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Selected characteristic	All adults aged 18 and over	Nondrinker ¹	Infrequent drinker ¹	Light drinker ¹	Moderate drinker ¹	Heavier drinker ¹
Both sexes	100.0	34.8 (0.27)	13.1 (0.14)	31.6 (0.20)	15.5 (0.17)	5.1 (0.09)
Age						
18–24 years	100.0	41.0 (0.74)	10.2 (0.42)	30.6 (0.57)	13.0 (0.45)	5.2 (0.28)
25–44 years	100.0	26.5 (0.32)	13.4 (0.21)	37.7 (0.30)	17.3 (0.25)	5.1 (0.14)
45–64 years	100.0	33.4 (0.37)	14.4 (0.22)	30.4 (0.32)	16.0 (0.25)	5.7 (0.16)
65–74 years	100.0	44.7 (0.62)	13.5 (0.34)	23.4 (0.45)	13.6 (0.39)	4.9 (0.22)
75 years and over	100.0	59.3 (0.66)	11.2 (0.36)	16.5 (0.44)	10.6 (0.39)	2.4 (0.18)
Race						
One race ²	100.0	34.8 (0.27)	13.1 (0.14)	31.6 (0.20)	15.5 (0.17)	5.1 (0.09)
White	100.0	31.8 (0.30)	13.0 (0.16)	32.8 (0.23)	16.9 (0.19)	5.5 (0.10)
Black or African American	100.0	46.4 (0.52)	13.9 (0.32)	26.4 (0.42)	10.0 (0.30)	3.3 (0.17)
American Indian or Alaska Native	100.0	46.1 (2.03)	11.6 (1.15)	26.2 (1.72)	10.0 (1.02)	6.2 (1.01)
Asian	100.0	51.3 (0.72)	12.7 (0.46)	26.1 (0.62)	8.1 (0.39)	1.8 (0.20)
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	100.0	46.3 (4.83)	*11.8 (3.64)	27.7 (4.18)	8.8 (2.40)	*5.5 (1.74)
Two or more races ³	100.0	36.8 (1.32)	14.3 (0.97)	29.3 (1.22)	13.8 (0.93)	5.7 (0.55)
Black or African American, white	100.0	32.7 (3.34)	18.0 (2.77)	32.0 (3.34)	9.9 (1.57)	7.4 (1.67)
American Indian or Alaska Native, white	100.0	35.7 (1.97)	16.4 (1.51)	28.1 (1.95)	14.0 (1.60)	5.8 (0.88)
Hispanic or Latino origin ⁴ and race						
Hispanic or Latino	100.0	44.8 (0.47)	13.3 (0.29)	27.8 (0.41)	11.1 (0.27)	2.9 (0.14)
Mexican or Mexican American	100.0	44.6 (0.58)	13.4 (0.37)	27.2 (0.50)	11.4 (0.34)	3.4 (0.19)
Not Hispanic or Latino	100.0	33.0 (0.29)	13.0 (0.15)	32.3 (0.22)	16.2 (0.18)	5.5 (0.10)
White, single race	100.0	29.0 (0.33)	12.9 (0.19)	33.9 (0.26)	18.1 (0.22)	6.1 (0.12)
Black or African American, single race	100.0	46.5 (0.54)	13.9 (0.33)	26.2 (0.43)	10.0 (0.31)	3.3 (0.17)
American Indian or Alaska Native, single race	100.0	48.9 (2.52)	9.3 (1.31)	23.4 (2.13)	11.7 (1.53)	6.7 (1.36)
Education ⁵						
Less than high school diploma	100.0	52.3 (0.52)	12.6 (0.33)	20.3 (0.40)	10.4 (0.32)	4.4 (0.22)
GED or equivalent ⁶	100.0	41.7 (1.04)	14.8 (0.75)	24.1 (0.89)	12.9 (0.77)	6.5 (0.53)
High school graduate	100.0	38.0 (0.43)	14.3 (0.28)	28.9 (0.41)	13.5 (0.30)	5.3 (0.19)
Some college, no degree	100.0	30.8 (0.46)	15.9 (0.34)	32.5 (0.44)	15.4 (0.34)	5.3 (0.20)
Associate's degree	100.0	30.1 (0.52)	16.0 (0.39)	33.8 (0.50)	15.2 (0.41)	4.9 (0.28)
Bachelor's degree	100.0	24.0 (0.40)	11.6 (0.28)	38.0 (0.42)	20.7 (0.36)	5.7 (0.20)
Master's, professional, or doctoral degree	100.0	23.7 (0.52)	11.2 (0.37)	39.5 (0.57)	21.5 (0.50)	4.1 (0.22)
Poverty status ⁷						
Less than 100% of the poverty threshold	100.0	51.6 (0.54)	12.9 (0.31)	21.9 (0.37)	8.9 (0.28)	4.7 (0.20)
100% to less than 200% of the poverty threshold	100.0	45.3 (0.48)	14.7 (0.31)	25.3 (0.36)	10.3 (0.26)	4.3 (0.17)
200% to less than 400% of the poverty threshold	100.0	34.9 (0.39)	14.0 (0.25)	31.5 (0.33)	14.7 (0.26)	5.0 (0.15)
400% of the poverty threshold or greater	100.0	23.2 (0.34)	11.5 (0.21)	38.4 (0.33)	21.2 (0.31)	5.7 (0.15)

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Selected characteristic	All adults aged 18 and over	Nondrinker ¹	Infrequent drinker ¹	Light drinker ¹	Moderate drinker ¹	Heavier drinker ¹
Both sexes (continued)						
Marital status						
Married	100.0	32.5 (0.34)	14.1 (0.20)	33.7 (0.28)	15.6 (0.22)	4.1 (0.11)
Widowed	100.0	42.7 (2.05)	14.2 (1.38)	30.3 (2.21)	10.1 (1.38)	2.7 (0.39)
Divorced or separated	100.0	32.5 (0.47)	14.4 (0.35)	31.9 (0.49)	15.0 (0.38)	6.1 (0.25)
Never married	100.0	41.0 (0.50)	11.8 (0.30)	27.8 (0.39)	13.9 (0.30)	5.6 (0.19)
Living with a partner	100.0	25.7 (0.70)	12.6 (0.57)	33.6 (0.74)	20.0 (0.62)	8.1 (0.41)
Region						
Northeast	100.0	31.5 (0.58)	12.0 (0.34)	34.9 (0.49)	16.1 (0.40)	5.5 (0.23)
Midwest	100.0	30.9 (0.55)	14.2 (0.33)	33.7 (0.44)	16.4 (0.35)	4.8 (0.16)
South	100.0	39.2 (0.47)	13.0 (0.21)	28.7 (0.32)	14.1 (0.27)	5.0 (0.15)
West	100.0	34.2 (0.53)	12.9 (0.25)	31.5 (0.37)	16.0 (0.33)	5.3 (0.18)
Place of residence ⁸						
Large MSA	100.0	33.1 (0.30)	12.9 (0.20)	32.8 (0.25)	16.2 (0.22)	5.0 (0.11)
Small MSA	100.0	34.5 (0.53)	12.9 (0.24)	31.7 (0.39)	15.7 (0.31)	5.3 (0.16)
Not in MSA	100.0	41.0 (0.88)	14.5 (0.34)	27.0 (0.59)	12.6 (0.41)	4.9 (0.24)

