8 (1.03)	6.1 (0.44)	2.1 (0.33)	39.9 (1.01)
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	100.0	41.8 (5.81)	*8.5 (2.70)	*	42.2 (5.59)
Two or more races <sup>3</sup>	100.0	22.5 (1.61)	9.9 (0.98)	5.0 (0.71)	62.6 (1.78)
Black or African American, white	100.0	25.3 (3.91)	7.0 (1.63)	*2.4 (0.79)	65.4 (3.91)
American Indian or Alaska Native, white	100.0	17.5 (2.11)	11.8 (1.73)	7.5 (1.32)	63.1 (2.54)
Hispanic or Latino origin <sup>4</sup> and race					
Hispanic or Latino	100.0	40.6 (0.63)	8.6 (0.32)	3.8 (0.22)	47.0 (0.63)
Mexican or Mexican American	100.0	40.8 (0.80)	8.7 (0.44)	4.0 (0.32)	46.4 (0.79)
Not Hispanic or Latino	100.0	23.6 (0.32)	9.6 (0.17)	4.9 (0.12)	61.9 (0.36)
White, single race	100.0	19.0 (0.36)	9.6 (0.20)	5.2 (0.14)	66.2 (0.42)
Black or African American, single race	100.0	35.6 (0.67)	11.2 (0.40)	4.0 (0.23)	49.2 (0.68)
American Indian or Alaska Native, single race	100.0	26.6 (3.34)	14.8 (2.24)	14.0 (2.03)	44.6 (3.39)
Education <sup>5</sup>					
Less than high school diploma	100.0	45.2 (0.66)	14.5 (0.46)	7.0 (0.33)	33.3 (0.64)
GED or equivalent <sup>6</sup>	100.0	25.6 (1.24)	16.1 (1.12)	6.5 (0.65)	51.9 (1.50)
High school graduate	100.0	28.2 (0.53)	13.1 (0.37)	5.6 (0.25)	53.1 (0.57)
Some college, no degree	100.0	19.3 (0.50)	11.1 (0.38)	5.8 (0.26)	63.8 (0.62)
Associate's degree	100.0	19.0 (0.60)	9.7 (0.43)	5.0 (0.32)	66.3 (0.69)
Bachelor's degree	100.0	16.7 (0.45)	5.8 (0.26)	3.6 (0.21)	73.9 (0.53)
Master's, professional, or doctoral degree	100.0	15.9 (0.59)	5.7 (0.36)	3.7 (0.27)	74.7 (0.67)
Poverty status <sup>7</sup>					
Less than 100% of the poverty threshold	100.0	38.3 (0.61)	11.4 (0.38)	5.6 (0.25)	44.7 (0.67)
100% to less than 200% of the poverty threshold	100.0	34.0 (0.54)	12.4 (0.38)	6.0 (0.24)	47.7 (0.62)
200% to less than 400% of the poverty threshold	100.0	25.6 (0.48)	10.3 (0.27)	4.8 (0.19)	59.3 (0.51)
400% of the poverty threshold or greater	100.0	16.3 (0.40)	6.3 (0.20)	3.6 (0.16)	73.8 (0.44)

**Table ALC–1c. Crude percent distribution (with standard errors) of lifetime alcohol drinking status among adults aged 18 and over, by sex and selected characteristics: United States, annualized, 2011–2014**

Selected characteristic	All adults aged 18 and over	Lifetime abstainer <sup>1</sup>	Former infrequent drinker <sup>1</sup>	Former regular drinker <sup>1</sup>	Current drinker <sup>1</sup>
<b>Women (continued)</b>					
Marital status					
Married	100.0	24.2 (0.38)	9.6 (0.22)	4.4 (0.15)	61.9 (0.44)
Widowed	100.0	36.9 (0.68)	16.3 (0.50)	8.3 (0.36)	38.5 (0.69)
Divorced or separated	100.0	20.4 (0.51)	11.6 (0.35)	6.9 (0.28)	61.1 (0.57)
Never married	100.0	33.0 (0.64)	5.9 (0.27)	2.6 (0.17)	58.5 (0.67)
Living with a partner	100.0	15.3 (0.70)	6.5 (0.45)	4.9 (0.39)	73.2 (0.89)
Region					
Northeast	100.0	23.0 (0.63)	8.5 (0.33)	4.3 (0.25)	64.2 (0.70)
Midwest	100.0	21.3 (0.64)	9.3 (0.37)	4.8 (0.22)	64.6 (0.72)
South	100.0	30.5 (0.51)	10.6 (0.27)	4.4 (0.18)	54.4 (0.56)
West	100.0	25.6 (0.62)	8.5 (0.26)	5.7 (0.27)	60.2 (0.67)
Place of residence <sup>8</sup>					
Large MSA	100.0	25.7 (0.34)	8.3 (0.19)	4.0 (0.14)	62.1 (0.39)
Small MSA	100.0	24.9 (0.58)	9.8 (0.26)	5.3 (0.20)	60.0 (0.65)
Not in MSA	100.0	29.2 (1.00)	12.8 (0.53)	6.5 (0.35)	51.5 (1.04)

\* 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%.

<sup>1</sup>Derived from three 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?" 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 any 1 year AND had no drinks 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.

<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>Based on family income and family size using the U.S. Census Bureau poverty thresholds for 2010, 2011, 2012, and 2013.

<sup>8</sup>MSA is metropolitan statistical area. Large MSAs have a population of 1 million or more; small MSAs have a population 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 estimates were 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. "Both sexes," "men," and "women" include persons of other races and unknown race and ethnicity, unknown education, and unknown marital status. 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: Villarreal MA, Clarke TC, Schoenborn CA. Tables of adult health behaviors, alcohol use: National Health Interview Survey, 2011–2014. 2016. Available from: <http://www.cdc.gov/nchs/nhis/SHS/tables.htm>. SOURCE: NCHS, National Health Interview Survey, 2011–2014.