

Table 3.58

**Reported alcohol use and most recent use among high school seniors**

By sex, region, population density, and college plans, United States, 1995 and 1996

Questions: "On how many occasions have you had alcoholic beverages to drink in your lifetime? On how many occasions have you had alcoholic beverages to drink during the last 12 months? On how many occasions have you had alcoholic beverages to drink during the last 30 days?"

	1995					1996				
	Never used	Ever used	Most recent use			Never used	Ever used	Most recent use		
			Within last 30 days	Within last 12 months, but not last 30 days	Not within last 12 months			Within last 30 days	Within last 12 months, but not last 30 days	Not within last 12 months
All seniors	19.3%	80.7%	51.3%	22.4%	7.0%	20.8%	79.2%	50.8%	21.7%	6.7%
<b>Sex</b>										
Male	19.1	80.9	55.7	18.8	6.4	21.2	78.8	54.8	18.5	5.5
Female	19.9	80.1	47.0	25.7	7.4	20.6	79.4	46.9	24.6	7.9
<b>Region</b>										
Northeast	15.1	84.9	55.0	24.0	5.9	17.5	82.5	56.5	21.2	4.8
North Central	17.1	82.9	55.3	22.2	5.4	19.0	81.0	51.5	22.2	7.3
South	19.3	80.7	50.6	22.0	8.1	20.7	79.3	51.1	21.0	7.2
West	26.7	73.3	43.2	21.6	8.5	28.2	71.8	42.1	22.8	6.9
<b>Population density</b>										
Large SMSA	19.2	80.8	50.6	23.1	7.1	19.4	80.6	51.6	23.1	5.9
Other SMSA	19.6	80.4	50.6	22.6	7.2	22.7	77.3	50.1	20.6	6.6
Non-SMSA	19.2	80.8	63.4	11.0	6.4	18.6	81.4	51.4	22.5	7.5
<b>College plans</b>										
None or under 4 years	15.0	85.0	55.9	22.7	6.4	16.7	83.3	54.8	22.0	6.5
Complete 4 years	20.9	79.1	49.6	22.4	7.1	22.0	78.0	49.3	21.9	6.8

Note: These data are from a series of nationwide surveys of high school seniors conducted by the University of Michigan's Institute for Social Research for the National Institute on Drug Abuse from 1975 through 1996. The survey design is a multistage random sample of high school seniors in public and private schools. Depending on the survey year, from 58 to 80% of the schools initially invited to participate agreed to do so. Completed questionnaires were obtained from 77 to 86% of all sampled students in participating schools each year. Beginning in 1991, eighth and tenth grade students also were included in the survey. All percentages reported are based on weighted cases; the N's that are shown in the tables also refer to the approximate number (i.e., rounded to

the nearest hundred) of weighted cases. The number of respondents for 1995 and 1996 were approximately 15,400 and 14,300, respectively, excluding cases with missing data. For survey methodology and definitions of terms, see Appendix 7.

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