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Selected characteristic	All adults aged 18 and over	Nondrinker ¹	Infrequent drinker ¹	Light drinker ¹	Moderate drinker ¹	Heavier drinker ¹
Men	100.0	29.5 (0.31)	9.9 (0.17)	32.5 (0.26)	22.6 (0.25)	5.5 (0.13)
Age						
18–24 years	100.0	37.6 (0.97)	8.2 (0.51)	30.0 (0.80)	18.8 (0.72)	5.4 (0.38)
25–44 years	100.0	21.2 (0.38)	9.4 (0.28)	38.3 (0.43)	25.5 (0.39)	5.6 (0.20)
45–64 years	100.0	28.7 (0.46)	11.0 (0.27)	31.3 (0.43)	22.9 (0.39)	6.1 (0.26)
65–74 years	100.0	38.4 (0.83)	10.4 (0.46)	25.4 (0.66)	20.5 (0.65)	5.4 (0.35)
75 years and over	100.0	50.0 (1.03)	10.6 (0.61)	20.4 (0.76)	16.5 (0.72)	2.5 (0.30)
Race						
One race ²	100.0	29.5 (0.31)	9.9 (0.17)	32.5 (0.26)	22.7 (0.26)	5.5 (0.13)
White	100.0	27.3 (0.33)	9.5 (0.19)	33.0 (0.30)	24.3 (0.29)	5.9 (0.15)
Black or African American	100.0	40.0 (0.78)	10.8 (0.44)	29.0 (0.68)	16.2 (0.54)	4.0 (0.26)
American Indian or Alaska Native	100.0	38.0 (2.38)	10.3 (1.47)	26.9 (2.24)	16.0 (1.98)	8.7 (1.60)
Asian	100.0	40.4 (0.99)	12.5 (0.70)	32.8 (0.95)	12.5 (0.69)	1.9 (0.34)
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	100.0	39.1 (4.70)	*	28.8 (5.35)	15.6 (4.25)	*
Two or more races ³	100.0	33.8 (1.85)	10.1 (1.46)	29.3 (1.91)	20.8 (1.66)	6.0 (0.81)
Black or African American, white	100.0	26.0 (5.09)	12.8 (3.54)	33.4 (4.81)	16.5 (3.10)	*11.3 (4.52)
American Indian or Alaska Native, white	100.0	34.8 (2.99)	12.2 (2.41)	25.3 (2.99)	20.8 (2.76)	6.9 (1.41)
Hispanic or Latino origin ⁴ and race						
Hispanic or Latino	100.0	34.7 (0.60)	10.2 (0.38)	32.8 (0.60)	18.1 (0.50)	4.2 (0.24)
Mexican or Mexican American	100.0	33.6 (0.77)	10.1 (0.50)	32.5 (0.73)	18.9 (0.65)	4.9 (0.33)
Not Hispanic or Latino	100.0	28.6 (0.34)	9.8 (0.19)	32.4 (0.30)	23.5 (0.28)	5.7 (0.14)
White, single race	100.0	25.6 (0.37)	9.3 (0.22)	33.1 (0.34)	25.7 (0.33)	6.2 (0.17)
Black or African American, single race	100.0	40.3 (0.81)	10.8 (0.45)	28.8 (0.70)	16.2 (0.55)	3.9 (0.27)
American Indian or Alaska Native, single race	100.0	40.5 (3.11)	9.4 (1.99)	21.5 (3.18)	19.4 (3.14)	9.3 (1.99)
Education ⁵						
Less than high school diploma	100.0	40.6 (0.69)	10.2 (0.45)	26.0 (0.61)	17.0 (0.55)	6.1 (0.37)
GED or equivalent ⁶	100.0	35.8 (1.51)	11.3 (1.03)	26.2 (1.32)	18.4 (1.22)	8.3 (0.85)
High school graduate	100.0	31.7 (0.56)	10.7 (0.35)	30.8 (0.62)	20.1 (0.50)	6.7 (0.29)
Some college, no degree	100.0	25.3 (0.62)	12.0 (0.45)	33.4 (0.65)	23.5 (0.59)	5.8 (0.32)
Associate's degree	100.0	25.3 (0.74)	11.2 (0.53)	35.1 (0.83)	22.9 (0.73)	5.5 (0.51)
Bachelor's degree	100.0	20.8 (0.52)	8.3 (0.36)	37.4 (0.61)	28.9 (0.57)	4.7 (0.28)
Master's, professional, or doctoral degree	100.0	21.8 (0.69)	8.4 (0.46)	38.1 (0.77)	28.9 (0.77)	2.8 (0.26)
Poverty status ⁷						
Less than 100% of the poverty threshold	100.0	44.2 (0.78)	10.0 (0.41)	24.5 (0.59)	15.0 (0.51)	6.3 (0.34)
100% to less than 200% of the poverty threshold	100.0	38.8 (0.65)	11.4 (0.41)	27.6 (0.57)	16.6 (0.46)	5.6 (0.29)
200% to less than 400% of the poverty threshold	100.0	30.3 (0.51)	10.6 (0.32)	31.9 (0.47)	21.6 (0.42)	5.6 (0.22)
400% of the poverty threshold or greater	100.0	20.4 (0.42)	8.5 (0.27)	37.6 (0.46)	28.5 (0.46)	5.1 (0.21)

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Men (continued)						
Marital status						
Married	100.0	27.1 (0.38)	10.8 (0.26)	35.7 (0.37)	22.4 (0.35)	4.0 (0.16)
Widowed	100.0	29.7 (3.17)	15.5 (3.77)	31.5 (4.16)	19.7 (3.29)	3.5 (0.74)
Divorced or separated	100.0	26.8 (0.70)	9.5 (0.45)	30.7 (0.76)	24.5 (0.75)	8.5 (0.45)
Never married	100.0	37.2 (0.69)	9.2 (0.41)	27.8 (0.58)	19.6 (0.48)	6.2 (0.30)
Living with a partner	100.0	21.4 (0.90)	8.3 (0.63)	32.6 (1.02)	28.8 (1.02)	8.9 (0.57)
Region						
Northeast	100.0	27.3 (0.80)	9.6 (0.44)	35.1 (0.69)	23.0 (0.62)	5.1 (0.30)
Midwest	100.0	26.9 (0.62)	10.2 (0.39)	33.6 (0.57)	24.1 (0.52)	5.3 (0.25)
South	100.0	33.0 (0.54)	9.9 (0.25)	30.3 (0.43)	20.9 (0.43)	5.9 (0.23)
West	100.0	28.6 (0.56)	9.8 (0.33)	32.8 (0.49)	23.4 (0.50)	5.3 (0.25)
Place of residence ⁸						
Large MSA	100.0	28.0 (0.37)	9.9 (0.24)	33.8 (0.36)	23.3 (0.34)	5.1 (0.17)
Small MSA	100.0	29.2 (0.58)	9.4 (0.29)	32.2 (0.46)	23.2 (0.48)	6.0 (0.23)
Not in MSA	100.0	35.1 (0.93)	11.2 (0.43)	28.4 (0.71)	19.3 (0.67)	6.0 (0.37)

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Women	100.0	39.6 (0.33)	16.1 (0.20)	30.8 (0.26)	8.7 (0.15)	4.7 (0.11)
Age						
18–24 years	100.0	44.5 (0.96)	12.1 (0.61)	31.1 (0.79)	7.2 (0.41)	5.0 (0.37)
25–44 years	100.0	31.6 (0.43)	17.3 (0.31)	37.1 (0.40)	9.3 (0.24)	4.7 (0.18)
45–64 years	100.0	37.8 (0.46)	17.7 (0.33)	29.6 (0.40)	9.6 (0.26)	5.3 (0.19)
65–74 years	100.0	50.1 (0.73)	16.2 (0.50)	21.6 (0.57)	7.6 (0.37)	4.5 (0.27)
75 years and over	100.0	65.6 (0.75)	11.7 (0.45)	13.8 (0.49)	6.5 (0.36)	2.4 (0.21)
Race						
One race ²	100.0	39.7 (0.34)	16.1 (0.20)	30.8 (0.26)	8.8 (0.15)	4.7 (0.11)
White	100.0	36.1 (0.39)	16.3 (0.24)	32.6 (0.31)	9.7 (0.18)	5.2 (0.13)
Black or African American	100.0	51.5 (0.64)	16.5 (0.44)	24.3 (0.52)	4.9 (0.25)	2.8 (0.19)
American Indian or Alaska Native	100.0	53.3 (2.64)	12.9 (1.74)	25.6 (2.29)	4.4 (1.05)	3.7 (0.85)
Asian	100.0	60.8 (0.96)	12.9 (0.64)	20.2 (0.78)	4.3 (0.39)	1.8 (0.25)
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	100.0	57.7 (5.72)	*10.4 (3.31)	24.0 (5.07)	*	*5.5 (1.98)
Two or more races ³	100.0	39.5 (1.77)	18.0 (1.34)	29.4 (1.57)	7.6 (0.93)	5.5 (0.77)
Black or African American, white	100.0	36.7 (4.31)	19.8 (3.64)	30.3 (3.97)	*6.3 (1.93)	7.0 (1.97)
American Indian or Alaska Native, white	100.0	36.7 (2.49)	20.5 (1.93)	30.5 (2.48)	7.5 (1.50)	4.8 (1.18)
Hispanic or Latino origin ⁴ and race						
Hispanic or Latino	100.0	54.7 (0.61)	16.5 (0.44)	23.0 (0.49)	4.1 (0.22)	1.7 (0.13)
Mexican or Mexican American	100.0	55.7 (0.78)	16.8 (0.57)	21.8 (0.62)	3.8 (0.27)	1.8 (0.18)
Not Hispanic or Latino	100.0	37.0 (0.36)	16.1 (0.22)	32.2 (0.28)	9.5 (0.17)	5.2 (0.13)
White, single race	100.0	32.0 (0.43)	16.2 (0.27)	34.8 (0.35)	10.9 (0.21)	6.0 (0.16)
Black or African American, single race	100.0	51.4 (0.66)	16.6 (0.45)	24.2 (0.54)	4.9 (0.26)	2.8 (0.20)
American Indian or Alaska Native, single race	100.0	55.8 (3.21)	9.2 (1.78)	25.2 (2.82)	5.3 (1.52)	4.5 (1.22)
Education ⁵						
Less than high school diploma	100.0	64.0 (0.69)	15.1 (0.51)	14.6 (0.50)	3.6 (0.26)	2.8 (0.24)
GED or equivalent ⁶	100.0	48.8 (1.45)	18.9 (1.15)	21.8 (1.17)	6.2 (0.79)	4.3 (0.63)
High school graduate	100.0	44.5 (0.59)	18.1 (0.46)	27.0 (0.53)	6.5 (0.28)	3.9 (0.22)
Some college, no degree	100.0	35.5 (0.61)	19.2 (0.46)	31.9 (0.58)	8.5 (0.33)	4.9 (0.25)
Associate's degree	100.0	34.0 (0.69)	19.9 (0.60)	32.7 (0.65)	8.9 (0.40)	4.4 (0.29)
Bachelor's degree	100.0	27.0 (0.54)	14.7 (0.43)	38.5 (0.57)	13.1 (0.39)	6.7 (0.30)
Master's, professional, or doctoral degree	100.0	25.7 (0.68)	13.9 (0.56)	40.7 (0.79)	14.4 (0.57)	5.3 (0.34)
Poverty status ⁷						
Less than 100% of the poverty threshold	100.0	56.9 (0.61)	15.0 (0.41)	20.2 (0.44)	4.5 (0.24)	3.4 (0.22)
100% to less than 200% of the poverty threshold	100.0	50.7 (0.63)	17.6 (0.44)	23.5 (0.48)	5.0 (0.24)	3.2 (0.18)
200% to less than 400% of the poverty threshold	100.0	39.3 (0.54)	17.3 (0.38)	31.2 (0.47)	7.9 (0.26)	4.4 (0.20)
400% of the poverty threshold or greater	100.0	26.1 (0.47)	14.7 (0.33)	39.3 (0.46)	13.5 (0.32)	6.4 (0.23)

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Women (continued)						
Marital status						
Married	100.0	38.0 (0.43)	17.3 (0.29)	31.7 (0.37)	8.8 (0.21)	4.2 (0.14)
Widowed	100.0	46.1 (2.38)	14.0 (1.42)	29.9 (2.54)	7.5 (1.51)	2.5 (0.45)
Divorced or separated	100.0	36.5 (0.63)	17.8 (0.49)	32.7 (0.65)	8.5 (0.37)	4.4 (0.25)
Never married	100.0	44.8 (0.69)	14.5 (0.45)	28.0 (0.52)	7.8 (0.32)	4.9 (0.24)
Living with a partner	100.0	29.9 (1.08)	16.8 (0.88)	34.7 (1.04)	11.3 (0.66)	7.3 (0.60)
Region						
Northeast	100.0	35.4 (0.71)	14.3 (0.45)	34.8 (0.63)	9.7 (0.39)	5.9 (0.34)
Midwest	100.0	34.7 (0.72)	18.1 (0.47)	33.8 (0.60)	9.1 (0.32)	4.3 (0.21)
South	100.0	44.8 (0.56)	15.9 (0.32)	27.3 (0.40)	7.9 (0.24)	4.1 (0.17)
West	100.0	39.5 (0.67)	16.0 (0.37)	30.3 (0.51)	8.9 (0.31)	5.3 (0.23)
Place of residence ⁸						
Large MSA	100.0	37.8 (0.39)	15.8 (0.28)	31.9 (0.33)	9.5 (0.21)	5.0 (0.16)
Small MSA	100.0	39.3 (0.67)	16.2 (0.34)	31.3 (0.51)	8.6 (0.28)	4.6 (0.20)
Not in MSA	100.0	46.5 (1.03)	17.5 (0.52)	25.8 (0.71)	6.4 (0.30)	3.8 (0.24)

* 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%.

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?", "In the past year, how often did you drink any type of alcoholic beverage?" and "In the past year, on those days that you drank alcoholic beverages, on the average, how many drinks did you have?" A nondrinker had zero drinks in the past year (includes former drinkers and lifetime abstainers). An infrequent drinker had at least 12 drinks in his or her lifetime and 1–11 drinks in the past year. A light drinker had 3 drinks or less per week, on average, in the past year. A moderate drinker had more than 3 and up to and including 14 drinks per week for men, and more than 3 and up to and including 7 drinks per week for women, on average, in the past year. A heavier drinker had more than 14 drinks per week for men, and more than 7 drinks per week for women, on average, in the past year.

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. 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.

⁶GED is General Educational Development high school equivalency diploma.

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

⁸MSA 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–2b. Frequency distribution (number in thousands) of current 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	Nondrinker ¹	Infrequent drinker ¹	Light drinker ¹	Moderate drinker ¹	Heavier drinker ¹
Both sexes	235,845	81,421	30,557	72,145	35,695	11,805
Age						
18–24 years	30,153	12,109	3,004	9,026	3,848	1,530
25–44 years	81,276	21,168	10,700	30,123	13,811	4,073
45–64 years	81,945	26,880	11,628	24,473	12,902	4,599
65–74 years	24,278	10,667	3,217	5,575	3,239	1,168
75 years and over	18,194	10,596	2,008	2,949	1,895	434
Race						
One race ²	232,068	80,139	30,048	71,000	35,166	11,581
White	188,610	60,173	24,255	59,607	31,090	10,255
Black or African American	28,367	12,602	3,903	7,416	2,822	950
American Indian or Alaska Native	1,954	853	226	507	193	119
Asian	12,745	6,342	1,621	3,358	1,024	233
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	393	169	*44	113	*37	*23
Two or more races ³	3,776	1,282	508	1,145	529	224
Black or African American, white	753	223	97	253	102	58
American Indian or Alaska Native, white	1,557	545	258	421	216	89
Hispanic or Latino origin ⁴ and race						
Hispanic or Latino	34,996	14,738	4,579	10,035	3,940	1,053
Mexican or Mexican American	21,611	8,963	2,831	6,142	2,540	750
Not Hispanic or Latino	200,849	66,683	25,978	62,110	31,756	10,751
White, single race	156,720	46,632	20,102	50,570	27,468	9,316
Black or African American, single race	27,201	12,139	3,745	7,035	2,711	918
American Indian or Alaska Native, single race	1,230	584	111	276	135	79
Education⁵						
Less than high school diploma	27,998	15,111	3,365	5,177	2,637	1,152
GED or equivalent ⁶	6,018	2,419	885	1,433	758	383
High school graduate	46,650	18,261	6,529	12,582	5,942	2,412
Some college, no degree	35,745	10,977	5,570	11,265	5,419	1,872
Associate's degree	23,771	6,959	3,764	7,898	3,610	1,171
Bachelor's degree	40,524	9,357	4,678	15,406	8,256	2,285
Master's, professional, or doctoral degree	23,877	5,637	2,674	9,194	5,107	965
Poverty status⁷						
Less than 100% of the poverty threshold	32,666	15,903	4,138	7,328	2,962	1,526
100% to less than 200% of the poverty threshold	45,025	20,495	6,445	10,926	4,459	1,856
200% to less than 400% of the poverty threshold	70,656	24,932	9,730	21,346	10,052	3,419
400% of the poverty threshold or greater	87,498	20,090	10,244	32,545	18,223	5,004

Table ALC–2b. Frequency distribution (number in thousands) of current 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	Nondrinker ¹	Infrequent drinker ¹	Light drinker ¹	Moderate drinker ¹	Heavier drinker ¹
Both Sexes (continued)						
Marital status						
Married	124,885	41,004	17,279	40,128	19,430	5,310
Widowed	14,165	8,138	1,749	2,489	1,085	418
Divorced or separated	26,937	9,138	3,916	7,747	3,873	1,659
Never married	52,245	19,175	5,396	15,590	7,857	3,012
Living with a partner	17,226	3,826	2,168	6,088	3,419	1,390
Region						
Northeast	41,864	13,053	5,014	14,070	6,680	2,218
Midwest	53,927	16,559	7,600	17,639	8,656	2,530
South	86,250	33,662	11,045	23,849	11,876	4,229
West	53,805	18,147	6,898	16,587	8,483	2,828
Place of residence ⁸						
Large MSA	126,734	41,066	16,174	40,679	20,171	6,320
Small MSA	72,525	24,889	9,286	22,245	11,134	3,745
Not in MSA	36,586	15,466	5,097	9,221	4,391	1,740

Table ALC–2b. Frequency distribution (number in thousands) of current 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	Nondrinker ¹	Infrequent drinker ¹	Light drinker ¹	Moderate drinker ¹	Heavier drinker ¹
Men	113,760	32,977	11,109	35,991	25,187	6,145
Age						
18–24 years	15,174	5,562	1,216	4,448	2,781	795
25–44 years	40,089	8,326	3,682	15,046	10,030	2,181
45–64 years	39,742	11,171	4,289	12,197	8,898	2,386
65–74 years	11,317	4,259	1,148	2,812	2,271	596
75 years and over	7,437	3,658	773	1,488	1,207	186
Race						
One race ²	111,961	32,423	10,935	35,457	24,813	6,034
White	92,063	24,873	8,719	29,491	21,828	5,317
Black or African American	12,796	4,844	1,355	3,673	2,067	512
American Indian or Alaska Native	938	336	96	246	149	80
Asian	5,969	2,314	740	1,982	737	111
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	195	55	*	65	*33	*
Two or more races ³	1,799	554	174	535	374	111
Black or African American, white	304	68	35	102	64	21
American Indian or Alaska Native, white	757	256	95	186	158	51
Hispanic or Latino origin ⁴ and race						
Hispanic or Latino	17,639	5,649	1,745	5,888	3,208	755
Mexican or Mexican American	11,070	3,373	1,073	3,705	2,114	550
Not Hispanic or Latino	96,121	27,328	9,364	30,103	21,979	5,390
White, single race	75,967	19,692	7,143	24,158	18,864	4,638
Black or African American, single race	12,261	4,687	1,291	3,475	1,982	491
American Indian or Alaska Native, single race	549	215	50	115	102	48
Education ⁵						
Less than high school diploma	13,693	5,688	1,377	3,330	2,166	794
GED or equivalent ⁶	3,268	1,115	360	845	591	265
High school graduate	22,609	7,138	2,372	6,667	4,404	1,499
Some college, no degree	16,464	4,100	1,963	5,341	3,803	941
Associate's degree	10,637	2,590	1,169	3,679	2,422	597
Bachelor's degree	19,491	3,923	1,608	7,231	5,508	895
Master's, professional, or doctoral degree	11,883	2,632	1,001	4,360	3,399	334
Poverty status ⁷						
Less than 100% of the poverty threshold	13,870	5,682	1,345	3,442	2,113	874
100% to less than 200% of the poverty threshold	20,335	7,734	2,260	5,473	3,287	1,111
200% to less than 400% of the poverty threshold	34,669	10,497	3,629	10,729	7,309	1,885
400% of the poverty threshold or greater	44,886	9,063	3,875	16,348	12,478	2,275

Table ALC–2b. Frequency distribution (number in thousands) of current 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	Nondrinker ¹	Infrequent drinker ¹	Light drinker ¹	Moderate drinker ¹	Heavier drinker ¹
Men (continued)						
Marital status						
Married	63,247	17,767	6,799	21,215	13,871	2,590
Widowed	3,037	1,414	299	635	483	131
Divorced or separated	11,148	3,101	1,084	3,123	2,582	967
Never married	27,722	9,142	2,259	8,085	5,781	1,701
Living with a partner	8,467	1,515	654	2,901	2,450	748
Region						
Northeast	20,132	5,393	1,897	6,826	4,559	994
Midwest	26,300	6,914	2,650	8,640	6,195	1,371
South	40,974	13,305	4,006	12,021	8,357	2,397
West	26,354	7,366	2,556	8,505	6,075	1,381
Place of residence ⁸						
Large MSA	61,372	16,629	5,950	20,384	14,041	3,082
Small MSA	34,977	10,046	3,265	10,948	7,942	2,057
Not in MSA	17,411	6,302	1,894	4,660	3,204	1,006

Table ALC–2b. Frequency distribution (number in thousands) of current 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	Nondrinker ¹	Infrequent drinker ¹	Light drinker ¹	Moderate drinker ¹	Heavier drinker ¹
Women	122,085	48,444	19,448	36,154	10,509	5,660
Age						
18–24 years	14,979	6,547	1,787	4,578	1,066	734
25–44 years	41,187	12,841	7,018	15,077	3,781	1,892
45–64 years	42,203	15,710	7,339	12,276	4,004	2,213
65–74 years	12,960	6,408	2,068	2,763	968	572
75 years and over	10,757	6,938	1,235	1,461	688	249
Race						
One race ²	120,107	47,716	19,113	35,543	10,353	5,547
White	96,547	35,300	15,536	30,117	9,262	4,938
Black or African American	15,570	7,758	2,547	3,743	755	438
American Indian or Alaska Native	1,015	517	129	260	44	39
Asian	6,776	4,028	881	1,376	287	122
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	198	114	*20	48	*	*10
Two or more races ³	1,978	728	334	611	155	113
Black or African American, white	449	155	62	152	*38	38
American Indian or Alaska Native, white	800	289	163	235	58	38
Hispanic or Latino origin ⁴ and race						
Hispanic or Latino	17,357	9,090	2,834	4,147	732	299
Mexican or Mexican American	10,541	5,590	1,757	2,437	426	201
Not Hispanic or Latino	104,728	39,354	16,614	32,007	9,777	5,361
White, single race	80,752	26,941	12,959	26,413	8,603	4,678
Black or African American, single race	14,940	7,452	2,453	3,560	729	427
American Indian or Alaska Native, single race	681	369	61	162	*33	31
Education ⁵						
Less than high school diploma	14,305	9,423	1,988	1,847	471	358
GED or equivalent ⁶	2,750	1,304	525	588	167	118
High school graduate	24,041	11,124	4,157	5,916	1,537	913
Some college, no degree	19,281	6,877	3,607	5,924	1,616	930
Associate's degree	13,134	4,369	2,595	4,219	1,188	574
Bachelor's degree	21,032	5,434	3,070	8,176	2,748	1,390
Master's, professional, or doctoral degree	11,994	3,005	1,673	4,834	1,708	631
Poverty status ⁷						
Less than 100% of the poverty threshold	18,796	10,221	2,793	3,886	849	652
100% to less than 200% of the poverty threshold	24,690	12,762	4,184	5,453	1,172	745
200% to less than 400% of the poverty threshold	35,988	14,435	6,101	10,618	2,743	1,533
400% of the poverty threshold or greater	42,612	11,027	6,369	16,197	5,745	2,729

Table ALC–2b. Frequency distribution (number in thousands) of current 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	Nondrinker ¹	Infrequent drinker ¹	Light drinker ¹	Moderate drinker ¹	Heavier drinker ¹
Women (continued)						
Marital status						
Married	61,638	23,238	10,480	18,913	5,559	2,720
Widowed	11,128	6,724	1,450	1,854	602	287
Divorced or separated	15,788	6,037	2,833	4,624	1,292	692
Never married	24,523	10,032	3,138	7,505	2,076	1,311
Living with a partner	8,759	2,310	1,514	3,187	969	641
Region						
Northeast	21,732	7,660	3,117	7,244	2,121	1,224
Midwest	27,626	9,645	4,951	8,999	2,460	1,158
South	45,276	20,358	7,039	11,828	3,519	1,832
West	27,451	10,781	4,342	8,083	2,408	1,446
Place of residence ⁸						
Large MSA	65,362	24,437	10,224	20,295	6,129	3,238
Small MSA	37,548	14,843	6,021	11,297	3,192	1,689
Not in MSA	19,175	9,164	3,203	4,562	1,187	733

* 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%.

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?", "In the past year, how often did you drink any type of alcoholic beverage?" and "In the past year, on those days that you drank alcoholic beverages, on the average, how many drinks did you have?" A nondrinker had zero drinks in the past year (includes former drinkers and lifetime abstainers). An infrequent drinker had at least 12 drinks in his or her lifetime and 1–11 drinks in the past year. A light drinker had 3 drinks or less per week, on average, in the past year. A moderate drinker had more than 3 and up to and including 14 drinks per week for men, and more than 3 and up to and including 7 drinks per week for women, on average, in the past year. A heavier drinker had more than 14 drinks per week for men, and more than 7 drinks per week for women, on average, in the past year.

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.

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⁵Shown only for adults aged 25 and over.

⁶GED is General Educational Development high school equivalency diploma.

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⁸MSA 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–2c. Crude percent distribution (with standard errors) of current 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	Nondrinker ¹	Infrequent drinker ¹	Light drinker ¹	Moderate drinker ¹	Heavier drinker ¹
Both sexes	100.0	35.2 (0.27)	13.2 (0.14)	31.1 (0.20)	15.4 (0.16)	5.1 (0.09)
Age						
18–24 years	100.0	41.0 (0.74)	10.2 (0.42)	30.6 (0.57)	13.0 (0.45)	5.2 (0.28)
25–44 years	100.0	26.5 (0.32)	13.4 (0.21)	37.7 (0.30)	17.3 (0.25)	5.1 (0.14)
45–64 years	100.0	33.4 (0.37)	14.4 (0.22)	30.4 (0.32)	16.0 (0.25)	5.7 (0.16)
65–74 years	100.0	44.7 (0.62)	13.5 (0.34)	23.4 (0.45)	13.6 (0.39)	4.9 (0.22)
75 years and over	100.0	59.3 (0.66)	11.2 (0.36)	16.5 (0.44)	10.6 (0.39)	2.4 (0.18)
Race						
One race ²	100.0	35.2 (0.27)	13.2 (0.14)	31.1 (0.20)	15.4 (0.17)	5.1 (0.09)
White	100.0	32.5 (0.30)	13.1 (0.16)	32.2 (0.23)	16.8 (0.19)	5.5 (0.10)
Black or African American	100.0	45.5 (0.54)	14.1 (0.32)	26.8 (0.43)	10.2 (0.31)	3.4 (0.17)
American Indian or Alaska Native	100.0	44.9 (2.18)	11.9 (1.18)	26.7 (1.83)	10.2 (1.06)	6.3 (1.02)
Asian	100.0	50.4 (0.75)	12.9 (0.47)	26.7 (0.65)	8.1 (0.39)	1.9 (0.21)
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	100.0	43.8 (4.86)	*11.4 (3.64)	29.2 (4.39)	9.7 (2.65)	*6.0 (2.01)
Two or more races ³	100.0	34.8 (1.30)	13.8 (0.91)	31.1 (1.26)	14.3 (0.95)	6.1 (0.58)
Black or African American, white	100.0	30.4 (2.92)	13.2 (1.79)	34.5 (3.13)	13.9 (2.14)	7.9 (1.62)
American Indian or Alaska Native, white	100.0	35.7 (1.96)	16.9 (1.64)	27.5 (1.90)	14.1 (1.59)	5.8 (0.88)
Hispanic or Latino origin ⁴ and race						
Hispanic or Latino	100.0	42.9 (0.48)	13.3 (0.29)	29.2 (0.42)	11.5 (0.28)	3.1 (0.14)
Mexican or Mexican American	100.0	42.2 (0.60)	13.3 (0.35)	28.9 (0.53)	12.0 (0.35)	3.5 (0.20)
Not Hispanic or Latino	100.0	33.8 (0.30)	13.2 (0.15)	31.5 (0.22)	16.1 (0.18)	5.4 (0.10)
White, single race	100.0	30.3 (0.33)	13.0 (0.18)	32.8 (0.25)	17.8 (0.21)	6.0 (0.12)
Black or African American, single race	100.0	45.7 (0.56)	14.1 (0.33)	26.5 (0.44)	10.2 (0.31)	3.5 (0.18)
American Indian or Alaska Native, single race	100.0	49.2 (2.73)	9.4 (1.30)	23.3 (2.21)	11.4 (1.52)	6.7 (1.30)
Education ⁵						
Less than high school diploma	100.0	55.1 (0.52)	12.3 (0.31)	18.9 (0.37)	9.6 (0.29)	4.2 (0.21)
GED or equivalent ⁶	100.0	41.2 (1.09)	15.1 (0.76)	24.4 (0.92)	12.9 (0.78)	6.5 (0.53)
High school graduate	100.0	39.9 (0.43)	14.3 (0.27)	27.5 (0.39)	13.0 (0.29)	5.3 (0.18)
Some college, no degree	100.0	31.3 (0.47)	15.9 (0.33)	32.1 (0.44)	15.4 (0.34)	5.3 (0.20)
Associate's degree	100.0	29.7 (0.53)	16.1 (0.39)	33.8 (0.51)	15.4 (0.42)	5.0 (0.31)
Bachelor's degree	100.0	23.4 (0.39)	11.7 (0.29)	38.5 (0.42)	20.6 (0.36)	5.7 (0.20)
Master's, professional, or doctoral degree	100.0	23.9 (0.52)	11.3 (0.38)	39.0 (0.56)	21.7 (0.51)	4.1 (0.22)
Poverty status ⁷						
Less than 100% of the poverty threshold	100.0	49.9 (0.60)	13.0 (0.31)	23.0 (0.41)	9.3 (0.31)	4.8 (0.21)
100% to less than 200% of the poverty threshold	100.0	46.4 (0.49)	14.6 (0.30)	24.7 (0.36)	10.1 (0.26)	4.2 (0.17)
200% to less than 400% of the poverty threshold	100.0	35.9 (0.40)	14.0 (0.25)	30.7 (0.32)	14.5 (0.26)	4.9 (0.15)
400% of the poverty threshold or greater	100.0	23.3 (0.32)	11.9 (0.21)	37.8 (0.31)	21.2 (0.29)	5.8 (0.15)

Table ALC–2c. Crude percent distribution (with standard errors) of current 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	Nondrinker ¹	Infrequent drinker ¹	Light drinker ¹	Moderate drinker ¹	Heavier drinker ¹
Both sexes (continued)						
Marital status						
Married	100.0	33.3 (0.34)	14.0 (0.20)	32.6 (0.27)	15.8 (0.22)	4.3 (0.12)
Widowed	100.0	58.6 (0.62)	12.6 (0.39)	17.9 (0.45)	7.8 (0.31)	3.0 (0.20)
Divorced or separated	100.0	34.7 (0.44)	14.9 (0.30)	29.4 (0.42)	14.7 (0.31)	6.3 (0.22)
Never married	100.0	37.6 (0.50)	10.6 (0.25)	30.6 (0.38)	15.4 (0.32)	5.9 (0.19)
Living with a partner	100.0	22.7 (0.60)	12.8 (0.56)	36.0 (0.71)	20.2 (0.55)	8.2 (0.38)
Region						
Northeast	100.0	31.8 (0.58)	12.2 (0.34)	34.3 (0.48)	16.3 (0.41)	5.4 (0.22)
Midwest	100.0	31.3 (0.56)	14.3 (0.32)	33.3 (0.44)	16.3 (0.35)	4.8 (0.16)
South	100.0	39.8 (0.48)	13.0 (0.20)	28.2 (0.32)	14.0 (0.27)	5.0 (0.15)
West	100.0	34.3 (0.53)	13.0 (0.25)	31.3 (0.37)	16.0 (0.33)	5.3 (0.18)
Place of residence ⁸						
Large MSA	100.0	33.0 (0.30)	13.0 (0.20)	32.7 (0.25)	16.2 (0.22)	5.1 (0.11)
Small MSA	100.0	34.9 (0.54)	13.0 (0.24)	31.2 (0.39)	15.6 (0.31)	5.3 (0.16)
Not in MSA	100.0	43.1 (0.91)	14.2 (0.31)	25.7 (0.55)	12.2 (0.41)	4.8 (0.24)

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Selected characteristic	All adults aged 18 and over	Nondrinker ¹	Infrequent drinker ¹	Light drinker ¹	Moderate drinker ¹	Heavier drinker ¹
Men	100.0	29.6 (0.31)	10.0 (0.16)	32.3 (0.26)	22.6 (0.25)	5.5 (0.13)
Age						
18–24 years	100.0	37.6 (0.97)	8.2 (0.51)	30.0 (0.80)	18.8 (0.72)	5.4 (0.38)
25–44 years	100.0	21.2 (0.38)	9.4 (0.28)	38.3 (0.43)	25.5 (0.39)	5.6 (0.20)
45–64 years	100.0	28.7 (0.46)	11.0 (0.27)	31.3 (0.43)	22.9 (0.39)	6.1 (0.26)
65–74 years	100.0	38.4 (0.83)	10.4 (0.46)	25.4 (0.66)	20.5 (0.65)	5.4 (0.35)
75 years and over	100.0	50.0 (1.03)	10.6 (0.61)	20.4 (0.76)	16.5 (0.72)	2.5 (0.30)
Race						
One race ²	100.0	29.6 (0.31)	10.0 (0.16)	32.3 (0.26)	22.6 (0.25)	5.5 (0.13)
White	100.0	27.6 (0.34)	9.7 (0.19)	32.7 (0.29)	24.2 (0.29)	5.9 (0.15)
Black or African American	100.0	38.9 (0.79)	10.9 (0.45)	29.5 (0.70)	16.6 (0.55)	4.1 (0.28)
American Indian or Alaska Native	100.0	37.0 (2.41)	10.6 (1.54)	27.1 (2.28)	16.4 (2.05)	8.9 (1.66)
Asian	100.0	39.3 (1.01)	12.6 (0.71)	33.7 (0.99)	12.5 (0.70)	1.9 (0.34)
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	100.0	29.2 (6.16)	*	34.2 (6.59)	17.3 (4.98)	*
Two or more races ³	100.0	31.7 (1.83)	10.0 (1.43)	30.6 (1.92)	21.4 (1.67)	6.4 (0.85)
Black or African American, white	100.0	23.5 (4.08)	12.2 (2.99)	35.1 (4.52)	22.1 (3.55)	7.1 (1.98)
American Indian or Alaska Native, white	100.0	34.4 (2.94)	12.7 (2.71)	24.9 (2.89)	21.2 (2.77)	6.8 (1.39)
Hispanic or Latino origin ⁴ and race						
Hispanic or Latino	100.0	32.8 (0.60)	10.1 (0.37)	34.1 (0.61)	18.6 (0.50)	4.4 (0.24)
Mexican or Mexican American	100.0	31.2 (0.74)	9.9 (0.47)	34.3 (0.76)	19.5 (0.64)	5.1 (0.35)
Not Hispanic or Latino	100.0	29.0 (0.35)	9.9 (0.18)	32.0 (0.29)	23.3 (0.28)	5.7 (0.15)
White, single race	100.0	26.4 (0.38)	9.6 (0.21)	32.4 (0.33)	25.3 (0.32)	6.2 (0.18)
Black or African American, single race	100.0	39.3 (0.82)	10.8 (0.46)	29.1 (0.72)	16.6 (0.57)	4.1 (0.29)
American Indian or Alaska Native, single race	100.0	40.4 (3.23)	9.5 (2.03)	21.7 (3.18)	19.3 (3.16)	9.1 (1.95)
Education ⁵						
Less than high school diploma	100.0	42.6 (0.71)	10.3 (0.44)	24.9 (0.59)	16.2 (0.53)	5.9 (0.35)
GED or equivalent ⁶	100.0	35.1 (1.56)	11.4 (1.03)	26.6 (1.38)	18.6 (1.23)	8.3 (0.85)
High school graduate	100.0	32.3 (0.57)	10.7 (0.35)	30.2 (0.61)	19.9 (0.48)	6.8 (0.29)
Some college, no degree	100.0	25.4 (0.63)	12.2 (0.45)	33.1 (0.64)	23.6 (0.60)	5.8 (0.32)
Associate's degree	100.0	24.8 (0.75)	11.2 (0.52)	35.2 (0.83)	23.2 (0.74)	5.7 (0.58)
Bachelor's degree	100.0	20.5 (0.51)	8.4 (0.37)	37.7 (0.62)	28.7 (0.57)	4.7 (0.28)
Master's, professional, or doctoral degree	100.0	22.4 (0.69)	8.5 (0.46)	37.2 (0.76)	29.0 (0.76)	2.8 (0.27)
Poverty status ⁷						
Less than 100% of the poverty threshold	100.0	42.2 (0.83)	10.0 (0.41)	25.6 (0.62)	15.7 (0.55)	6.5 (0.35)
100% to less than 200% of the poverty threshold	100.0	38.9 (0.67)	11.4 (0.40)	27.6 (0.58)	16.5 (0.46)	5.6 (0.29)
200% to less than 400% of the poverty threshold	100.0	30.8 (0.53)	10.7 (0.31)	31.5 (0.47)	21.5 (0.42)	5.5 (0.22)
400% of the poverty threshold or greater	100.0	20.6 (0.41)	8.8 (0.27)	37.1 (0.44)	28.3 (0.43)	5.2 (0.22)

Table ALC–2c. Crude percent distribution (with standard errors) of current 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	Nondrinker ¹	Infrequent drinker ¹	Light drinker ¹	Moderate drinker ¹	Heavier drinker ¹
Men (continued)						
Marital status						
Married	100.0	28.5 (0.38)	10.9 (0.24)	34.1 (0.36)	22.3 (0.33)	4.2 (0.17)
Widowed	100.0	47.7 (1.24)	10.1 (0.73)	21.4 (1.03)	16.3 (0.86)	4.4 (0.49)
Divorced or separated	100.0	28.6 (0.63)	10.0 (0.40)	28.8 (0.63)	23.8 (0.61)	8.9 (0.40)
Never married	100.0	33.9 (0.63)	8.4 (0.32)	30.0 (0.54)	21.4 (0.47)	6.3 (0.27)
Living with a partner	100.0	18.3 (0.75)	7.9 (0.52)	35.1 (1.05)	29.6 (0.95)	9.0 (0.55)
Region						
Northeast	100.0	27.4 (0.77)	9.6 (0.43)	34.7 (0.67)	23.2 (0.62)	5.1 (0.30)
Midwest	100.0	26.8 (0.63)	10.3 (0.38)	33.5 (0.57)	24.0 (0.51)	5.3 (0.25)
South	100.0	33.2 (0.56)	10.0 (0.24)	30.0 (0.42)	20.8 (0.43)	6.0 (0.24)
West	100.0	28.5 (0.55)	9.9 (0.33)	32.9 (0.49)	23.5 (0.50)	5.3 (0.25)
Place of residence ⁸						
Large MSA	100.0	27.7 (0.37)	9.9 (0.24)	33.9 (0.36)	23.4 (0.33)	5.1 (0.18)
Small MSA	100.0	29.3 (0.59)	9.5 (0.29)	32.0 (0.46)	23.2 (0.48)	6.0 (0.23)
Not in MSA	100.0	36.9 (0.94)	11.1 (0.39)	27.3 (0.67)	18.8 (0.65)	5.9 (0.35)

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Selected characteristic	All adults aged 18 and over	Nondrinker ¹	Infrequent drinker ¹	Light drinker ¹	Moderate drinker ¹	Heavier drinker ¹
Women	100.0	40.3 (0.33)	16.2 (0.19)	30.1 (0.25)	8.7 (0.15)	4.7 (0.11)
Age						
18–24 years	100.0	44.5 (0.96)	12.1 (0.61)	31.1 (0.79)	7.2 (0.41)	5.0 (0.37)
25–44 years	100.0	31.6 (0.43)	17.3 (0.31)	37.1 (0.40)	9.3 (0.24)	4.7 (0.18)
45–64 years	100.0	37.8 (0.46)	17.7 (0.33)	29.6 (0.40)	9.6 (0.26)	5.3 (0.19)
65–74 years	100.0	50.1 (0.73)	16.2 (0.50)	21.6 (0.57)	7.6 (0.37)	4.5 (0.27)
75 years and over	100.0	65.6 (0.75)	11.7 (0.45)	13.8 (0.49)	6.5 (0.36)	2.4 (0.21)
Race						
One race ²	100.0	40.3 (0.34)	16.2 (0.20)	30.1 (0.25)	8.8 (0.15)	4.7 (0.11)
White	100.0	37.1 (0.39)	16.3 (0.23)	31.7 (0.30)	9.7 (0.18)	5.2 (0.13)
Black or African American	100.0	50.9 (0.66)	16.7 (0.45)	24.6 (0.53)	5.0 (0.25)	2.9 (0.20)
American Indian or Alaska Native	100.0	52.2 (2.91)	13.1 (1.78)	26.3 (2.51)	4.5 (1.06)	3.9 (0.89)
Asian	100.0	60.2 (1.01)	13.2 (0.65)	20.6 (0.80)	4.3 (0.39)	1.8 (0.26)
Native Hawaiian or Other Pacific Islander	100.0	57.8 (5.59)	*10.1 (3.23)	24.5 (5.09)	*	*5.3 (2.16)
Two or more races ³	100.0	37.5 (1.78)	17.2 (1.25)	31.5 (1.66)	8.0 (0.97)	5.8 (0.82)
Black or African American, white	100.0	34.9 (3.93)	13.9 (2.26)	34.1 (4.18)	8.6 (2.51)	8.5 (2.35)
American Indian or Alaska Native, white	100.0	36.9 (2.54)	20.9 (2.01)	30.0 (2.51)	7.4 (1.46)	4.8 (1.19)
Hispanic or Latino origin ⁴ and race						
Hispanic or Latino	100.0	53.2 (0.63)	16.6 (0.44)	24.2 (0.51)	4.3 (0.23)	1.7 (0.14)
Mexican or Mexican American	100.0	53.7 (0.80)	16.9 (0.56)	23.4 (0.64)	4.1 (0.29)	1.9 (0.19)
Not Hispanic or Latino	100.0	38.2 (0.36)	16.1 (0.21)	31.0 (0.27)	9.5 (0.17)	5.2 (0.12)
White, single race	100.0	33.8 (0.42)	16.3 (0.25)	33.2 (0.33)	10.8 (0.21)	5.9 (0.15)
Black or African American, single race	100.0	51.0 (0.68)	16.8 (0.46)	24.3 (0.54)	5.0 (0.26)	2.9 (0.21)
American Indian or Alaska Native, single race	100.0	56.3 (3.44)	9.3 (1.82)	24.6 (2.98)	5.0 (1.41)	4.7 (1.22)
Education ⁵						
Less than high school diploma	100.0	66.9 (0.64)	14.1 (0.46)	13.1 (0.44)	3.3 (0.23)	2.5 (0.21)
GED or equivalent ⁶	100.0	48.3 (1.50)	19.4 (1.20)	21.8 (1.20)	6.2 (0.80)	4.4 (0.64)
High school graduate	100.0	47.0 (0.57)	17.6 (0.41)	25.0 (0.49)	6.5 (0.26)	3.9 (0.21)
Some college, no degree	100.0	36.3 (0.62)	19.0 (0.46)	31.3 (0.58)	8.5 (0.33)	4.9 (0.24)
Associate's degree	100.0	33.7 (0.69)	20.0 (0.59)	32.6 (0.65)	9.2 (0.42)	4.4 (0.29)
Bachelor's degree	100.0	26.1 (0.53)	14.7 (0.43)	39.3 (0.58)	13.2 (0.40)	6.7 (0.30)
Master's, professional, or doctoral degree	100.0	25.4 (0.67)	14.1 (0.56)	40.8 (0.78)	14.4 (0.57)	5.3 (0.34)
Poverty status ⁷						
Less than 100% of the poverty threshold	100.0	55.5 (0.67)	15.2 (0.41)	21.1 (0.49)	4.6 (0.26)	3.5 (0.23)
100% to less than 200% of the poverty threshold	100.0	52.5 (0.62)	17.2 (0.42)	22.4 (0.46)	4.8 (0.22)	3.1 (0.17)
200% to less than 400% of the poverty threshold	100.0	40.7 (0.51)	17.2 (0.37)	30.0 (0.43)	7.7 (0.26)	4.3 (0.19)
400% of the poverty threshold or greater	100.0	26.2 (0.44)	15.1 (0.32)	38.5 (0.43)	13.7 (0.31)	6.5 (0.21)

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Selected characteristic	All adults aged 18 and over	Nondrinker ¹	Infrequent drinker ¹	Light drinker ¹	Moderate drinker ¹	Heavier drinker ¹
Women (continued)						
Marital status						
Married	100.0	38.2 (0.44)	17.2 (0.29)	31.1 (0.36)	9.1 (0.22)	4.5 (0.15)
Widowed	100.0	61.6 (0.69)	13.3 (0.44)	17.0 (0.49)	5.5 (0.30)	2.6 (0.20)
Divorced or separated	100.0	39.0 (0.57)	18.3 (0.44)	29.9 (0.55)	8.3 (0.31)	4.5 (0.22)
Never married	100.0	41.7 (0.67)	13.0 (0.38)	31.2 (0.53)	8.6 (0.33)	5.4 (0.26)
Living with a partner	100.0	26.8 (0.90)	17.6 (0.86)	37.0 (0.91)	11.2 (0.59)	7.4 (0.52)
Region						
Northeast	100.0	35.9 (0.71)	14.6 (0.45)	33.9 (0.60)	9.9 (0.40)	5.7 (0.32)
Midwest	100.0	35.4 (0.72)	18.2 (0.46)	33.1 (0.58)	9.0 (0.31)	4.3 (0.20)
South	100.0	45.7 (0.56)	15.8 (0.32)	26.5 (0.39)	7.9 (0.24)	4.1 (0.16)
West	100.0	39.8 (0.67)	16.0 (0.36)	29.9 (0.51)	8.9 (0.30)	5.3 (0.23)
Place of residence ⁸						
Large MSA	100.0	38.0 (0.39)	15.9 (0.28)	31.6 (0.33)	9.5 (0.22)	5.0 (0.16)
Small MSA	100.0	40.1 (0.65)	16.3 (0.34)	30.5 (0.50)	8.6 (0.27)	4.6 (0.20)
Not in MSA	100.0	48.6 (1.04)	17.0 (0.48)	24.2 (0.65)	6.3 (0.29)	3.9 (0.23)

* 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%.

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?", "In the past year, how often did you drink any type of alcoholic beverage?" and "In the past year, on those days that you drank alcoholic beverages, on the average, how many drinks did you have?" A nondrinker had zero drinks in the past year (includes former drinkers and lifetime abstainers). An infrequent drinker had at least 12 drinks in his or her lifetime and 1–11 drinks in the past year. A light drinker had 3 drinks or less per week, on average, in the past year. A moderate drinker had more than 3 and up to and including 14 drinks per week for men, and more than 3 and up to and including 7 drinks per week for women, on average, in the past year. A heavier drinker had more than 14 drinks per week for men, and more than 7 drinks per week for women, on average, in the past year.

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.

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

⁸MSA 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.